



## PRIMARY SOURCE READING 11

### Islamic Beliefs

#### About the Selection

Islam means “surrendering to the will of Allah” or God. Muhammad spread the message of Islam throughout Makkah, a city in modern Saudi Arabia. He said that God would reward the good people and punish those who did evil things. The collection of Muhammad’s messages from God is known as the Quran. In the passage below, Allah promises to provide for the faithful in this life and the next.



#### Reader’s Dictionary

- beneficent:** kind
- herbage:** plant growth
- manifest:** obvious
- purifies:** to make pure
- magnifies:** praises

### The Most High

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

- [87.1] Glorify the name of your Lord, the Most High,
- [87.2] Who creates, then makes complete,
- [87.3] And Who makes (things) according to a measure, then guides  
(them to their goal),
- [87.4] And Who brings forth herbage,
- [87.5] Then makes it dried up, dust-colored.
- [87.6] We will make you recite so you shall not forget,
- [87.7] Except what Allah pleases, surely He knows the manifest, and  
what is hidden.
- [87.8] And We will make your way smooth to a state of ease.
- [87.9] Therefore do remind, surely reminding does profit.
- [87.10] He who fears will mind,
- [87.11] And the most unfortunate one will avoid it,
- [87.12] Who shall enter the great fire;
- [87.13] Then therein he shall neither live nor die.
- [87.14] He indeed shall be successful who purifies himself,
- [87.15] And magnifies the name of his Lord and prays.
- [87.16] Nay! you prefer the life of this world,
- [87.17] While the hereafter is better and more lasting.
- [87.18] Most surely this is in the earlier scriptures,
- [87.19] The scriptures of Ibrahim and Musa.

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**Islamic Beliefs (continued)**

**Directions:** Answer the questions below in the spaces provided.

1. What does reciting accomplish?

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2. Who, according to this reading, will be successful?

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3. What happens in the fire?

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4. **Critical Thinking** What are the benefits of faithfulness to Allah in this passage?

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