

If thou wert in doubt as to what
We have revealed unto thee, then
ask those who have been
reading the Book from before
thee....

(Surah 10 verse 94)



THE ANSWER
IS...

GOD



This is the answer to question 19

قَالَ لِمَا يُوعَدُونَ: أَنَا هُوَ الْقَيَّامُ وَالْحَيَاءُ مِنْ
أَمْرِ بِي وَتَوَمَّاتٍ فَسَيَحْيَا -



Characteristics of God

Questions and answers we would all agree on:

1. Whose presence is actually there when people pray together ?
God's
2. Who answers prayer?God
3. Who sends angels?God
4. Who do the chosen belong to?God
5. Who is with believers through all eternity?God
6. Who rules in Heaven?God
7. In whom should we place faith in order to have eternal life?
God
8. Who can rescue us from the judgement of our deeds?.....God
9. Who satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst?God
10. Whose words will never pass away?God's
11. Who gives life?God
12. Who is Truth and Life?God
13. Who will give life if we lose life for his sake?God
14. To whom shall we give our highest honour?God
15. Who is the light of the world?God
16. Who sets people free from sin?God
17. Who has the authority and power to forgive sins?God
18. Who is eternal?God
19. Who raises the dead?God
20. Who gives a believer a place in Heaven?God
21. Who gives power to do good works [bear fruit]?God
22. Who holds the keys of death and Barzakh (Hell)?God
23. Who searches hearts and minds?God
24. Who will repay each person according to their deeds? ..God
25. Who will come on the clouds of Heaven to judge?God
26. Who will sit on a glorious throne at the renewal of all things?
God
27. Who will judge the nations?God

Can you agree with me that at least most of the above are properties and attributes belonging solely to God?

Why do Christians claim that Jesus is God come in the flesh? Christians did not invent this idea, Jesus Himself is the one who makes this claim, over and over.

Keeping our answers to these questions in mind, let us look at how Jesus answers them.

1. Whose presence is actually there when people pray together? Jesus says, "For where two or three come together in my name [to pray], there am I with them" Matthew 18:19, 20

2. Who answers prayer? Jesus says, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. John 14:13-14

3. Who sends angels? Jesus says, "They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels"

Matthew 24:30,31 [also Mt. 16:27, 25:31]

4. Who do the chosen belong to? Jesus says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you... but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. John 15:16, 19

5. Who is with believers through all eternity? Jesus says, "I will be with you always, to the very end of the age"

Matthew 28:20

6. Who rules in Heaven? Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Mat 28:18

7. In whom should we place faith in order to have eternal life? Jesus says, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that who-

ever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. " John 3:14-16

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10 :24-30

8. Who can rescue us from the judgement of our deeds? Jesus says, "The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son" John 5:22;

9. Who satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst?

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty" John 6:35 see also 6:48-51

10. Whose words will never pass away? Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Mark 13:31

11. Who gives life? Jesus says, "the one who feeds on me will live because of me" John 6:57 Jesus says, "if a man keeps my word, he will never see death." John 8:51

12. Who is Truth and Life? Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6

13. Who will give life if we lose life for his sake?

Jesus says, "And whoever does not take his cross and follow

me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Mathew 10:38-39

14. To whom shall we give our highest honor?

Jesus says, "that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him." John 5:23

15. Who is the light of the world? Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" John 8:12:9:5

16. Who sets people free from sin? Jesus says, "Every one who sins is a slave to sin. If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:34, 36

17. Who has the authority and power to forgive sins?

...some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he then said to the paralytic--"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." Matthew 9:3-6; see also Luke 7:48-50

18. Who is eternal? Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ... "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." Revelation 22:12-13,16

19. Who raises the dead? Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25

20. Who gives a believer a place in Heaven? Jesus says, "In my

Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14:2-3

21. Who gives power to do good works [bear fruit]?

Jesus says, "I am the true vine. ... Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15:1-4

22. Who holds the keys of death and Barzakh (Hell)? Jesus says, "I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." Revelation 1:17, 18

23. Who searches hearts and minds? Jesus says, "I am he who searches hearts and minds" Revelation 2:23

24. Who will repay each according to their deeds?

Jesus says, "I will repay each of you according to your deeds." Revelation 2:23

25. Who will come on the clouds of Heaven to judge?

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Matthew 26:63,64

26. Who will sit on a glorious throne at the renewal of all things? Jesus says, "at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne" Matthew 19:28

27. Who will judge the nations? Jesus says, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from an-

other as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats" Matthew 25:31, 32

Jesus says, "Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36

Jesus says, "all judgment [is entrusted] to the Son, that all may honour the Son" John 5:22, 23

Jesus says, "I and the Father are one" John 10:30

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered, Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" John 14:8, 9

How can Christians claim that Jesus is God come in the flesh? Christians did not invent this idea, Jesus Himself is the one who makes this claim over and over. Christians accept His Word. Those who disagree, disagree with Jesus and what He says.



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