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Reflections

Opening

This is written in defense of YAHUAH, the Heavenly Father. Sleep fled from my eyes, horrible and unjust accusations, which poisoned the minds of men, were so heavy on me, I could not sleep. I take a stand in His defense, to eliminate the infamous slander against His Majestic, Noble and Loving nature described in Scripture.

Hell and the Lake of Fire

A “minister” wrote a very sarcastic letter, mocking those who do not believe in “hell fire”. His comments indicated that if we remove the fear of the “fires of hell” we would be encouraging people to sin and live “ungodly” lives. This “minister” should understand that it is not fear but love that leads people to repentance and salvation. When people are properly taught about our loving Creator, the things he has prepared for His creatures, everything about His character and the beautiful attributes of His goodness and love, this is what leads people to True repentance and salvation. Please note a few out of many passages:

(HARV) Romans 2:4 Or despise you the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of Elahym leads you to repentance?

(HARV) 2 Corinthians 7:10 For true sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world works death.

(HARV) Psalm 36:7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O YAh! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

(HARV) 1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not Elahym; for Elahym is love.

(HARV) Romans 5:8 But Elahym commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Mashiach died for us.

(HARV) Ephesians 2:4 But Elahym, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.

Hundreds of passages tell us that our Creator is merciful. We could fill this page with similar passages showing that he is merciful, loving, and compassionate. I remember a woman stood up in a meeting, and said; “I thank God because I am a Christian afraid of hell.” This woman, like thousands of others, lost her joy by way of spiritual aggravated robbery. To know Him better is to love Him more. When we realize that we have disobeyed Him and have sinned, contrary to

His will, we feel terribly sorry for the acts of disobedience, and so the sorrow leads us to repentance, 2 Corinthians 7:10.

The true character of our Creator

If I could stand in front of an audience, and ask them to raise their hands all those who believe that the Creator is a merciful being, I am sure everyone would do quickly. Any person who believes in the Set Apart inspiration of the Scriptures would do the same in view of the hundreds of passages that recur again and again that He is merciful, and a loving Elahym.

In my hometown, you can often see donkeys pull carts full of vegetables from the market. Suppose one of these donkeys are frightened and run away, destroying the plants and merchandise on the streets, and the owner, to punish the donkey, ties his head on a pole and in another pole the legs to stretch him, then, he puts fire under him and slowly burns the donkey to death. The question is, how would the newspapers describe the man? I am sure he would be considered more like a savage, cruel and heartless individual! The donkey could last a day or two in the slow torture, and death finally will put an end to the suffering. However, intelligent men put our loving Creator in a lower level and more brutal and cruel than that, they say Yahuah is going to keep children, men and women living in hell, a lake of fire, forever and ever.

I have received a number of pamphlets describing a lake of fire, a place call "hell" with children and people of all ages writhing in pain and agony, screaming for mercy, and being tortured, fried and roasted month after month, year after year, day and night, and worse, for all eternity. The Scriptures teach no such doctrine.

Preachers should be ashamed of bringing the character of our Creator lower than the lowest, cruel, and more malicious than a wild criminal has ever lived. Shysters, who call themselves *preachers*, drive millions of people to consider our loving and merciful Creator as a depraved, inhuman and savage villain who lacks any mercy or compassion, who delights in the pain, misery, torture, and endless suffering of human beings of His own creation. There is a place preachers delight in describing to scare people into their folly and make them feel obligated to pay their salary and to support the expenses of the "church". They say that He planned it, perhaps as a result of a cherished hatred, a savage desire for revenge and a lust for amusement such as the screams and cries of millions upon millions of these unfortunate creatures. This evil teaching comes from the ancient pagans invented for purposes of profit, powered by the "love of money." How can that be? Repeatedly the Scriptures mention Yahuah is love, compassionate and merciful?

