

One Way



Religious Comparison: Compare & Contrast What the Bible Says

What precepts do the Quran (the Islamic holy book) uphold regarding the value of women? How do they compare with those outlined in the Bible?

The Quran states that as Allah (the Muslim god) made men superior to women, males must have absolute authority. While the Bible defines the different tasks of men and women, in God's eyes, we are all created equal (see Galatians 3:28).

In Ephesians chapters 5 and 6, we are instructed to submit ourselves in love to one another. This doesn't involve forced submission to the selfish dictates of others, but

rather obedience to the will of God from one's heart. Such selfless love also applies to marital relationships. Biblically, husbands are to love their wives as they love themselves – and as Christ loved the church.

Conversely, the Quran permits husbands to physically punish their wives – inferring that a man's comfort is paramount, while a woman's feelings are not important.

While all Muslims are taught to follow Islamic rules externally, such obedience is their mandated duty – not something that flows from hearts of love.

What have I learned? What difference can I make? Write down your answers below.
