

REFINER'S FIRE
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MALACHI 3:1-7 (NIV)

1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

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2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.

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5 “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you

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of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty. 6 “I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not

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kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty

PURPOSE OF REFINING

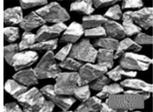
- Expose impurities
- Establish rest
- Reveal true joy
- Reflect His image
- Draw us closer to Him

PROCESS OF REFINING

- Stage 1: Breaking
- Stage 2: Melting
- Stage 3: Purifying
- Stage 4: Reflecting

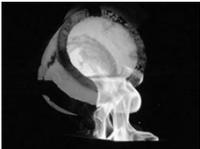
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PROMISE OF REFINING

- To all in the covenant
- That He is with us through the refining
- That we will not be consumed/destroyed by the fire

HEBREWS 10:11-18 (NIV)

11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right

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hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

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15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: 16 “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

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17 Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts

I will remember no more.”

18 And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.
