

## Salvation as Stipulated in Holy Qur'an

### Introduction:

Salvation in Islam requires truthful acceptance of the single Almightyness of Almighty God, and Who has no partner, no spouse, no description of associates, and Who does not have any sibling, son or daughter of any imaginable description whatsoever. This is most emphatically stressed in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ6:101-103** *"Wonderful Originator of the heavens and the earth! How could He have a son when He has no consort? And He created everything, and He is the Knower of all things. That is Allah, your Lord. There is no god but He, the Creator of all things; therefore serve Him, and He has charge of all things. Vision cannot comprehend Him, and He comprehends (all) vision; and He is the Knower of subtleties, the Aware."* In a nutshell, Almighty God is absolute Supreme Power, Creator of everything from nothing and just from His command of "Be" and it is<sup>1</sup>. Almighty God alone should be worshipped for attainment of salvation before resurrection. That is the main link of Muslims to Almighty God. Islam has those magnificent opportunities offered to Muslims to their predestination of highest place in Heaven: To believe in One God the Almighty; to excel in works of deeds; to seek repentance in this world and in this material life before death. This matter is discussed in more exploratory details below.

### Discussions on Salvation of Muslims:

- 1) The absolute Magnificence and timeless singularity to Almightyness of Almighty God becomes a matter of fundamental acceptance, without doubt or argument, for Muslims. Almighty God is not visible material, does not have an origin, does not age and is not governed by principles of time, does not have an end and does not have line of succession. This is enshrined in the Holy Qur'an at numerous places and two examples are given at **HQ112:1-4** *"Say: He, Allah, is One. Allah is He on Whom all depend. He has no offspring, nor is He born (of anyone); and none is like Him."* **HQ20:14** *"Surely I am Allah, there is no God but I, so serve Me, and keep up prayer for My remembrance."*
- 2) The Holy Qur'an strikes a balance in the Oneness of Almighty God and directly denies any link with humanoids as part of His "relatives" on Earth. This is clearly stated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ5:116-117** *"And when Allah will say: O Jesus, son of Mary, did you say to people, Take me and my*

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<sup>1</sup> Almighty God does not need structural blueprints and supplies of materials for all of His creations. His command suffices as stated at HQ2:117 *"Wonderful Originator of the heavens and the earth! And when He decrees an affair, He only says to it, Be, and it is."*

*mother for two gods besides Allah? He will say: Glory be to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right to (say). If I had said it, You would indeed have known it. You know what is in my mind, and I do not know what is in Your mind. Surely You are the great Knower of the unseen. I said to them nothing but what You commanded me: Serve Allah, my Lord and your Lord; and I was a witness of them so long as I was among them, but when You caused me to die You were the Watcher over them. And You are Witness of all things.”*

- 3) There is another exemplary quotation, which not only amplifies the Magnificence of Almighty God but has an inbuilt petition, seeking peoples’ plea saving them from the fire of hell. This is at **HQ3:190-191** *“In the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day, there are surely signs for those who have understanding, those who remember Allah, standing and sitting and (lying) on their sides, and reflect on the creation of the heavens and the earth: Our Lord, You have not created this in vain! Glory be to You! Save us from the punishment of the Fire.”*
- 4) Those who follow the prescribed guidance in their personal detail, as established by Almighty God and embedded in the Holy Qur’an, will prosper only for themselves. It must be noted: Parents, children, siblings, spouse, and other relatives will not come to the rescue of any departed soul. Every soul will be desperately defending only for oneself. Wrongdoers and their woeful associates will definitely not prosper. The Holy Qur’an makes this point most succinctly clear at **HQ35:18** *“And no bearer of a burden can bear another’s burden. And if one weighed down by a burden calls another to carry his load, nothing of it will be carried, even though he be near of kin. You can only warn those who fear their Lord in secret and keep up prayer. And whoever purifies himself, purifies himself only for his own good. And to Allah is the eventual coming.”*
- 5) Muslims must follow the Divine laws revealed and established in the Holy Quran and exemplary practised examples enshrined in the Hadith, and best practically demonstrated by Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*): These classifications of people will enjoy salvation. People must fear Almighty God genuinely and most deep-heartedly seek His forgiveness in this woeful material life on Earth, before death. Almighty God both forgives and also removes evil from those whom He has forgiven.
- 6) These influential points have been stated in the Holy Qur’an in the next set of three quotations: **HQ40:39-41** *“O my people, this life of the world is but a (passing) enjoyment, and the Hereafter, that is the abode to settle. Whoever does evil, he is requited only with the like of it; and whoever does*

