

**How to Overcome Offenses**  
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Torah Portion

Exodus 32:1

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us, for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

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Service Portion

**1) Offended by G-d?**

Matthew 11:4-6

Yeshua answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

**2) Your faith is being tested**

1 Peter 1:6–9

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Yeshua the Messiah, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Sad, often hear things like, he was serving G-d but then his wife had an affair and they got divorced, now his faith is shaken and he is not serving G-d like he used to. Or he prayed for healing and really believed, then his wife died. All these things G-d allows to so we can see how genuine our faith is, so that our faith and corresponding works will stand the test of time. Everything will be tested by fire to see what quality of work it is.

### **3) Our works are tested by fire**

1 Corinthians 3:11 – 15

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Yeshua the Messiah. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

### **4) You will come forth as pure gold**

Job 23:10

10 But He knows the way that I take;  
When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.