

## How do we know that the Muslims who do not do all the rites of Islam will make it to Paradise;

You must have come across many references to the Quran and how great the Quran is! Yes it is great following are few verses from the Quran which are enlightening, and shows how gentle and easy the religion of Islam is.

We start off with two simple but profound verses of Al-Fatehah (The Key), which we read in our Salat, but did you ever notice what it implies. Please carry on reading to find out;

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(1:6) Guide us in the right path;

أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٦﴾

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(1:7) the path of those whom You *blessed*; not of those who have deserved wrath, nor of the strayers.

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٧﴾

In these verses we are told to follow the “*Blessed*”. We know that all prophets and messengers were blessed. So it means that we can follow any one of them.

We know from the following verses that Abraham brought the 5 pillars of Islam, and built the Kabaa which we face when we do our Salat and this is also the place where we do Hajj at least once in our life time;

(2:125) We have rendered the shrine (the Ka`aba) a focal point for the people, and a safe sanctuary. You may use **Abraham**'s shrine as a prayer house. We commissioned **Abraham** and Ismail: "You shall purify My house for those who visit, those who live there, and those who bow and prostrate."

(2:127) As **Abraham** raised the foundations of the shrine, together with Ismail (they prayed): "Our Lord, accept this from us. You are the Hearer, the Omniscient.

(2:128) "Our Lord, make us submitters to You, and from our descendants let there be a community of submitters to You. Teach us the rites of our religion, and redeem us. You are the Redeemer, Most Merciful.

So those who follow Abraham are the ones who practice the rites of Islam. But what about the ones who do not practice the rites of Islam but are Muslims which prophet/messenger are they following. We know from the following verse that there were prophets before Abraham, who did not do the rites of Islam. They did not do the rites of Islam because the rites of Islam came with Abraham and he had not been there at that time; however they had a belief system. They believed in God, believed in the Last Day and lived a good clean life. This same criterion is reconfirmed in the Quran;

(5:69) Surely, those who believe, those who are Jewish, the converts, and the Christians; any of them who (1) believe in GOD and (2) believe in the Last Day, and (3) lead a good life, have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve.

Indeed majority of Muslims today do fall in this category today and there is nothing wrong with that because they are following prophets before Abraham. These are the same people who do not require to Fast in the month of Ramadan, or take part in any practices of Islam.

The following verse tells us who those Prophets were in chronological order;

(3:33) GOD has chosen Adam, **Noah**, the family of Abraham, and the family of Amram (as messengers) to the people.

### **Matter of concern:**

Today, there are several examples of mostly young Muslims, who practice the rites of Islam intermittently, few fasts and Salats, during the month of Ramadan in particular will remit their sins, for the whole year. But this tradition carries on at other times of the year where some Quran readings (Khatum), few Salats, would again be practiced by some Muslims in hope that that would remove their sins and are blessed. The question arise how far is this assumption true? Let us see what the Quran has to say about this matter!

There is a verse in the Quran which puts this prospective in a nut shell;

(26:88) That is the day when neither money, nor children, can help.

**(26:89) Only those who come to GOD with their *pure heart***

(26:90) Paradise will be presented to the righteous.

Indeed the scenario described in the above verses envisages the time of the Day of Resurrection where only the "***Pure Hearted***" will enter Paradise!

Something which is pure, is neither dilute nor mixed with other things it is unadulterated. When we mix practicing Islam with non-practicing Islam we are adulterating Islam which goes against this verse (26:89). Therefore in short those who mix Islam like this will not be rewarded, but they will be accountable.