Purgatory

The Purgatory is a supposed place where sinners are said to purify themselves. Their stay there depends on the prayers of the priests (*Perverted homosexuals, man never married, child molesters, etc.*) who claim to have the power to get them out by force of prayer and bring them safely to the other side. The *faggot* priests of the Roman Catholic Church receive huge sums of money from the rich to minimize their suffering and get them to *paradise* quickly.

The Protestant corrupt clergy also teaches that "hell" is a lake of fire where people are in a conscious state; these false teachers scare people by preaching sermons on the "*fires of hell*" to increase their attendance to their *church*. If smart people do not agree, they lose membership in the *church* and surely go to hell to suffer the pains of torment forever. In both cases, this erroneous, unscriptural and diabolical doctrine is used for mercenary purposes. Many of the clergy care little to defame the character of the Almighty. Make no mistake about it! He is not a despot, cruel and heartless being as to torture another human being for one fraction of a second, to say at least, for eternity.

Remember the passages that teach us that the goodness of the Almighty is what leads people to repentance, and love of the Almighty that compels obedience, not the emphasis on a more brutal depraved monster of our worst criminals

Is Robert Inguersall your case!

In The Early Days of Robert Inguersall, there is a story that made him one of the most notorious enemies of Yahuah the world has ever known. The *Sunday* school teacher told the children that if they were not good they would go to *hell* to be forever... tormented and tortured. Robby asked the teacher what the word "*forever in hell*" means and how long it would last. She gave this illustration, she said; "Suppose a little bird came from one of the stars and took a bite of sand and took it back to the star, and then take a grain each year. You would be in hell for all the time it would take this bird to take the whole world, grain by grain, to that star. Robert then asked who had made this place of torture, and she said, "God" meaning ...Yahuah!

In fact, Robby Inguersall decided to be an enemy of this "God" and his "Book", while he lived, and he was very successful. The books Robert Inguersall has written against the Scriptures are everywhere and in many languages (google it). This unscriptural defamation of our loving Creator has destroyed, stared away and robbed countless thousands of people.

This "*Hell*" story is a misleading doctrine that conceals the truth to the world and has helped priests and clergy fill their pockets at the expense of widows and orphans. Is made to lean on the erroneous interpretation of certain passages, which when interpreted thru fairy tales, involves the entire Scriptures in a direct contradiction; it also destroys the faith of honest and intelligent people, producing thousands of infidels. Scaring people to join the "*church*" (whore house) is exactly the opposite of the Ever Lasting Covenant of Yahuah; it has produced millions of church goers (whoremongers) but not one true believer.

The fate of the wicked

(HARV)Psalm 37:20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of Yahuah shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

(HARV)Nahum 1:10 For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

(HARV)Malachi 4:1-3 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them

up, says Yahuah of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ²But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. ³And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says Yahuah of hosts.

(HARV)2 Thessalonians 1:9-10 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of Yahuah, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

(HARV)1 John 3:15 Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

I wonder what preachers of "*eternal torment*" will do with these passages. Why they don't use them in their sermons? The answer is obvious. They teach that the wicked will be alive eternally in hell, but...here is the problem... eternal life comes only through accepting the atoning sacrifice of Mashiach. Life and death are opposites and mutually exclusive. **Eternal life** is for the righteous, and **death** for the wicked, it is said again and again throughout Scripture, **hundreds of times**.

A correct understanding of this topic is almost a necessity for spiritual perseverance. For centuries it has been taught by the "official church" that the Creator, before creating man, had prepared a great pit of fire and terrors, capable of containing billions that he deliberately set out to bring into existence in order to throw them there, and called it "*hell*", and that all the promises and warnings of Scripture were designed to prevent as many as possible to do the evil that would make that terrible place their eternal home. *Christians* have been taught for so long that the foundation of this terrible blasphemy against the character of Yahuah is in Scripture, to the point that makes many stumble, to the point that makes the revelation of the true Creator been brought to ruin. Scriptures teach no such thing.

