## Questions About View From Muslims That Christian God is Cruel

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The ISIS people in Syria and Iraq are much better, more humane, than the God of the Churches of Christendom! . . WHY??? The ISIS beheads UNBELIVERS right on the spot-seems bruttal and animalistic!? The God of the Churches is MORE BRUTTAL, SADISTIC and FIENDISH! Imagine that their God will put UNBELIEVERS in an everlasting TORTURE of a hellish FIRE. What a horrific prospect is that from a HORRIFIC God. The ISIS will not torture unbelievers but outright beheading them to death in the spot. RIP. The GOD of the Churches will TORTURE UNBELIEVERS in an everlasting fire FOREVER. What a VINDICTIVE and INCOMPASSIONATE God with so much pleasure in seeing the unbelievers suffers torture eternally.

## Answer:

The God of the Bible is not vindictive or cruel. Scripture clearly teaches that "God is love" (1 John 4:8) and that He "takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezekiel 33:11). The idea of eternal conscious torment is not biblical—it's a distortion introduced through medieval theology.

In the Bible, the punishment of the wicked is final and complete, not eternal torture. Malachi 4:1 says the wicked will be burned up and become "ashes under the soles of your feet." God's justice brings an end to sin, not endless suffering.

The God we serve is both just and merciful, longing to save every soul who will let Him. That's the real picture of God that Scripture gives—not the one you're describing.