HELL FIRE

Today I want to discuss the topic of Hell.

As with all things, we need to put any pre-conceived ideas that we might have on the shelf and desire the truth. If you are coming to the truth, you have needed to do this in step by step fashion in order to keep being called out of the darkness anyway, just as all have.

And, as with many things, our Creator has let people see the truth on this subject because he was calling them. The problem is, even though many have seen the truth concerning this subject or other truths that He has given to them, some have remained grounded in other lies that they would not let go of.

They chose to get stuck back in the mud hole because they refused additional truth, refusing to let go of pre-conceived beliefs as He was calling them and He simply stopped calling them.

And, they return to their vomit, maybe holding onto whatever truth or truths that they had allowed Him to prove to them before they were cut off.

Also, satan speaks some truth mixed in with his lies as well. This actually helps him keep people in deception because they feel pretty good about themselves for knowing something when others do not. It is pretty easy to not look for what is true when you already are lifted up and feeling good about yourself for what you know

There are some cleverly placed translation errors in scripture that were put in place by the whore and other servants of satan to invent a place of eternal punishment.

Modern day translations buy into these errors as well because they have a pre-conceived idea that they need to support or uphold, especially to keep the money coming into the collection plates.

Let’s analyze the subject;

Elohiym blinds people’s eyes so that they CANNOT see and Yehshua speaks in parables so they CANNOT hear, then they sentence them to eternal punishment for not seeing and not hearing.

It is pretty crazy to believe this is how it works if we just step aside from what we have been taught and think about it. How can a loving Elohiym punish people forever and ever, especially if no one can see the truth unless He gives it to them or allows them to see it in the first place?

If any of us disagree with what Elohiym tells us through His written word, we are simply wrong in our thinking. All of man's attempts to worship Him with their own understanding are wrong.

The only way that we can be right and true is if we are in complete and total agreement with Him and with His word.

With that in mind, let’s go to His word for clarification.

Elohiym says He takes NO pleasure in the death of the wicked, less more their sufferings.

Ezek 33:11

1 **Say unto them, as I live, says YEHWEH Elohiym, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn you, turn you from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?**

Yes, those who reject Him will be burnt up and yes they will be ashes under the saint's feet (in a spiritual since), but not eternally punished.

Yes, their punishment will be eternal in the since of being everlasting since they will be dead forever but that is way different than being eternally punished.

Apart from some mistranslations and some not understood parables, the bible clearly teaches that the soul that sins shall DIE, not be eternally tormented.

John 8:24

24 **I said therefore unto you, that you shall die in your sins: for if you believe not that I am he, you shall die in your sins.**

Here are the different words translated to our English word hell in the bible. In what is called today the Old Testament, hell is translated always from the Hebrew word sheole which simply means the grave, a hole in the ground.

In what is called today the New Testament, there are three Greek words that mean entirely something different from one another that were translated to our word "hell".

This would be like using the American words bike, horse and tree and calling them a widget just to establish a false object or definition.

The Greek word hades is simply the grave, a hole in the ground. The Greek word tartaroo is a place of imprisonment or restraint, describing where satan and the fallen angels will be placed, soon they will be totally bound for a thousand years before being let loose for a season.

The Greek word gehenna translated as hell and is used by Yehshua a few times as warnings in descriptive parables and once by James.

First, you have to know what the word is. It is literally a valley outside of Jerusalem where the town garbage was burnt up as well as the bodies of the poor or the criminals.

Just like our old town dump in my home town when I was growing up, the fire never went out, it was always smoldering, even during the pagan holidays when no one was attending it. (of course we did not have bodies thrown into it, at least I don't think we did (: )

Yehshua used this word to elaborate the point that all will be burnt in the lake of fire that opposes Elohiym. Those listening to Him knew where he was talking about when He used the word gehenna.

It is important to remember that Yehshua spoke in parables that no one could understand except those whom it was given to understand.

Matthew 13:12-13

12 For whosoever has, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever has not, from him shall be taken away even that he has.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

The verses that gehenna are translated into our English word hell are Mt 5:22,29,30, Mt 10:28, 18:9, 23:15 & 33. and James 3:6.

The book of Mark chapter 9 and Luke in chapter 12 use the word a few times as well in repeating Yehshua’s parables. I want to note that I do not give these books credibility because they were not eye witnesses, even though in these verses they were merely repeating the parables that they had heard from the eye witnesses or others who shared them with them.

Matt 5:30

30 **And if your right hand offend you, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell.(gehenna)**

If you look, you will notice 6 of these 11 times Yehshua used the word, it was in the parable of if your hand offend you, cut it off, if your eye offends you, pluck it out and in Mk 9 and in Mt 5 where Yehshua was leading up to this example (of the hand).

