



Beit Din Judgment

Question: I would like to know from the Beit Din Team what is your position on the halaal sign on food products? I want to know if it is food products that have been offered unto Allah.

Ruling of the Beit Din

This is the general consensus of the Beit Din members.

We have studied halaal, and one Beit Din member has spoken to an Imam about this very topic. It is only the meat which is prayed over and offered up to "Allah". The meat in question is basically "red meat". Fish, chicken and other "fowl" are not offered up. Halaal is basically how the animal is slaughtered and prayed over.

Besides that, only the meat in each meal is important. All other food is attached to the meat. Therefore, the other food does not need to have any markings of halaal nor has it been prayed over. You will be hard pressed to find such a marking of foods other than meat. Of course certain stores will carry such food with the markings.

As followers of Mashiach, we need to remember to not eat food that has been offered up to idols (1 Cor 8:7-10). In this case, only the red meat is offered up. So we can eat in a muslim restaurant as long as we do not eat "red meat". We must however, know why we are eating in such a place because we are supporting them in their beliefs when we do. As Messianics, why would we purposely support those who believe in a religion that wishes to destroy our people and Master by eating their food, much less other things?

Best bet is to follow Biblical rules when it comes to diet, and ask questions of the restaurant establishment prior to going. You will be surprised at what you find.

Do not put yourself into a situation where you need to make this kind of decision in the first place, and things will go well with you.

On behalf of the Beit Din
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