*good, whether male or female, and he is a believer, these shall enter the Garden, to be given therein sustenance without measure. And O my people, how is it that I call you to salvation and you call me to the Fire? ”*

**HQ33:35** *“Surely the men who submit and the women who submit, and the believing men and the believing women, and the obeying men and the obeying women, and the truthful men and the truthful women, and the patient men and the patient women, and the humble men and the humble women, and the charitable men and the charitable women, and the fasting men and the fasting women, and the men who guard their chastity and the women who guard, and the men who remember Allah much and women who remember — Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a mighty reward.”* **HQ3:132-133** *“And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a Garden, as wide as the heavens and the earth; it is prepared for those who keep their duty: Those who spend in ease as well as in adversity and those who restrain (their) anger and pardon men. And Allah loves the doers of good (to others).”*

- 7) Those persons, who constantly purify their souls free of sin before death in this material life on Earth, including prequalification of prescribed repentance followed by forgiveness, will get salvation from Almighty God. Salvation is the basic essential pathway to everlasting life in Heaven.
- 8) Acceptance of all previous revealed scriptures is also essential for salvation. Salvation is through supplication and grace of Almighty God. Accordingly, Almighty God, in His immaculate fairness in delivery of His Judgement, states that whoever does correct he is requited the like of it and whoever does wrong he is requited the like of it; that applies to both male and female in considerations of salvation.
- 9) The following verse from the Holy Qur’an is indisputable material evidence that all past prophets brought about the same messages on salvation as in Islam, but their downstream followers cunningly exaggerated the stories, to give their faith an elevation, seemingly above Islam: **HQ4:171** *“O People of the Book<sup>2</sup>, do not exaggerate in the matter of your religion nor speak anything about Allah but the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, is only a messenger of Allah and His word which He communicated to Mary and a mercy from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say, Three. Refrain (from it), it is better for you. Allah is only one God. Far be it from His glory to have a son. To Him belongs*

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<sup>2</sup> People of the Book are Jews, Christians and Sabians, who all believed in One God and their Books are the *Torah*, the *Injeel* and the *Zabur* respectively. Subject to theory of Trinity, as put forward by Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullian (b.155AD-d.240AD), the Vatican accepted the inclusion of Trinity into Christianity in 382AD. Tertullian was a practising lawyer. Before becoming a Christian he was a Mithra. Trinity is not mentioned in Old Testament and not in New Testament. Jesus never preached Trinity.

*whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. And sufficient is Allah as having charge of affairs.”* The Holy Qur’an also gives due recognition to other faiths of the Book, and stated at **HQ2:62** *“Surely those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day and does good, they have their reward with their Lord, and there is no fear for them, nor shall they grieve.”*

- 10)** Whilst Almighty God beneficently guides people to salvation and to the everlasting Paradise, the devil mischievously misguides the people from essential salvation, and to the devil’s destination: into the fire of hell. The Holy Qur’an reminds humanity very clearly that Almighty God is fully aware of those responsible for mischief making at **HQ3:62-63** *“Surely this is the true account, and there is no god but Allah. And Allah, He surely is the Mighty, the Wise. But if they turn away, then surely Allah knows the mischief-makers.”*
- 11)** Those people who submit to the instructions of Almighty God are surely on the correct path. Almighty God forever reminds people to be mindful of the basic cycles of their creation, from conception to birth and then their lifecycle on Earth; that they must worship Almighty God only: this becomes as peoples’ expected compliance to the rules of Almighty God, to earn their salvation. These people who will be on correct pathway to salvation, should not fear on the Last Day.
- 12)** Almighty God is the Supreme Power who created the entire universe systems and everything within the universe and Almighty God is the owner of all things created. Notably, Almighty God regulates the affairs of everything within the universe and all things beyond, and people are answerable only to Almighty God. People must fear Almighty God and aim to earn their personal salvation, commencing firstly with repentance.
- 13)** Repentance is compulsively essential to every person for salvation, whilst still materially alive on Earth, before death overcomes each person. Almighty God forgives all in repentance, but will not forgive those who have set up partners with Him and this is stressfully stipulated in the Holy Qur’an at **HQ4:48** *“Surely Allah does not forgive that a partner should be set up with Him, and forgives all besides that to whom He pleases. And whoever sets up a partner with Allah, he devises indeed a great sin.”*
- 14)** It must be noted: There is no provision for repentance after death, after the soul has been separated from the material body and that soul has transited to Barzak<sup>3</sup>. This is stated in two verses in the Holy Qur’an at