"Hell" a Latin word

Hell is a Latin word sometimes selected by translators to express the meaning of the Hebrew words *sheol* and the Greek word *hades*, *guehena* and *tartar*. The word hell was then used to translate the words sheol and hades, meaning secret or hidden condition of death. The Hebrew word *sheol* occurs sixty-five times in the Old Testament. In the KJV, revision of 1960, rendered sheol as "hell" 63 times and "grave" 2 times. But in the older KJV, 1934, *sheol* is translated "grave" 31 times, "hell" 11; "abyss" 3; "deep" 3; "bone" 2; "deep hole" once, and "grave" once.

If the translators who made the 1960 KJV review had not been committed to error, they would have done much better to help the student of the Scriptures than merely transliterating the Hebrew word *sheol* and the Greek *hades* as they have done.

A peculiarity to be observed by comparing these cases, is that the passages in which the idea of a torture would be absurd, the translators of the KJV have used the words grave or pit, while in the other cases have used the word *hell*, any reader trained for so long in the idea of eternal torment,

reads the word *hell* and think of it as meaning a place of torment instead of the grave or the hiding place. For example, compare Job 14:13 with Psalm 9:17. The first says, "Oh you who gave me hide me in the grave (*sheol*)," while the latter says: "The wicked shall be turned into hell (*sheol*)." The Hebrew word is the same in both cases, there is no reason for not using the same word grave in both. How absurd would be that Job will ask the Almighty to hide him in a hell of eternal torture! Was not He in that condition already?

As noted earlier, the Hebrew word *sheol* occurs 65 times in the Old Testament, and in all cases means the same thing. It does not mean a lake of fire and brimstone, or anything like it at all. On the contrary, rather than a place of burning fire, is described in the context as a dark inherent place (Job 10:21), instead of a place where you can hear screams and moans, is described in the context as a place of "silence" (Psalm 115:1 7), instead of representing pain and suffering in any way, the context is described as a place of "forgetting" (Psalm 88:11, 12). "In the grave (*sheol*), where you go, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom."-Ecclesiastes 9:10. (Even in the 1960 revision sheol is translated as "grave"!)

The meaning of *sheol* is "hidden place", as applied to the human condition in death, in which everything is hidden, except for the eye of faith, hence by association the word was used appropriately often in the sense of burial, the grave, the hiding place, or place after which only those who have opened the eyes of understanding can see. Note in particular that the same word *sheol* is translated 31 times as "grave", 13 as "grave" and "deep hole" and "pit" twice in the old King James version by the same translators, more often than which is translated "*hell*". In the case of Jonah, the hiding place, was the belly of a huge fish, which Jonah was *buried* alive and where he cried to the Almighty.

Passages where *sheol* is translated as hell in the old King James version:

2 Samuel 22:6 - "I surrounded the pains of hell."

Job 11:8 - "[The trail of the Almighty] is higher than the heavens, what will you do? It's deeper than hell: what canst thou know?"

Psalm 9:17 - "The wicked shall be turned into hell [the condition of death], all people who forget the Almighty." (That the application of this passage belongs to the coming age is evident, for both saints and sinners go to sheol now. This passage indicates that in the time it applies, only the bad will go to sheol.)

Psalm 55:15 - "Damned be to death, go down alive into hell."

Proverbs 15:11 - "Hell and destruction are before [Yahuah]: much more the hearts of men!"

Proverbs 15:24 - "The road of life is above to the wise, to depart from hell beneath."

Proverbs 23:14 - "Thou shalt bruise them with a rod and deliver his soul from hell." (That is, the correction will save the child from the service roads that lead to premature death).

Isaiah 14:9 - "Hell from beneath is moved for thee, I woke up dead at thy coming to meet you ..." (In verses 11 and 15 the same word sheol is translated "grave").

Ezekiel 32:21 - "In the midst of hell talk to him the strongest of the strong." (In verse 27 the same word sheol is translated "grave").

Amos 9:2 - "Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand."

Habakkuk 2:5 - "That widened as hell his soul."

