

Mohammed's Maniacal Movement

Matthew 15:10-20

A. Introduction

1. **Jeremiah 23:20-21**
2. Our world is under attack....should be alert and on-guard.
3. Politics & religion are intertwined now more than ever.
4. "Radical" Muslim vs. "Moderate" Muslim?
5. Objective: To understand danger of this & every false religion.

B. Discussion

1. Muslims follow the "Five Pillars" of Islam.

- a. Shahada (bearing witness) – made up of two statements.
 - 1) "There is no God but Allah."
 - 2) "Mohammed is His prophet."
- b. Salat (prayer)
 - 1) Muslims *required* to pray 5x per day (pre-dawn, midday, mid-afternoon, just after sunset, night).
 - 2) Prayer determined by the movement of the sun.
 - 3) One must pray in the direction of Mecca.
 - 4) Include recitation from Quran, petitions for forgiveness, proclamations that Allah is the greatest.
- c. Zakat (almsgiving)
 - 1) Zakat = "purification" – they "purify" their wealth by giving some of it to the poor.
 - 2) Paid once a year like a tax...1/40 of one's possessions for that year.
 - 3) The money goes to mosques, Islamic centers, or welfare centers.
- d. Saum Ramadan (fasting)
 - 1) Every Muslim must fast in month of Ramadan (9th month of Islamic calendar).
 - 2) Fast is during daylight hours...abstain from food, drink, sexual contact, and smoking.
- e. Haji (pilgrimage)
 - 1) Every physically/financially capable Muslim expected to travel to Mecca in lifetime.
 - 2) This is to take place during first few days of 12th month of Islamic calendar.
 - 3) To commemorate trials & sacrifices of Abraham, Hagar, and Ishmael.
 - 4) Believed that Abraham and Ishmael built the Kaaba as the first house of worship.

2. Mohammed's teaching is incompatible with the teaching of Christ.

- a. In the way it views God.
 - 1) God is arbitrary (**35:8; 2:284**)
 - 2) The truth – **Acts 10:34-35**
- b. In the way it views Jesus Christ.
 - 1) He is a messenger of Allah (**4:171**)
 - 2) The truth (**Ph. 2:5-8; 1 Jn. 2:22**)
- c. In the way it views revelation.
 - 1) Muslims claim Bible is book from God, they claim it has been corrupted (with no proof).
 - 2) Bible has NO contradictions...Quran clearly does! (**cf. 6:2; 25:54; 96:1-2**)
 - 3) Bible unequivocally states NT is God's final revelation to man (**Ga. 1:6-9; He. 1:1-2; Jude 3**).
- d. In the way it views Jesus' death & resurrection.
 - 1) Islam denies Jesus died & rose again.
 - a) Popular book, *Crucifixion Or Cruci-Fiction?*
 - b) If crucifixion is removed from Christianity, all hope is gone! (**1 Co. 15:12-19**)
 - 2) One cannot accept both!!
 - 3) The truth (**1 Th. 4:14**)

3. Islam is a false and therefore dangerous movement.

- a. False religion is the root of most (if not ALL) of the world's problems.
 - 1) Middle East turmoil.
 - 2) "Ethnic cleansing" in Baltic states
 - 3) Nuclear crisis in North Korea (Kim Jong is God).
- b. Historically, Islam has not made converts by persuasion of Truth, but by coercion, intimidation, and violence.
 - 1) Does not exist w/ peaceful coexistence...seeks to dominate and destroy.
 - 2) Contrast wholesome Bible doctrine to "love your enemies" with Islamic "kill your enemies." (**2:190-194; 8:12; 47:4**)

C. Conclusion

- 1. Islam = false religion invented by false prophet (**Je. 14:14**).
- 2. False religions will be uprooted by God (**Mt. 15:13**).
- 3. May we be vigilant in our own handling of God's word that we may stand in the day of judgment!