

Everlasting continuous punishment or termination of life completely?

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Terms:

Yahushua – The true name for what many in the Western world call Jesus.

Jesus - The appellation for the Messiah in the west.

Torah – These are the first five books in the Bible written by Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy contained in every Christian Bible but vastly ignored by Christians) – Since Torah is instruction in Rabbinic understanding it can encompass all the books up to Malachi including the Renewed Covenant writings, which are also instructions repeated from the Torah.

Tenach (Scriptures from Genesis to Malachi referred to as the Old Testament).

Septuagint (Greek translation of the Tenach done in 275 BC)

YHWH - The four letters of the most sacred name of God.

NT - Renewed Covenant writings

This is something that many evangelicals are hung up on and even in their preaching the first thing that comes is you are going to be tortured forever and forever. I recall when I was a Muslim this is something that we as Muslims were also brought up on and that was the fears of hell. Muslims are taught more about the fears of hell than the peace of heaven.

This is when Allah has his angels pouring boiling hot liquids down your throat, you burn and then he resurrects you and does it again. He skins you alive and put your skin back and then does it again. This is not the God of love but a cosmic sadist who enjoys his creation receiving punishment.

However the God of the Bible is a God of love, justice and righteousness.

This is why a Muslim prays out of fear and not a compulsion for truth or love.

When a human judge punishes a guilty criminal the worst punishment that is given is life imprisonment or in countries where it is allowed a heinous crime deserves death by hanging as we saw Saddam Hussain and no more. The judge does not say hang him until dead then raise him up again then hang him, continue this process and when you are tired bring the next person to do the hanging.

There is no point in beating a dead corpse. Christians also need to learn rational thinking and to stop beating a dead corpse.

For whatever we do our doctrines must originate out of the Torah and be confirmed or authenticated by the prophets and indeed they are so I am not going to start as everyone does by quoting something out of the New Testament and then putting a deliberate slant on the interpretation based on

that. This is not how we do it. We must always take from the Tenach and see if it fits in the Renewed Covenant (NT).

The belief of Judaism

Note the Jewish people do believe in she'ol a place of the dead but they do not believe like Christianity that there is eternal conscious torture there. They believe that people who are wicked go to the place of the dead they are then purged of their sins through various punishments for no more than one year after which time their soul is able to enjoy the divine light of God. If there are problems the process can be repeated such as a radio not able to catch a station until it catches it.

However this is not stated in such terms in the Bible but it is extrapolated through rabbinic debate and the subsequent traditions that arose out for this place. Now you know where the doctrine of purgatory was stolen from by the Catholics. It was taken right out of the Jewish backyard!!!

We respect the view of Judaism but we would like to present what we feel maybe a more accurate view.

The mention of hell in the Torah:

Deuteronomy 32:22 For a fire is kindled in My anger, and shall burn to the **lowest hell**; it shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

The idea of punishment is actually found in the Torah so no it's not a New Testament idea only. Let me explain.

Why would God be angry in the verse of Deuteronomy above? You are only angry if someone has upset you right so we can see that the God of Israel is indeed angry because of humanity living in sinfulness and not bothering to obey Him and especially in this case Israel. The term 'fire is kindled in My anger' shows us that it has the idea of burning or at least affecting the souls of people even if it is simply just heat without water it will make people feel thirst, that is the souls of the dead do feel these emotions and it will cause them pain. Last night I went and had a drink of water twice while in bed I was feeling thirsty and if say I was thirsty and could not find any water what would be the result? I would not be able to sleep and would be agitated. In extreme heat or a place which is hot you would perspire, lose the body fluids and then be very agitated that you could not quench your thirst.

Let us see if the New Testament backs this claim or not.

When one dies the body goes to a place reserved for the dead called she'ol, it's too simplistic to say hell but let's call it the place of the dead. Upon death there is indeed conscious pain and torment in she'ol for those who have died with no covering meaning they were not saved before Messiah because of the

covenant or after. Note Messiah died for the reasons of a covenant and his death was not done in secret or for a new rising religion.

People in she'ol do feel pain and torment and continue to feel that pain and torment until they will all be taken out at the white throne judgment for the final judgment one day.

