

Respect for God

Reflection

Let us think about one person we truly respect. What are the qualities of this person that we admire?

Inspiration from the Holy Bible

For the Lord, your God, is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who has no favorites, accepts no bribes, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving them food and clothing. (Deuteronomy 10:17-18)

Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and might; Give to the Lord the glory due his name. Bow down before the Lord's holy splendor! (Psalm 29:1-2)

Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an

"He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfection, the Bestower of Faith, the Overs...

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Ikrimah said Allah revealed to His Messenger (PBUH), say: "He is Allah, one meaning He is the one, the singular, who has no peer, no assistant, no rival, no equal and none comparable to him." (Sahih Al-Bukhari)

Abu Hurairah Radhi-ya Allahu'anh: "Allah has ninety-nine Names, i.e. one hundred minus one; and whoever believes in their meaning and acts accordingly, will enter paradise; and Allah is Witr (one) and loves 'the Witr'." (Sahih Al-Bukhari)

Who is God in our life?

- A. God is the Supreme Being. He is omniscient (all-knowing), omnipresent (is everywhere, 24/7), and omnipotent (all-powerful).

He prayed, "O Lord, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you!" (2 Chronicles 20:6)

- B. God is the Great Provider. He is the source for all our needs. He cares about what we care about. No matter how small our need. He knows it. No matter our big our need, He can provide it.

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. (2 Corinthians 9:8,10)

- C. God is our Healer. He can heal not only our physical bodies, but also our hearts and minds. He can set us free from vices and addictions. He can mend broken relationships.

You must serve only the Lord your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness.

There will be no miscarriages or infertility in your land, and I will give you long, full lives. (Exodus 23:25-26)

I will give you back your health and heal your wounds," says the Lord. (Jeremiah 30:17)

He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

Challenge

What is our most significant learning today? How will we apply it to our own life?

Prayer

Praise God for His goodness and grace in our life. Ask forgiveness for our sins. Thank Him for the blessings we have received.

If we have any prayer requests, let us pray for one another.

We end the meeting with this declaration of faith: You bless the righteous, Lord and surround us with Your favor as a shield. Because Your hand is upon us, we increase in wisdom and in favor wherever we go and in whatever we do. Every good thing and every perfect gift comes from You, Lord. Surely Your goodness and loving kindness will follow us all the days of our life, and we will dwell in Your house forever.