Here are many passages where *sheol* is translated as "grave", "bone", "hole" or "abyss." *Genesis 37:35, Genesis 42:38, Numbers 16:31-33, 1 Samuel 2:6, 1 Kings 2:6,9, Job 7:9, 14:13, 17:13, 17:16; 21: 13, 24:19, Psalms 6:5, 30:3, 31:17, 49:15,15, 88:3, 89:48, 141:7 Proverbs 1:12, 30:15,16; Eccl.9 : 10; Solomon 8:6, Isaiah 14:11, 38:10, 38:18, Ezek. 31:15, Hosea 13:14.*

Hell in the Latter Writings "New Testament"

In the latter Writings (New Testament), the Greek word *hades* corresponds exactly to the Hebrew word *sheol*. For proof, see the quotation from the Old Testament by Peter, *Acts 2:27: "Do not leave my soul in hell."* This is a quotation from Psalm 16:10, which clarifies that what is mistakenly called "hell" and not "grave", where all dead are, good and bad, and where the Savior was for three nights and three days. Since the Scriptures are the product of the Set Apart Spirit speaking through inspired men, there can be no contradiction. We ask the reader to meditate on these passages, especially in Malachi 4 and Obadiah 1:18, which teaches that the wicked will not leave neither root nor branch, but will be ashes under the feet of the righteous, they will be as if they never existed, because the punishment will be "everlasting destruction," 2 Thessalonians 1:9.

The explanation of seemingly contradictory passages

"Rev 20:9-10 They marched across the face of the earth and surrounded the camp of the Set Apart Ones and the beloved city and Elahym rained down fire from heaven and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophet will be tormented day and night forever and ever. "

People are told that sinners are to be tormented, but what the passage really says is that Shatan, the Beast and False Prophet, which are not people but symbols of false organizations. The answer is simple: Notice that in verse nine, speaking of the wicked, says: "Fire came down from heaven and devoured them." It never says that the fire kept them alive and tortured them for ever, but consumes them. The definition of consumption is "devour to and end." Thus this passage is in full harmony with all others in regard to the final destination of the wicked.

As for the devil, however, this phrase "forever and ever" in Hebrew has a deeper meaning. It refers to the time that the thing lasts. I can give someone an object, and he could ask: "How long I can have it?" and I would say: "Oh, forever." That means while the object lasts or as long as the

person lives. This is the same meaning of the text on the devil. Remember, it says the fire devours or consumes wicked people, which is in harmony with the rest of Scripture.

Daniel 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

This passage does not say eternal torture, or eternal suffering, as interpreted by many, it says: "perpetual shame." Webster's dictionary defines "shame" as something low, unworthy, or undeserving of consideration." This simply means the feelings or actions of people toward the wicked, and has nothing to do with torture or endless suffering of these wicked people. Let us live Scripture **as is** and understand exactly what **it says**, and not try to add something different that may defame the character of the Almighty.

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous to eternal life.

If the wicked be tormented forever in hell, they would also have eternal life. The reward of the righteous is the "eternal life" but never applied the term to the wicked. On the contrary, we are told: "No murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 3:5). Eternal life is given by the Creator to the person through the Set Apart Spirit, which the wicked will never possess, and therefore can never have eternal life. This passage tells us that the wicked will receive eternal punishment but does not tell us what the punishment is, other passages tell us what will be the punishment and all agree to say that is death, destruction, annihilation and cease to exist. If our courts had the power to kill a man and leave him dead for five years and then bring it back to life, his punishment would be a punishment of five years. The same would apply if the punishment was 50 years. The wicked will go to this kind of punishment forever. It is eternal because once they are destroyed will never again be resurrected. As the prophet says, "will be as if they had never been."

Mark 9:47,48. - "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out is better for thee to enter the kingdom of the Almighty with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.

