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# BIBLE TALK

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This week the question is: **Is Allah of the Islam religion the same God of the Bible?**

Sometimes people suggest that Muslims worship the same God as Christians worship and the only difference is the name which either group is using. So the question being asked is whether or not the God of the Bible is the same as the "God" worshipped by Muslims.

The short answer is simply: "No." The God revealed in the Bible is radically different than the god which Muslims worship.

## The Trinity

The God of the Bible is a triune Being and the god of Islam is equivalent to the god worshipped by "Jehovah's Witnesses" and Pentecostal Oneness groups. Both "Jehovah's Witnesses," Pentecostal Oneness people, and Muslims worship a god which is composed of a single person, whereas the God of the Bible is a trinity—or triune Being.

### Matthew 28:19

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of **the Father**

and of **the Son** and of **the Holy Spirit**.

### **Romans 15:30**

<sup>30</sup> Now I beg you, brethren, through **the Lord Jesus Christ**, and through the love of **the Spirit**, that you strive together with me in prayers to **God** for me,

### **2 Corinthians 13:14**

<sup>14</sup> The grace of **the Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the communion of **the Holy Spirit** be with you all. Amen.

### **1 Peter 1:2**

<sup>2</sup> elect according to the foreknowledge of **God** the Father, in sanctification of **the Spirit**, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of **Jesus Christ**:  
Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

### **1 Peter 3:18**

<sup>18</sup> For **Christ** also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to **God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by **the Spirit**.

There are other passages which could be given, but this is sufficient to prove the point. The God of the Bible is not a single person. He is a plurality of persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the very first chapter of the Bible, the plurality of God is seen:

### **Genesis 1:26**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image,

according to **Our** likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

These plural pronouns indicate that the God of the Bible is a unity of more than one just person. Jesus describes the unity between the Father, Son, and Spirit was being so close and so perfect that they are to be considered as "one"—not one in number but one in unity. Jesus prayed to His Father in the gospel of John. Notice a portion of His prayer:

**John 17:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> “I do not pray for these [apostles] alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

<sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, **as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You**; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

The God of the Bible is a single unit—one God—but the unit is composed of three divine Persons: *the Father, the Son, and the Spirit*.

**Matthew 19:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’

<sup>5</sup> and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become **one flesh**’?

<sup>6</sup> So then, they are **no longer two** but **one flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Notice carefully: When a man and woman marry, they are considered to be "one flesh." The husband and wife are now viewed as a single unit although they are two people who compose the unit.

In the same way, the Father, Son, and Spirit are viewed in scripture a single unit. This unity is why the Bible teaches there is "one God" (Mark 12:29) and yet there are three Persons who make up the one God. Jesus said:

**John 10:30**

<sup>30</sup> I and My Father are one.”

The god worshipped by "Jehovah's Witnesses," Pentecostal Oneness groups, and Muslims is a single person—a totally different god. Because these groups worship a different god than the one God of the Bible, there can be no unity or acceptance of these people as being "saved followers of God"—for they do not believe in the God of the Bible. The God of the Bible—the trinity—Father, Son, and Spirit—is the only true and living God and in Him alone can salvation be found.

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