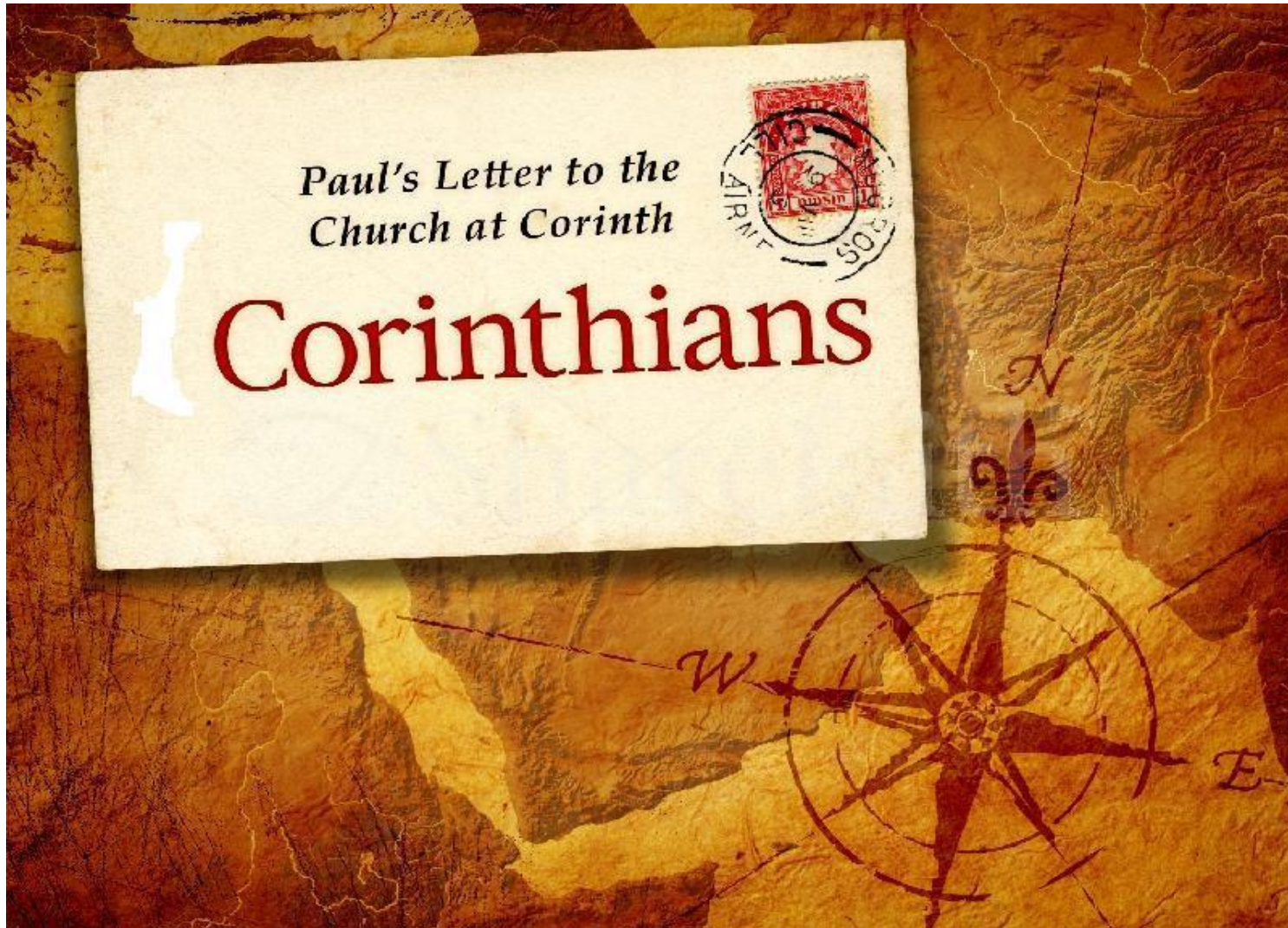


1 Cor. 10:11-13 Taking Heed and God's Faithfulness in Temptation



Today's Outline*



The Illustration of Moses 10:1-13

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Summary of God's provision for nation of Israel



- “ Our fathers were all under the cloud
- “ Our fathers all passed through the sea
- “ All were baptized into Moses in the cloud
- “ All were baptized into Moses in the sea
- “ All ate the same spiritual food
- “ All drank the same spiritual drink