Luke 16:19-28 There was a **certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen**, and fared sumptuously every day: (20) And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, (21) And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. (22) And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; (23) And in hell he lift up his eyes, **being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off**, and Lazarus in his bosom. (24) And he cried and said, Father Abraham, **have mercy on me**, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am **tormented in this flame**. (25) But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and **thou art tormented**.

(28) 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this **place of torment**.'

This is not just an analogy or parable but this story is real of a real man who ended up in she'ol and Yahushua tells this man's story how once he is gone there even though he begs Abraham to send someone back to warn his brothers but nothing as such could be done, Yahushua gave us this such a powerful truth but many live in denial trying to write this off as a parable. It is not a parable. The drash (allegoric) meaning behind this is clearly to the one who rejected Moses and the five books called the Torah and lived in disobedience to the law of God.

Large parts of Christianity fall in this camp of rebelling and abrogating God's holy law because they are actually really Catholics and not whatever they claim to be since they hold to catholic dogma and traditions and still follow them. Sunday is not a Christian day but Catholics. Easter is not a Christian festival but Catholics. So next time someone tells you I am a Christian make sure he is not a Catholic, he is if he keeps these.

Don't tell me you are born again because unless you keep Torah, which is what the term 'born from above' or born anew means you really do not know what born again is. Whether this is because you really do not know as a result of lack of biblical knowledge or simply ignorance then both of these can be dealt with very quickly. The Messiah Yahushua propagated and continued in Biblical mandated Judaism and did not come to start a new religion.

Now the place of she'ol is also called the 'place of torment'. This means I am not wrong to say that until the second death people feel pain here and are tormented by what they see and experience daily.

We do have an example in the Torah of this.

Numbers 16:30 "But if the Lord creates a new thing, and the **earth opens its mouth and swallows them up** with all that belongs to them, and **they go down alive into the pit**, then you will understand that these men have rejected the Lord."

The story of Korah and his rebellion and how subsequently they all went into she'ol, this was of course for punishment and not at the pleasure of his majesty the King of Kings.

There is a whole plethora of people going to this place in visions and then saying that demons punish people there, some people died and were revived from that death and then they tell about this place as a place of torment. It does not matter if you believe in demons or not but this is not the point of the article or to scare you in anyway. I am trying hard not to scare you while presenting the facts.

What is clear is that people who die and died in the state of sinfulness are kept here and feel anguish and pain and various torments. While those who died in salvation do not feel anguish or pain but are in paradise, the section for the righteous. Please do not waste your time to believe that people ascend to heaven this is simply not true, No one has ascended except only one the Son of God Yahushua. They all descend everyone both of the righteous dead and the wicked dead but are placed in different areas of she'ol. This is why I said it is too simplistic just to call it this place hell as it has vast areas reserved for different people.

Can we find support for this out side the Torah? The answer is yes in the Tenach or the Hebrew Bible.

Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned **into hell**, And **ALL the NATIONS** that forget God.

Isaiah 24:22 They will be gathered together, **as prisoners are gathered in the pit**, and will **be shut up in the prison**; after many days **they will be punished**.

People in she'ol in the parts known as hell are **GATHERED TOGETHER** and shut up in a big monolithic prison that has chambers e.g. cells (Proverbs 7:27). The soul feels the pain and cries for help but none is given. The soul of the dead person cannot return to say please do not go there.

Proverbs 7:27 Her house is the way to hell, descending to the **CHAMBERS of death**.

Note I have not been biased as many Christians are and have shown you straight out of the Torah and the writings of the prophets that the place she'ol does indeed exist and is very real. So what happens at the end?

The people will one day be raised and then be judged for everlasting permanent judgment. We have support for this both in the Tenach (a must have) and secondary proof in the New Testament.

Now you may ask what do you mean everlasting judgment. I mean a one time judgment in Israel where you are either pronounced guilty or not guilty and then your soul and body because you will have a body to have been resurrected and standing there smirking☺. You will then either be allowed to go free and live forever upon this earth or you will be thrown into the lake of sulphur where your soul, body will be incinerated and you will vanish out of existence. No life, no existence.

May YHWH bless you.

Shalom Shalom

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