# Chat Example: Gospel Rejected

**COACH** - 11:15 PM Hi Sally.

**SALLY** - 11:15 PM Hi Coach

**COACH** - 11:15 PM What are you frustrated about?

**SALLY** - 11:16 PM I can't sleep. Being bothered by a lot of stuff.

**COACH** - 11:17 PM I don't sleep well either. What bothers you the most.

#### **SALLY** - 11:19 PM

I'm just in this crazy journey of biblical history and theology research and everytime I ask questions or speak my frustrations, people feel attacked or blame me for attacking God when all I'm trying to do is be honest.

What about questions makes me so detestable?

What about really wanting to know the origins of scripture makes me fit for the pig pen?

**COACH** - 11:22 PM Sorry people haven't been able to dialog with you well. I'll try.

**SALLY** - 11:22 PM I just want God....the I Am.

I don't want a crazy narcissistic God

**COACH** - 11:25 PM

You mean you don't think God should be self centered?

#### **SALLY** - 11:25 PM

The God that dangles good things in front of our eyes and then pulls them away to see if we still trust him. What idiot parent does that?

Absolutely not self centered!!

**COACH** - 11:26 PM Do you have your own view of God?

**SALLY** - 11:27 PM I'm struggling to find one.

**COACH** - 11:28 PM But you reject a God who would boast about being the creator of the universe, right?

**SALLY** - 11:28 PM What???

**COACH** - 11:28 PM Should God be boastful about creating the universe?

**SALLY** - 11:29 PM What do you say about that?

**COACH** - 11:29 PM You said you don't want a narcissistic, self centered God right?

**SALLY** - 11:30 PM Do you want a God like that?

**COACH** - 11:31 PM God does expect us to glorify Him for being creator and savior.

If God were only a man it would be wrong.

**SALLY** - 11:33 PM Does a parent base his love on a little child by his response to feeding him?

**COACH** - 11:34 PM No, the parent loves because that is their child.

So God loves us because we were created in His image.

But most people don't return that love. Do you agree?

**SALLY** - 11:36 PM Does a parent base his love on how well that child returns love?

### COACH - 11:37 PM

No they love because that is their child, but it does grieve a parent when their child rejects them and acts selfishly.

### **SALLY** - 11:38 PM

I don't determine weather people return love to God. Never thought of doing that.

I don't know their heart.

#### **COACH** - 11:40 PM

Jesus said if you loved Him you would keep His commandments.

Do you keep God's commandments?

**SALLY** - 11:40 PM Do you?

**COACH** - 11:41 PM I have not kept them before I was born again.

God gave us the standard of the 10 commandments so we can know right from wrong. Do you think you've kept them?

**SALLY** - 11:41 PM So you live perfectly every day.

**COACH** - 11:41 PM Not nearly.

**SALLY** - 11:42 PM You said you o

**COACH** - 11:42 PM How about you Sally?

Are you a good person?

# **SALLY** - 11:43 PM

I never talk this way to people. I'm not a God.

**COACH** - 11:43 PM That's right only God is good.

**SALLY** - 11:44 PM And yes, I'm a good person.

**COACH** - 11:44 PM How do you judge what it is to be good?

**SALLY** - 11:44 PM I was created in his image. He created me and thought it was good.

**COACH** - 11:45 PM How about keeping God's commandments, have you?

Have you told lies before?

**SALLY** - 11:46 PM I am the apple of his eye. Why would he reject someone that's crying out to know him better?

Have you told lies?

**COACH** - 11:46 PM Yes. Have you told lies before?

**SALLY** - 11:46 PM What does that have to do with his ability to love me?

**COACH** - 11:48 PM It has a great deal.

How did God show His love for you?

**SALLY** - 11:48 PM So his love is conditional?

**COACH** - 11:49 PM Yes.

### **SALLY** - 11:50 PM

Oh okay. That tells me everything I need to know about your God. If his love is conditional. I don't want him. He's dangerous, toxic.

**COACH** - 11:50 PM Can I show you in the Bible?

**SALLY** - 11:51 PM Show me what?

## COACH - 11:52 PM

5 The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. 6 Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. • Psalm 11:5-7

The Bible says we were even enemies.

#### SALLY - 11:53 PM

There's a huge difference between a person who is hungry for God and someone who doesn't want him.

#### COACH - 11:53 PM

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. • Romans 5:10

Do you know while we were enemies God still chose to love us by sending Jesus to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our immorality.

#### **SALLY** - 11:55 PM

I'm not an enemy of a God who loves unconditionally. Context and history has a huge part of explaining these verses. Have you studied into it?

#### COACH - 11:55 PM

How much love does that show for us who were His enemies?

#### **SALLY** - 11:56 PM

I'm not an enemy of a Good God. Never was . Always wanted him.

### COACH - 11:56 PM

I think people have this image of God that only sees Him as love. But this ignores the rest of Scripture that shows He is holy, righteous, good, just and wrathful.

### **SALLY** - 11:58 PM

Did you study these verses historically in its "original" form and theologically.

# **COACH** - 11:58 PM

He will judge everyone.

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." • Revelations 21:8

I grieve for all those who reject God's offer of salvation through repentance and faith in Jesus as savior.

## **SALLY** 5/18/23 12:01 AM

I'm not going to suggest that God would let those that don't want him into heaven. There are plenty of people committed to being evil. I'm not one of those. Ive scrutinized and repented for years....it only made me more depressed. Would you expect your child to do that?

### **COACH** 5/18/23 12:01 AM

Most people will reject the God of the Bible because they want to believe in a god that would tolerate their immorality.

### **SALLY** 5/18/23 12:01 AM

Okay then, if that's the case, we all go to hell.

### **COACH** 5/18/23 12:02 AM

I hope you will take some time to consider what the Bible reveals about God.

### **SALLY** 5/18/23 12:02 AM

I hope you study the origin of these scriptures.

### **COACH** 5/18/23 12:02 AM

We all deserve hell. That's why Jesus had to pay our penalty on the cross.

### **SALLY** 5/18/23 12:03 AM

No, I don't deserve hell.

If what you say is true. The work was already done on the cross. I just need to see that.

### **COACH** 5/18/23 12:04 AM

Well, sorry I could answer you satisfactorily. Some people say we should accept others the way they are but most won't accept God the way He is.

I couldn't I mean.

**SALLY** 5/18/23 12:04 AM I won't ever except a narcissist in my life.

I would rather go to hell, because it's no different.

**COACH** 5/18/23 12:05 AM I have to get going. Hope God will show you the truth so you can be free.

May I say a prayer for you before I leave?

**SALLY** 5/18/23 12:06 AM No need. Your God won't listen based on what you said.

**COACH** 5/18/23 12:07 AM Goodnight Sally.