

**Devotional Thoughts :: Christian woman faces death for blasphemy****Christian woman faces death for blasphemy - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/11/30 13:05**

In early November, in the dusty city of Sheikhpura in Pakistan's heartland, Asia Bibi, an illiterate Christian woman and mother of five, was sentenced to death by hanging under the country's blasphemy laws.

Her crime? She allegedly insulted the Prophet Muhammad.

Almost immediately, the death sentence unleashed international condemnation, and put pressure on Pakistan's government to overturn the verdict and amend the country's blasphemy laws – a holdover from a 19th century penal code designed to protect minority religious sects during British colonial times. ...

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Re: Christian woman faces death for blasphemy - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/11/30 13:14

An incident occurred at the well when a group of Muslim women called her names and insulted her faith. Instead of responding with grace, love, and truth she decided to call them names and insult their god!! Childish; but in Muslim lands you can be put to death for this!!

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/11/30 13:17

Brother sojourner,
In the news articles that I have read, she did not say anything against Muhammad. One man accused her of this.

Re: - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/11/30 13:20

My point was her response should have been more in the Spirit of Christ !!

Re: Christian woman faces death for blasphemy - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2010/11/30 13:20

We need to pray for the persecuted.

I know many people in islamic countries who say the persecution has greatly increased in the past few months. They are burning churches and the government is putting many peaceful protestors in jail.

Re: - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2010/11/30 13:25

There is great deal of lies and misinformation that goes on in these cases.

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Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/11/30 13:38

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yup! So don't judge sojourner, you weren't there! :))

I love how Greg put this in the Devotional Thoughts section, whether purposeful or not.

Re: - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/11/30 14:07

I'm not judging. I simply said
her response to insults could
have been more Christ-like!
see 1 PETER 2 vs23

Re: Christian woman faces death for blasphemy - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2010/11/30 14:22

I want to remind readers on SI of what is written in Word that you become like that which you worship. The Allah of Islam teaches his followers to be liars to get what they want. I have experienced this in my own interactions with Muslims. We are facing the very issue of lying right here on SI in days where Krispy (Steve) is demonstrating the Truth by coming clean about his deception. If we sweep what he did under the carpet, we are acting no better than Muslims whose god has taught them to lie to us. I have seen my Muslim friend turn against me in a moment to protect his honor before men.

Do you know why God Almighty has to swear by an oath? It is because the Scriptures say, "Let God be true and every man a liar." It is because of us, we as men are liars without the Life that comes by the Holy Spirit. Do you misrepresent yourself and God? Do you let people think that the revelation on Scripture that you share is out of your own skull when it was from God? Or do you let people praise you for the changes God has wrought in your character? Do you take the glory of God on yourself? Do you give God the glory for providing your needs? How about thanking Him for the strippings and trials that change your character to be more Christ-like?

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2010/11/30 16:31

Sojourner7,

Some reports have it she insulted them back while others never mentioned it, instead it went very different. We have no idea which one is the truth.

Even if it turns out she insulted them back, is it right to pick on her (by saying what you did) at this point in time when what she and her family need is prayer. Where's your compassion. Would you dare to tell her family to their face what you've written here. Would it show Christ in you for you to say such things to them at this point in time or even to write this remark here. I very much doubt it. What if we reverse it and it's yourself and your family in their place and a Christian make such a remark.

How did Jesus treat the woman that was going to be stoned for adultery in John 8. He showed compassion and asked her to sin no more. He wasn't acting Pharisee like by pointing to the law which called for stoning.

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2010/11/30 16:54

I don't think Islam teaches Muslims to lie. If their followers lie, it's because of their own selves.

In the bible, you will find Christians lying. Abraham lied twice, Jacob pretended to be Esau, Rahab lied and others also but God did not ask them to lie.

We wouldn't like it if others were to then say that the Christian God asked His followers to lie, would we. They would have a greater 'proof' to substantiate their claims, after all these people were God's chosen people and you don't find God rebuking Abraham, Rahab etc for their lies. In fact, God protected Abraham and so on.

Just as a Muslim friend can turn against you, so can a Christian turn against their own kind. Pick up Andrew's God's Smuggler book, you will find a pastor there that underwent torture (his fingernails were pulled away from his hands) and still served the church. He did help Brother Andrew some (not fully because of the terrible suffering he went through), but later he did provide some info. to the government. God told Brother Andrew to tell him that he forgive this brother.

(a bit off topic: Most of us have not undergone the kind of suffering that these people did. If we were to go through it, I wouldn't be surprise if most of us end up faring worse than what these people did.)

No, we shouldn't sweep a lie under the carpet nor be stepping over one another in 'congratulating' a person for admitting that he lied. Just forgive and move on.

Re: - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/11/30 17:07

Compassion is in a Christ-like attitude and response. I pray for this woman, for GOD is just, and Jesus will be her Advocate!! If she had been more Christ-like, maybe she would have avoided jail and a sentence of death!! As believers, we need to examine our actions, are they in the Spirit of the LORD or not??

Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2010/11/30 17:26

Sojourner7,

You have not shown compassion the way Jesus did. Rather you are acting pretty legalistic.

Maybe she would have avoided jail/death sentence if her words were better (and we don't even know the true story although you seemed determined to believe that she said those words), so what. If we were to be dealt with every time we were less than Christ-like, we pretty much would be living very miserable lives. Why don't you deal with everyone of us everytime we write badly in this forum. You will be extremely busy.

God is extremely gracious and he gives us many chances to grow into His image. We don't grow into His image immediately and there are times we falter badly. God does chastise us but he knows when to use compassion and when to use harsher method. Matthew 12:20 (A bruised reed he does not break).

We all must examine our actions, whether we are in the Spirit or not, but it doesn't mean that every time we make a mistake, that is--the punishment has to be harsh/meet the crime or remarks like yours are made. As I said earlier, we would be extremely miserable if God is as harsh as you. Look to your own life, and see how gracious God has been.

I don't think there's anywhere in the bible where Jesus treated a suffering Christian and/or his family the way you are treating her.

Prayer is good. But your heart is not right.

Re: , on: 2010/11/30 18:17

I believe many lies are told in these kind of cases. I would not trust what has been reported.

Jesus has said he will separate the sheep from the goats. We must pray and give practical help to our brothers and sisters currently being prosecuted for the faith. I am lecturing myself more than anyone else.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink
I was a stranger and you invited me in

I was naked and you clothed me
I was sick and you visited me
I was in prison and you came to me

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/11/30 19:37

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Not trying to point you out here Sojourner, but I do not think that "trying to avoid going to jail" is her intent here. Otherwise she probably would have said nothing. Perhaps she really felt the Spirit of God pressing on her to open her mouth? Perhaps someone will get saved at the risk of her going to jail!! Wouldn't that be a Praise the Lord? :)

Perhaps she could have done things "differently" but NONE of us will be perfect until we see Christ. I am sure she learned out of the experience.

Re: - posted by Joyful_Heart, on: 2010/12/1 10:13

We prayed for her at the AFG prayer meeting last night. There were many tears with this prayer for this young mother. They did not say what she did or said, just that she was one of us, a believer in Christ. Please continue to pray for her. They asked us to also pray for the law so that others will not so easily be accused. If she is found guilty she will die and if she is let go they will kill her anyway.

But all things are possible with God.

The young man sharing could hardly speak. He was choked up. He was told there was the daughter crying and holding on to her mother and a man who was also crying. But he was crying because he was happy to see the law being fulfilled. Let's pray for both. This man needs his eyes opened to the love of Jesus and His tears turned to the joy of the Lord and compassion. Be glorified here Lord Jesus.