

## Ambassador Series – Islam

Founder of Islam: Muhammad ibn Abd Allah – the final prophet

- Born in 570 AD in Mecca, orphaned at 5-years old
- Received revelations from the angel Gabriel about Allah in 610 AD
- These revelations were later recorded in the Quran

Five Pillars (required behaviors) of Islam:

1. Shahadah or profession of faith: “There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet.”
2. Salat or daily prayer – 5 times per day
3. Zakat or alms-giving (offering)
4. Sawm or the fast of Ramadan
5. Hajj or pilgrimage to Mecca

The (unofficial) Sixth Pillar of Islam – Jihad (holy war or struggle)

What else do we know about Muhammad?

- 622 AD: Hijra out of Mecca to Medina
- Began raiding caravans to support his family
- He and his men beheaded 800 Jews in Medina
- 628 AD: headed back to Mecca, signed a treaty
- 630 AD: broke the treaty and conquered Mecca
- What else? He had 13 wives/concubines
- Married Aishah when she was 6 years (he was 52)

Definitions:

- Islam: submission
- Muslim: one who submits (to Allah)

Is Allah the same as the God of the Bible?

Allah demands submission, God seeks a relationship with man

Are both the Quran and the Holy Bible the word of God?

The Bible: inspired by God and inerrant, written by 40 men over 2000 years and validated by other works

The Quran: written by one man over 20 years, contains many errors and contradictions

From *Blindsided*, by Michael Youssef, pg. 80:

“The Islamic faith offers no loving God, no forgiveness, no power over sin, no newness of life, no personal relationship with Allah, no freedom from guilt, no freedom of any kind. Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, but where Islam reigns, there is punishment and fear.”

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