

SALAT PRACTICED BY MUHAMMAD'S OPPONENTS

The whole Arabian society before and during the time of Muhammad followed the religion of Abraham. Thus, Abu Lahab, Abu Jahl, and the idolators of Quraish used to observe the FIVE DAILY SALAT PRAYERS exactly as we do today, with the single exception of substituting the Quranic Faatihha for the Ibrahimy Faatihha.

وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَأَنْتَ فِيهِمْ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ
لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَهُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَمَا لَكُمْ أَلَّا يُعَذِّبَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ
عَنِ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَمَا كَانُوا أَوْلِيَاءَ هَؤُلَاءِ أَوْلِيَاءُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَلَكِنْ
أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَمَا كَانَ صَلَاتُهُمْ عِنْدَ الْبَيْتِ إِلَّا مُكَاءً
وَتَصَدِيَةً فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

"God was not to punish them while you (Muhammad) were still among them. God was not to punish them while they are seeking forgiveness. Yet, they fully deserved God's punishment for repelling from the sacred mosque, though they were not the guardians thereof; only the righteous are guardians thereof, but most of them do not know. THEIR SALAT PRAYERS at the shrine were no more than deceit and repulsion. Therefore, suffer the retribution for your disbelief." (8: 33-35)