

Our Response to Islam Today

Medieval Church History – Session Seven

“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

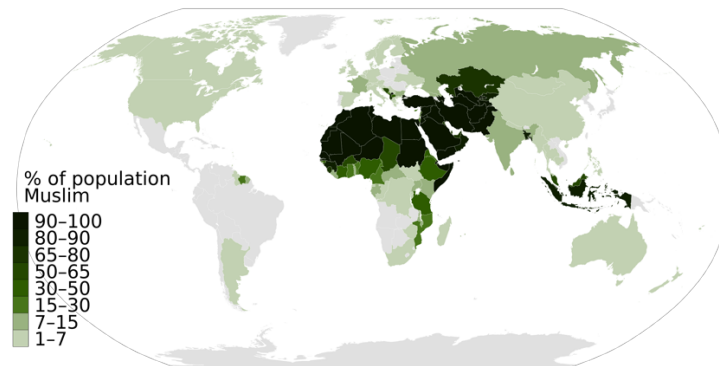
—Deuteronomy 13:1-3 NKJV

I. Introduction

II. Islam Today

a. Statistics

b. Location



- c. In the United States
 - i. In the Populace
 - ii. In the Government

- d. What makes Islam so attractive?
 - i. Many (most) are born into it.
 - ii. Islam is a simple faith.
 - iii. Islam encompasses all of life.
 - iv. Islam is deeply (and deliberately) tied to culture.

III. A Biblical Response to Islam

a. An Overview of Apologetic Method

- i. Defensive Approach
- ii. Offensive Approach
 - 1. Internal Critique: Show how the unbelieving worldview cannot make sense of or account for reality.
 - 2. Positive Presentation: Show how only the biblical worldview makes sense of and accounts for reality.

- b. Avenues of Approach to Islam
 - i. Its Theology
 - 1. Internal Critique
 - a. Allah Unknowable: No Knowledge
 - b. Allah Not Triune: No Love
 - 2. Existential Issues
 - a. No Atonement for Sins (Romans 3:23-26)
 - b. No Peace of Conscience (Romans 5:1-2)
 - ii. Its Scriptures
 - 1. Its Origin
 - 2. Its Claims
 - a. Jesus' Own Testimony
 - i. Muslims reverence the Bible.
 - ii. Muslims even reverence Jesus Christ and the Gospels.
 - iii. Yet they do not listen to Jesus' own words.
 - 1. John 8:24 – “Unless you believe that **IAM** (Gr. ἐγώ εἰμι; cf. Exodus 3:14 in LXX), you will die in your sins” (NASB 2020).
 - 2. John 8:58-59 – “Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **IAM**’ (Gr. ἐγώ εἰμι). Then they took up stones to throw at Him” (NKJV).
 - b. Other Errors
 - i. No Crucifixion of Jesus (Surah 4:157)
 - ii. Mary a Member of the Trinity (Surah 5:116)

IV. Conclusion

Recommended Resources

Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry – carm.org/world-religions/islam/

Debates with Muslims by Dr. James White (can be found on YouTube)

Resources from Dr. Greg Bahnsen:

Answering Islam (from “Seminary Apologetics”):

www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=112720165646196¹

Islam (from “Practical Apologetics”): www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=121420224825510

Islam (from “Introduction to Apologetics”): www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=43212328323115

¹ You can go to sermonaudio.com and type in this number in the search field, and it will take you directly to the lecture.