

IMI Ministry Report

Currently, we are on our ministry trip to the USA and have taught on various topics such as Salvation, Eschatology & the Mahdi, the Deity of Christ and Challenges faced by Islam in the West. The overall observation is that the general public is concerned about what is happening around them and some are very eager to reach out to Muslims with the message of the Gospel. Pastor G Saieg from Ministry to Muslims, LA, goes regularly to Dearborn, Michigan with his team to share the Gospel and to distribute literature even though facing opposition by local police and Islamic community. Such warriors need our regular prayer support.

During one of the Mosque outreaches, we distributed the Gospel of John and other material on Salvation. One young man discussed the matter of Salvation with us for more than 2 hours and finally he asked that how he can be saved. Praise God!!



Eternity Matters – Part One

The Word of God makes it very clear that God does not want any to perish (2 Peter 3:9), rather God commands all people to repent and be saved (Acts 17:30). That is why every believer who truly follows the Lord Jesus Christ should be a witness for Him to people everywhere as the opportunity arises. God has given us the ministry of reconciliation because we are the ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ, and God appeals to people through us for reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).

The greatest suffering to human beings is not just what can happen to us in this world but where will we spend eternity. The only way to be in heaven with God is the Lord Jesus Christ. As Jesus said, *“I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:6).

The careful study of the Word of God clearly emphasises that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and Redeemer of mankind. There is none beside Him who can save us from our sin.

On the other hand, a careful study of the Qur’an and Hadith reveals that there are various modes of salvation such as:

1) dying and killing for the sake of Allah - Sura 3:195

“...So those who fled and were driven forth from their homes and suffered damage for My cause, and fought and were slain, truly I shall remit their evil deeds from them and truly I shall bring them into Gardens underneath which rivers flow - A reward from Allah. And with Allah is the fairest of rewards.” (see also 3:157, 158, 168-170; 9:111);

2) successfully crossing the bridge without falling in hell (Sahih Bukhari, Vol. 9:532),

3) receiving the Book of deeds - Sura 69:19-23 *“Then, as for him who is given his record in his right hand, he will say: Take, read my book! Surely I knew that I should have to meet my reckoning. Then he will be in blissful state. In a high garden, Whereof the clusters are in easy reach.* (see also 69:19-24; 56:89-96);

4) if good deeds are more than bad deeds – Sura 7:8,9 *“The weighing on that day is the true (weighing). As for those whose scale is heavy, they are the successful. And as for those whose scale is light: those are they who lose their souls because they used to wrong Our revelations.”* (see also 23:101-104; 101:1-11; 76:12-22; 56:10-24);

5) those whose faces will be white on the Day of Judgement – Sura 3:106, 107 *“On the Day when (some) faces will be whitened and (some) faces will be blackened; and as for those whose faces have been blackened, it will be said unto them: Disbelieved you after your (profession of) belief? Then taste the punishment for that you disbelieved. 3:107 And as for those whose faces have been whitened, in the mercy of Allah they dwell for ever.”*

6) and if you will stand on the right hand of Allah Sura 74:38-40 – *“Every soul is a pledge for its own deeds; Save those who will stand on the right hand. In gardens they will ask one another ...”* (see also 17:71; 56:90-94; 57:11, 12; 66:8).

Nevertheless, according to the Islamic sources there is no certainty of salvation even for the Founder of Islam, Muhammad. In the Qur’an Allah commanded Muhammad to inform people that he did not know what will happen to him or anybody else—Sura 46:9 *“Say: I am no new thing among the messengers (of Allah), nor know I what will be done with me or with you. I do but follow that which is inspired in me, and I am but a plain warner.”* (see 72:20-22); and to pray for the forgiveness of his own sins and sins of other believing Muslims – Sura 47:19 *“So know (O Muhammad) that there is no God save Allah, and ask forgiveness for your sin and for believing men and believing women. Allah knows (both) your place of turmoil and your place of rest.”*

PRAY without ceasing! **(1 Thessalonians 5:17)**

According to the Hadith Muhammad used to pray for the forgiveness of his sins more than seventy times a day (Sahih Bukhari, Vol. 8:407; Vol. 8:319; Sahih Muslim Vol. 4:6523; Abu Dawud Vol. 1:1511).

The Qur'an informs that people will be punished for their every deed in full – Sura 16:61 *“If Allah were to take mankind to task for their wrong-doing, he would not leave hereon a living creature, but He reprieves them to an appointed term, and when their term comes they cannot put (it) off an hour nor (yet) advance (it). (see also 39:70);*

And the guilty soul cannot be ransomed at any cost – Sura 39:47 *“And though those who do wrong possess all that is in the earth, and therewith as much again, they truly will seek to ransom themselves therewith on the Day of Resurrection from the awful doom; and there will appear unto them, from their Lord, that wherewith they never reckoned. (see 70:11). Moreover, the Qur'an and Hadith warns that Allah may not accept the good deeds of the believers - Sura 23:59-61 “And those who ascribe not partners unto their Lord, And those who give that which they give with hearts afraid because they are about to return unto their Lord, These race for the good things, and they shall win them in the race.”*

The reason for all this uncertainty in Islam is that Muhammad rejected Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of his life; therefore he could not have any assurance of salvation for himself and for his followers.

In next edition of IMI News I will discuss the sure hope and the only Way of Salvation, which is only found in the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

We must always remember that we are not wrestling against flesh and blood but against the powers of darkness. We being soldiers of Christ must be equipped to disseminate the Good News to everybody whosoever comes across our path.

Daniel Scot

IMI Upcoming Events

MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY:

EVENT: IMI TRAINING & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Date / Time: 29 August 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Venue: Cornerstone Christian Church,
81 Mina Parade,
Alderley QLD., Australia

Speaker: Daniel Scot

Topic: Islam and The End Times

For more details, contact IMI Office

- Pray for IMI's ministry in Australia & overseas – God's wisdom, anointing, protection and provision for various projects; and regular funds for ongoing ministry expenses;
- Pray that God will raise up believers who will realize the dangers the Western nations are facing by losing Christian morals and by allowing falsehood to flourish.
- Pray continually for national leaders & politicians;
- Pray for the suffering Christians in Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Nigeria and other parts of the world, so that the believers will stand firm on the Truth;
- Pray that God will open the eyes of ISIS members and that they will come to know the Truth, the Truth which sets people free from deception;
- Pray for the new believers in the Lord Jesus Christ around the globe that they will grow stronger in the Lord, walk with Him faithfully and that they will join the Bible-believing church.
- During our trip to the USA, we have been challenged to take part in a joint project of writing a Critique to the 38 books that are taught in the USA State Schools in various parts of the USA. This Critique is to expose the false teaching of Islam taught to grade 6—12 students. Please pray for wisdom and discernment in this matter.

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