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Questioner: Our teacher, the punishment in the grave, is it [constant] up until the Day of Judgement or does it cease? And what is the proof for that?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: In the Noble Qur'aan, our Lord said about Pharaoh and his people, "The Fire, they are exposed to it, morning and afternoon."² This is in relation to most of the people, Pharaoh and his people, who took a deity [to worship] other than Allaah. As for the others then there is no doubt that the disobedient sinners [faasiq] from the Muslims, their punishment will be less than that. As for details of between how long and how long [the punishment will last for], then this is not mentioned in the Sunnah.³

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² سورة غافر - Sooratul Ghaafir [40:46]

³ Al-Huda wan-Noor, no. 9.

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