How are the guilty to be spared in cases where absolute justice is administered?

If there are no shortcuts, no bribes, and no turning of a blind eye against evil, what hope is there for those wedged between the jaws of justice?

The tension between justice and mercy is a reality with which we all live, and depending on the circumstances, our hunger for vindication is only matched by our plea for mercy and forgiveness. The biblical solution to this conundrum is uniquely ingenious in both logical and relational terms.

It was at the Cross of Jesus where God's justice was perfectly administered, and his eternal mercy publicly displayed when God took upon Himself the punishment meant for the guilty. The perfect, sinless, infinitely just God devised the means whereby sinful, guilty human beings could be justly reconciled to God without an ounce of guilt being swept under the carpet. No other proposed means of liberation for humanity in the world even begins to address this dilemma. The rhetorical force of the question posed by the author of Hebrews ought forever to haunt every seeker of justice, "*How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation*"?

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