

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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Their god is not our God

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Scripture—1 Kings 18:24-29

24 And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken." **25** Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." **26** And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped

around the altar that they had made. **27** And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." **28** And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. **29** And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

Main Idea-The True and Living God of Christianity is not the same god of Islam

Islam is a religion of works. There is no assurance of salvation

Contrast of God with Allah

1. Allah does not have a son
2. Allah is distant and unknowable
3. In Islam Jesus did not die on the cross
4. In Islam Jesus is coming again to destroy Christianity and lead everyone to Islam
5. Islam does not believe in the Trinity

If you want to know the difference between Jehovah and Allah, you must answer 3 questions.

1. Does God know Me?

Jehovah knows us and is knowable

2. Does God love Me?

Allah loves in response to behavior, Jehovah loves the whole world

3. Did God die for me?

Jehovah sent his son to die for our sins

Key Difference – Allah sends his followers to die for him – Jehovah sent His son to die for us

Application—

Why is it important that we know that we don't worship the same god?