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# **Part 14**

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**At this, the enemies of Jesus were wild with rage and began to discuss what to do with him.**

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Look! I am sending my messenger,  
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will suddenly come to his Temple.

# Malachi 3:1b

The messenger of the covenant,  
whom you look for so eagerly, is  
surely coming,” says the Lord of  
Heaven’s Armies.

# Malachi 3:2

But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes.



# Malachi 3:3

He will sit like a refiner of silver,  
burning away the dross. He will  
purify the Levites, refining them like  
gold and silver, so that they may  
once again offer acceptable  
sacrifices to the Lord.

# **Malachi 3:4**

**Then once more the Lord will accept the offerings brought to him by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as he did in the past.**

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# **Bad Sabbath Theology**

- **Mark 3:1-6**
- **Luke 4:31-37**
- **Luke 4:38-41**
- **Luke 13:10-17**
- **Luke 14:1-6**
- **John 5:1-18**

# Major Exceptions

- Rahab and Ruth are included in the family lineage of Jesus even though they were “strange women”.
- David remained king after all the sins he committed against Bathsheba and Uriah.

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- Peter continued to be the lead Apostle even after denying Christ three times.
- God chose Paul to become an Apostle even though he did not meet the requirements.

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- **God changed His mind twice about destroying Israel when Moses interceded on their behalf.**
- **Everyone will no longer be punished for all their sins thanks to the atonement of Jesus Christ.**



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# Matthew 5:27

You have heard the commandment  
that says, 'You must not  
commit adultery.'

# Matthew 5:28

But I say, anyone who even looks  
at a woman with lust has already  
committed adultery with her  
in his heart.

# Matthew 5:29

So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

# Matthew 5:30

And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

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**When the LORD makes an exception to His own rules it is not so that someone can live however they want, but so that they can be free to enter into a right relationship with Him thru faith.**



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# **Romans 5:20**

**God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,**

# **Romans 5:21**

**so that, just as sin reigned in death,  
so also grace might reign through  
righteousness to bring eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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# Principle #7

**God continues to make exceptions to His own rules because He absolutely loves to respond positively whenever and wherever He finds true faith the size of a mustard seed.**

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