

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "A Timely Warning with a Tremendous Promise"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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INTRODUCTION

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 -

I. THE DANGER OF BLESSING

1 Corinthians 10:12; 1-5 -

1) "all under the cloud" - They experienced the visible presence and glory of God leading them!

Exodus 14:13-20 -

2) "all passed through the sea" - They miraculously walked through the ocean on dry ground!

Exodus 14:21-29 -

3) "all were baptized into Moses" - They were blessed by Moses' godly leadership and example!

4) "all ate the same spiritual food" - They were fed daily by miraculous "manna" from heaven!

Exodus 16:1-36 -

5) "all drank the same spiritual drink" - They drank water that miraculously gushed out of a Rock!

Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:1-13 -

6) "For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ."

Note #1: This is yet one more evidence and demonstration of Jesus' pre-existence!

Note #2: Christ's miraculous provision of "manna" and "water" is but a small taste of His sufficiency!

John 6:41, 48-51; 7:37 -

II. THE DEFILING ROOT SIN OF IDOLATRY

1 Corinthians 10:22; 6-12 -

1) Verse 6: Idolatry can be fueled by cravings and desires.

Numbers 11:4-6 -

2) Verse 7: Idolatry can be revealed through self-focused, self-guided "worship".

Exodus 32:1-10 -

3) Verse 8: Idolatry can be expressed through physical action, like sexual immorality.

Numbers 25:1-18; Romans 6:23 -

4) Verse 9: Idolatry is foolishly "testing" God, daring/challenging God to act for the glory of His name!

Numbers 21:1-9; John 3:14-15 -

5) Verse 10: Idolatry can, perhaps, be most easily seen and identified through our speech.

Numbers 16:1-50 -

III. THE DECISIVE CALL FOR HUMILITY AND DEPENDENCE UPON OUR FAITHFUL GOD

1 Corinthians 10:11-13 -

1) Freely and humbly confess the ease with which you could sin.

2) Humbly and joyfully confess that your temptations are common and your God is faithful.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What's the connection between the end of chapter 9 and the beginning of chapter 10? What is Paul illustrating and showing through the example of the Israelites who came up out of Egypt?
2. How could "blessings" be a danger to us? What are we tempted to do with God's blessings?
3. What were some of the blessings that Israel experienced (verses 1-5)?
4. How did Israel respond to God's blessings and provision? How did idolatry manifest itself?
5. What does it mean to "take heed" (in verse 12)? How does verse 13 destroy our excuses and encourage confidence and joy in God?