When you read these verses, try substituting "lake of fire" in place of hell fire and see if that makes since.

I do understand how, when combining preconceived ideas along with the translations of the parables that these words are used in as one word, hell, one can conclude that it is a place of eternal punishing, especially if that was what we have been taught from youth.

However, it is just another false teaching that we must come out of, just like the rest of them.

It is eternal punishment because those will be dead forever but it is not being eternally punished. Those burnt up in the lake of fire will be dead, dead, dead, forever, never to be resurrected again. This is the second **death. (Rev.20:14)**

Rev 20:14

14 **And death and hell (hades- the grave) were cast into the lake of fire. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH.**

Why is there a need for a second death if they are going to be eternally punished?

The concept of the place taught by man as hell is it is not my Father’s nature, nor from Him. It was a clever lie by the translators to put fear in man so that they kept paying money. It is a lie designed and given to them by the father of lies.

The bible says in Rev 12:9, satan has deceived the whole world. Here is the verse that people most often use to defend their beliefs on eternal torment;

Rev 20:10

10 **And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

The book of revelations is prophetic and full of symbolism.

Also, people reference a parable in Luke 16 about judgment after Yehshua was just discussing how not one jot or tittle of the law will pass away.

Let’s assume that Yehshua actually did give this parable, if he did, Luke had to receive it second hand because he was not there but for arguments sake, let’s say the parable was given and Luke’s account was accurate.

He is saying that Yehshua spoke it. At the time Yehshua was here before His resurrection, Abraham was still in the tomb waiting a resurrection, this is according to the very words of our Messiah, that no one had yet ascended into heaven except Him. We read this in John 3:13.

Abraham did afterwards ascend there as well and is now one of the 24 Elders because he was one of those saints that was resurrected after Yehshua died.

Matt 27:51-52

51 **And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;**

52 **And the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose**

Point being, at the time of the parable, if this parable was truly given, Abraham was certainly not sitting across from some great gulf. As with all things, simply believe the word, no one had ascended as of the time that Yehshua was still in the flesh, this included Lazarus and the rich man, it is a parable.

I will add one must be very careful to handle the writings of Luke and Mark anyway; this includes the books of Acts which was written by Luke.

They both followed Paul and if you are interested about how often Paul contradicted Yehshua and the true apostles, there is plenty of proof that he was false.

These writings where given divinely inspired status from the catholic church in the 4th century and Yehshua calls the catholic church the mother whore of Babylon.

In any case, if we take a warning parable and a prophetic illustration to say that a loving Elohiym can torture His creation forever and ever, especially when that concept contradicts His very plain words, then we have reached far indeed, all to make a cruel god that fits into our pre-conceived ideas that came from lies anyway.

I ask each of you the question, can you torment a dog, or cat or any other animal, less more another human being? (Granted, some can but those are cruel people)

If not, how can you believe that a loving Elohiym can?

Ezek 33:13

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness’s shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he has committed, HE SHALL DIE FOR IT.

The good news is incredible. It is not the same good news preached in the world's churches today. The gospel that Yehshua and the true apostles taught is the good news of the soon coming kingdom of Yehweh Elohiym.

It is the good news that our Creator is building a family, an awesome truth indeed. We are commanded to flee from man's teachings and doctrines and hold fast to El Shadai’s ways.

It is fascinating what our Creator is doing in these last days, restoring truth through His word. Granted, for a time, all who truly follow the Messiah in truth will be hated for His name's sake.

Yehshua did not say that some would be hated; He said that we would be.

If any of us is to come after Him and follow Him, we must die to our own character and beliefs (our own logos) and love and embrace His truth.

We must cry out to the Father for eyes to see and ears to hear and fight to know and live by every word that He has given us through His son and through His servants the prophets and forsake all that is false.

Ezek 18:20

20 The soul that sins, it shall die

When it comes down to it, it does not matter what you or I believe, or what we think, or what the "scholars" or "theologians" teach, or what we think we know to be true, it is either true or not true. You or I cannot know what is true unless we are willing to flee from the lies. Then we can enter into a new covenant with Him where He promises to write His laws and His precepts in our hearts and in our minds.

As I said before, I do not know of very many people that could torment a sparrow or cat or any animal for even a couple of minutes, yet Christianity teaches that a loving Elohiym can do so forever and ever to His creation whom He loves, this is just sick when you think about it. No, the soul that sins (transgresses His laws) shall die, plain and simple, just as his word says.