

# Questions About Doing Enough to Please Allah

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How can I be sure I've done enough to please Allah? I am afraid that my deeds will be weighed on the Day of Judgment. How much **good works, prayer, fasting, giving (zakat), and righteous behavior** must I do to earn Paradise. Even the Prophet Muhammad was uncertain about his own salvation (Sahih al-Bukhari 76:470), and many of us Muslims feel unsure about our own eternal destiny. Please Apostle Pastor Ed help us understand as many here **have anxiety**, guilt, and striving to do more.

## Answer:

My dear brothers and sisters, thank you for opening your hearts with such sincerity and humility. I can feel the deep longing behind your words — the desire to please God, to be accepted by Him, and to know that your life will end in peace rather than uncertainty.

You are asking one of the most important spiritual questions anyone could ask:

**“How can I know for sure that I am accepted by God?”**

Let's look at this together — not through human tradition or emotion — but through **the gospel of Jesus Christ**, the good news that God Himself revealed in His Word.

## **1. The Problem: Human Righteousness Can Never Be “Enough”**

You are right — even Muhammad (peace be upon him) said he was not certain of his salvation. That is because **human righteousness will always fall short** before a perfectly holy God.

The Bible says the same thing:

**“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

— *Romans 3:23*

Even our best efforts — our prayers, fasting, and good deeds — cannot erase the sin already within us. Imagine trying to wash a white cloth with muddy water. The cloth may look cleaner for a moment, but the stain remains.

God's holiness is perfect. Therefore, **no amount of human effort can “balance the scale”** or guarantee paradise.

## 2. The Good News: God Did What We Could Not Do

Where religion says, *“Do more to reach God,”*  
the gospel says, *“God came down to reach you.”*

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

— *John 3:16*

Jesus Christ — *Isa al-Masih* — lived the perfect, sinless life that none of us could live. Then He offered Himself as the **sacrifice for all sin** — once and for all.

That means salvation is not earned — it is **received** as a gift.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God — not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

— *Ephesians 2:8–9*

This is the radical difference between Islam and the gospel.

Islam teaches *“Work, then hope.”*

Jesus says, *“Believe, and you will know.”*

## 3. The Cross Settles the Scales Forever

Imagine a scale with all your deeds on one side. No matter how many good works you pile up, your sins still outweigh them.

Now imagine Jesus placing His perfect life — His righteousness — on your side of the scale. Suddenly, the balance shifts infinitely in your favor.

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

— *2 Corinthians 5:21*

When you accept Jesus, **His perfect record becomes yours**. God no longer sees your sins — He sees the righteousness of His Son covering you.

That is *grace* — not wages. That is *peace*, not fear.

#### 4. The Assurance You’ve Been Seeking

You asked, “How much must I do to be sure?”

Here is the truth: **You can never do enough. But Jesus already did everything.**

When He died on the cross, His final words were:

“It is finished.”

— *John 19:30*

The debt was paid. The judgment satisfied.

You can rest — not in your performance, but in His promise.

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”

— *1 John 5:13*

Notice — not *hope*, not *wonder*, not *try harder* — but *know*.

That is the peace you have been longing for.

#### 5. From Fear to Relationship

God doesn’t want servants terrified of failing Him.

He wants **sons and daughters** who walk with Him in love.

“You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’”

— *Romans 8:15*

When you believe in Jesus, God adopts you into His family.  
You no longer strive to earn His favor — you live from His favor.

## 6. The Invitation: From Anxiety to Assurance

My friends, **religion without assurance is torment** — but Jesus came to give peace to the soul.

He said:

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.”  
— *John 14:27*

This peace is not earned through zakat, prayer, or fasting — though those are good acts of devotion.

This peace is received through surrender — not striving.

You don’t have to earn your way to heaven.

You simply open your heart and say:

“Lord Jesus, I believe You paid for my sins.  
I trust not in my works, but in Your mercy.  
Make me new, and fill me with Your Spirit. Amen.”

### Summary: Islam vs. the Gospel

Question	Islam	Gospel of Jesus
Basis of salvation	Deeds and obedience	Faith in Jesus’ finished work
Assurance	Uncertain	Guaranteed by grace
Nature of God	Master	Loving Father
Path to peace	Earn through effort	Receive through surrender
Final outcome	Hope your good outweighs bad	Know you are forgiven and secure

### Final Thought

You asked, “How can I be sure I’ve done enough to please Allah?”

The gospel answers:

**You can’t — but Jesus already has.**

And now the God of all creation invites you to rest, not in your goodness, but in His.

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

— *Matthew 11:28*

That’s the peace of the true and living God — not earned, but freely given through Jesus Christ.