

perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into *Geenna*."

Geenna is here portrayed as a place for offenders against God. And it receives the whole person, including his physical body.

Matthew 10:28 -- "And fear not them who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in *Geenna*."

Here again *Geenna* is a place in which both soul and body are devoted to destruction, a place more to be avoided than physical death itself!

Matthew 18:9 -- "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than, having two eyes, to be cast into *Geenna*."

This reference is quite similar to Matthew 5:29.

Matthew 23:15, 33 -- "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of *Geenna* than yourselves Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of *Geenna*?"

Geenna in these uses appears to have two related meanings. On the one hand, *Geenna* is associated with wickedness, with hypocrisy, insincerity, moral perversity, and self-righteousness. On the other hand, *Geenna* is associated with condemnatory judgment. Connecting the two ideas, *Geenna* means condemnatory judgment upon the wicked.

Mark 9:43, 45, 47 -- "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter into life maimed than, having two hands, to go into *Geenna*, into the fire that never shall be quenched And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter lame into life than, having two feet, to be cast into *Geenna*, into the fire that never shall be quenched And if thine eye offend thee,