If you have a *Bible* with marginal references, you will notice that there is a symbol or small letter next to the word "hell", which refers to the margin where it says "*gehena*." All Bible Dictionary will tell you that the word "hell" or "*guehena*" is the name of the valley adjacent to Yerusalem to the south, also known as the "*Valley of Hinnom*." In that valley, they threw all the garbage of the city, and the corpses of donkeys, camels and other animals, it was constantly burning fire to consume the disposal. While the fire did not consume all the meat, worms were constantly consuming what was left. Look for "*guehena*" also in Webster's Dictionary: "The Valley of Hinnom near Yerusalem where garbage was dumped and was constantly burning to prevent plagues, therefore, is a crematory." That was exactly what the Mashiach meant, no more nor less. He said "*guehena*", and that's what you find in the Greek incorrectly translated as hell.

Luke 16:19-31. The parable of "Lazarus and the rich man." This is the passage most often used by advocates of "hell fire" to inspire fear of eternal torment in the heart of the people, thus lowering the character of the Almighty, to whom all the Scriptures proclaim as a merciful and loving Father. They claim that this story is a literal fact, and that applies to all the righteous and the wicked, who will be treated as described in the story. We do not find a word here about good

and bad, or that one is righteous and the other wicked, but that **one was rich and one was poor**. Therefore, if this were a literal fact, and not a parable, as it actually is, that would be the fate of all the rich and the future of all the poor. Also, if this describes the future of all the righteous and the wicked, as claimed, then heaven and hell are so close you can see and talk to each other, and the unfortunate people who were in hell could recognize relatives in heaven and ask them to come to hell to help them (verse 23). Surely then, heaven would not be such a pleasant place to be when you would be going to hell to refresh the tongues of people you knew while they are in flames. Besides, Abraham told Lazarus that those in heaven could not go to hell to help people because there was a gulf between them (verse 26). So there would be no satisfaction or joy in heaven because of the agony of the unfortunate in hell.

The truth is that this is a parable about Yashrael and Gentiles, to prove that this is a parable, Chapter 15:1 says, "It came to him all the publicans and sinners to hear." In Matthew 13:34 we are told that he only spoke to the crowd in parables. So this was a parable because he was speaking to the crowd. Similarly in the parable of Lazarus and the rich, the rich who died spiritually represents Yashrael, and Lazarus represents the Gentiles. Stewardship was taken from Yashrael, and they were "led captive into all nations" (Luke 21:24). The nation has been under the fire of persecution, have been looted and killed, destroyed in gas chambers, shot and imprisoned during this period of time of the Gentiles. Yahuah said, "They will be scattered among his enemies, and bring the sword upon them, to punish them seven times more for their sins" (Leviticus 26:21-31). In Deuteronomy 32:24 says: "They will be burned with hunger and devoured with burning heat and bitter destruction." The poor represent the Gentiles (Ephesians 2:11,12): "Remember as you **were formerly** Gentiles in the flesh ... that at that time **were** without Mashiach, strangers to the commonwealth of Yashrael, outside the covenants of promise, without hope and without power in the world. In Ephesians 2:14 we read of the dividing wall between Yashrael and Gentiles, as in Luke 16:26 speaks of a gulf that no one can move from side to side in the parable. Further, the rich (Yashrael) said it has five brothers (verse 28), which refers to the five religious sects among the "Jews" of that time, ie: the Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Essenes and Nazarenes. The last two verses of this parable shows again that has to do with Jews as the five brothers were Jewish, because he says: "if they hear not Moses, neither will they be persuaded if one rises from the dead." And they were persuaded after the resurrection of the Mashiach, who rose from the dead.

Conclusion

Every word in this study has been based on Scripture. We must take a stand for truth and defend our heavenly Father, whose character has been brought to ruin by the fairy tails of men. I pray that the reader will take no offense by this article. There are many teachings based on singled out verses of Scripture taken out of context and a heavy splash of syncretism.

If you would like to discuss this material further, contact me at: abmosheh@gmail.com

Until the next time,

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