Summary of Israel's Fall in the Wilderness



- “ God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.
- “ These things have been made [by God] as examples for us (verses 1 to 10).
- “ With a purpose that we would not crave evil things as they [Israelites] also craved.
- “ Here is where Israel was laid low in the wilderness:

Mt. Sinai



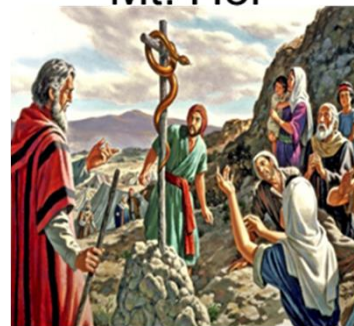
Stop becoming
Idolaters

Acacia



Stop committing
sexual immorality

Mt. Hor



Stop putting the
Lord to the test

Taberah



Stop grumbling

7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

1st **do not be idolaters** (present, imperative)

" the action is already going on

" lit: **stop becoming idolaters** Wuest

" In Exodus 32 we see that when Moses did not return Aaron made a golden calf.

" And proclaimed "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.+

" And built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD."

" On the next day --- offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; **and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.**

" The scene on that occasion must have been similar to what happened at the feasts some of the Corinthians attended.



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⁸ Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

2nd- **nor let us act immorally**

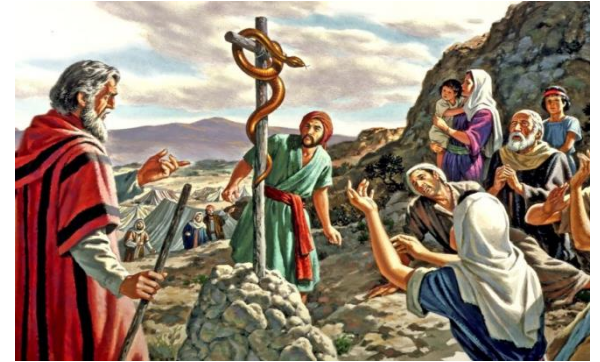
immorally- *porneuō*- to commit sexual immorality

- “ In Numbers 25 Israel is on the way to the Jordan River and stayed in Acacia (i.e. Shittim).
- “ The people began to commit sexual immorality with the daughters of Moab.
- “ They invited the people [Israel] to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods.
- “ And Israel joined himself to Baal-Peor; and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel.
- “ So Moses said to the judges of Israel, Each of you slay his men who have joined themselves to Baal-Peor.
- “ Those who died by the plague [the slaying] were 24,000.



⁹ Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

3rd **nor let us try the Lord** (Christ)



- “ In Num. 21 the people became impatient because of the journey from Mount Hor.
- “ The people spoke against God and Moses, %For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food.+
- “ The LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.
- “ The people said, %We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you.+
- “ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent [of bronze], and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live."
- “ John 3:14-15 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

¹⁰ Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

4th - **nor grumble** (present: cont. action, imperative)

” **lit: stop grumbling** Wuest

” **grumbling** - *gongyzō* - to mutter, murmur

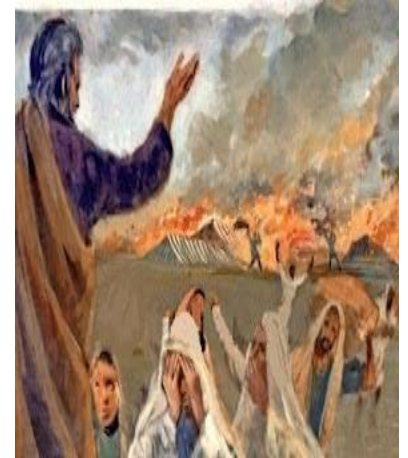
” 10 separate instances in Exodus/Numbers

” In Numbers 11 Israel complains of adversity in the hearing of the LORD.

” His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.

” And Moses prayed to the LORD and the fire died out.

” Here Paul added (i.e. **were destroyed by the destroyer**) that God executed His wrath by using an angel, a fact that Moses did not mention in Numbers. Constable



Today's Verses



¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for **our** instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹² Therefore let **him** who thinks **he** stands take heed that **he** does not fall.

¹³ No temptation has overtaken **you** but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow **you** to be tempted beyond what **you** are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that **you** will be able to endure it.

¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.



now or but

subject: these things . the blessings of verses 1-4 and warnings of verses 7-10

verb: happened- *symbainō* - signifies %to happen together+ of things or events
(continuous action in past times)

lit: were happening together

to them . the Israelites

as an example (*typos* - an example, pattern - can be also used for admonition, warning)

¹¹ Now these things happened **to them** as an example, and they were written **for our** instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.



and or but

verb: **they were written** or it was written . *graphō*:

“ ~~It~~ was written+is used of Scripture as a standing authority - Vine

“ Mark 1:2 as it is written in [Isaiah] the prophet, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way.

for our . Paul and the Corinthians

instruction - *nouthesia* - a putting in mind: "the training by word," whether of encouragement, or, if necessary, by reproof Vine

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.



- “ so the events described by Paul in 1 Cor 10:1-10 and recorded in Exodus and Numbers serve a dual purpose
- “ For Israelites as an example, pattern and also for admonition and warning
- “ For Paul, Corinthians . the training by word
(lit: a putting in mind)
- “ Ps 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
- “ **upon whom the ends of the ages have come:** the church
- “ Israel had no past to look back upon as we do. They did not have a full revelation of Scripture. we do. McCalley

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.



therefore or so then

let him who thinks he stands

the one assuming to have stood

Interlinear

subject: the one assuming

“ who is %the one+?

“ **assuming** - *dokeō* - to suppose, to think, to form an opinion or hold an opinion

verb: to have stood . *histēmi* - to stand in contrast to fall

“ the idea of standing is that of your conduct being pleasing to the Lord

“ walk in the light as He Himself is in the light

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that 
he does not fall.

take heed that he does not fall

subject: *the one assuming*

verb: take heed . *blepo* - to look to, direct the mind
upon, consider

modifier: he does not fall - *piptō* - of persons, in %falling+
morally or spiritually

“ the one addressed in this verse has not yet fallen

“ but is rather facing the potential of a fall

“ this verse is a warning to the believer who is doing well

“ the potential for a fall is always present McCalley

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.



subj: no temptation - *peirasmos* . a testing with a view toward failure, a solicitation to sin

verb: has overtaken - *lambano* - figuratively, to seize, to come or to fall upon someone
(perfect, indicative, active)

direct object: you . Corinthians and all believers

modifier: but such as is common to man

“ except those to which mankind is continually subject*

“ action of being overtaken is a past completed action with abiding results to the present and into the future

“ God knows our makeup . He created us!

* Amplified

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God is faithful . worthy of belief, trust, or confidence

“ one of God's attributes (i.e. holy, righteous, just, etc.)

“ God's faithfulness never takes a break!

“ God's faithfulness will now be declared in the remainder of this verse

subject: **who** = God [1st provision by God]

verb: **will not allow** . *eao* . to permit or allow

direct obj: **you to be tempted beyond what you are able**

What does this mean?

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you . Corinthian and believers

to be tempted . *peirazō* . to test with a view toward failure, a solicitation to sin
(verb form of *peirasmos*) passive voice

“ God is performing the action by not allowing this beyond - *hyper* - over, above

what you are able or that with which you are able to cope

“ this is God's assurance

“ will this be my experience?

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.



subject: [who] = God [2nd provision by God]

verb: will provide - *poieō* - to make, cause, bring about

direct obj: the way of escape also [in addition to the 1st]

way of escape - *ekbasis* - an escape, 1 Cor. 10:13, used with the definite article as afforded by God in case of temptation Vine

modifier: with the temptation (*peirasmos*)

“ the temptation is with the way of escape (exist together)

“ the definite article [the] says there is only one way out

“ John 14:6 Jesus said to him, %am the way, and the truth, and the life.+

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so that or with a purpose that

you will be able - *dynamai* - to be able, to have power
(present tense, continuous action)

“ the use of **you** in this verse is about encouraging the Corinthians during a temptation

to endure it - *hypopherō* - to underpin, bear up from underneath, support, sustain

“ to bear up under it Wuest

“ 2 Cor 9:8a And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything---

Final Thoughts



The apostle did not want his readers to overreact and become paranoid as they considered Israel's record either. Failure was not inevitable. The temptations the Corinthians faced were not unique, and the Lord would give them grace to handle any temptation they might face.

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