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<sup>3</sup> Barzak is a timeless storage of souls after their material human bodies had died. Indeed Barzak is a barrier between material (physical) world and spiritual life. All persons from Prophet Adam to all persons in current

**HQ39:53-54** *“And surely I am Forgiving toward him who repents and believes and does good, then walks aright. And turn to your Lord and submit to Him before punishment comes to you, then you will not be helped.”* **HQ66:8** *“O you who believe, turn to Allah with sincere repentance. It may be your Lord will remove from you your evil and make you enter Gardens in which rivers flow, on the day on which Allah will not disgrace the Prophet and those who believe with him. Their light will gleam before them and on their right hands — they will say: Our Lord, make perfect for us our light, and grant us protection; surely You are Powerful over all things.”*

- 15) Notwithstanding several provisions of warning verses in the Holy Qur’an on salvation, some people will continue to be misled by the accursed devil with misdeeds, continued sinning and then refusal to seek repentance. For such classifications of people, the Holy Qur’an makes absolutely positive statements in four most powerful verses, given at **HQ3:185** *“Every soul will taste of death. And you will be paid your reward fully only on the Resurrection day. Then whoever is removed far from the Fire and is made to enter the Garden, he indeed attains the object. And the life of this world is nothing but a provision of vanities.”* **HQ3:128** *“And to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. He forgives whom He pleases and chastises whom He pleases. And Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.”* **HQ66:6** *“O you who believe, save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is men and stones; over it are angels, stern and strong. They do not disobey Allah in that which He commands them, but do as they are commanded.”* Whilst maintaining equality in fairness of balance, the Holy Qur’an most marvellously reassures humanity of everlasting rewards at **HQ18:107-108** *“As for those who believe and do good deeds, for them are Gardens of Paradise, an entertainment, to abide therein; they will not desire removal from there.”*
- 16) There has already been amply succinct discussions on salvation and repentance. The most dreaded moment, which every person in this world wants to know is the final moments of humanity’s survival on Earth: The Holy Qur’an states a rollout of events leading to the end of this world and before which all persons should have sought repentance for their salvation, in three verses as follows: **HQ39:68** *“And the trumpet is blown, so all those in the heavens and all those in the earth will swoon, except such as Allah please. Then it will be blown again, when lo! they stand up,*

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cycle who have died are stored in Barzak. Souls are spiritual and not material and accordingly there will not be shortage of space for storage of souls, when all those souls will be resurrected and then judged for their deeds and misdeeds during their entire physical life on Earth.

*awaiting.” HQ7:187 “They ask you about the Hour, when will it take place? Say: Its knowledge is with my Lord only. None but He will manifest it at its time. It is momentous in the heavens and the earth. It will not come to you but suddenly. They ask you as if you could find out about it (by effort). Say: Its knowledge is with Allah only, but most people do not know” HQ23:8-11 “... and those who are faithful to their trusts and their covenant, and those who keep a guard on their prayers. These are the heirs, who inherit Paradise. In it they will abide.”*

- 17)** Having perused through the above guidelines and subtly appropriate quotations from the Holy Qur’an, it becomes imperative to rethink of past non-compliances, seek immediate repentance for salvation, resurrection and preparation for the Great Day of Judgement, before it is too late at moment of death!

### **Conclusion on Salvation:**

- a)** The Holy Qur’an makes clear that salvation is achieved on the basis of deeds and good works, whilst at same time free of misdeeds and sins. Peoples’ acceptance of and worship of anything other than Almighty God will not be forgiven, whilst other sins are forgivable.
- b)** Salvation must be established before material death of the human body in this life on Earth with genuine repentance.
- c)** There is no repentance after death. Thereafter the soul must experience the consequential reprimand.

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