

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

3 They all ate the same spiritual food

4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry."

8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.

9 We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.

10 And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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emergency EXIT mind THE sad examples



Consider the sins of the Israelites in the wilderness...

✓ their spiritual redemption

v.1 – "Our forefathers were all under the cloud...they all passed through the sea."

v.2 – "They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea."

✓ their spiritual resources

v.3-4 – "They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink..."

v.4 – "They drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them...Christ."

✓ their spiritual rebellion

v.5 – "Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them..."

v.7-10 – "...idolaters...pagan revelry...sexual immorality...test the Lord...grumble..."

▶ they indulged in detestable depravity...they insulted their divine deliverer

✓ their spiritual ruin

v.5 – "Their bodies were scattered over the desert."

v.8 – "In one day twenty-three thousand of them died."

v.9-10 – "Some...were killed by snakes...some...killed by the destroying angel."

✓ their scriptural record

v.6 – "These...occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil..."

v.11 – "These things...were written down as warnings for us..."

make a speedy escape

Consider the tempting of believers in this world...

✓ the expectations are clear

v.7-10 – "Do not be...We should not...We should not...And do not..."

▶ don't redefine the rules....don't rebel against the right

✓ the enticements are common

v.13 – "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man."

▶ doubt God's instructions....dishonor God's intentions....disobey God's injunctions

✓ the exhortation is caution

v.12 – "If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall."

▶ don't ignore the enemy....don't ignore your experiences....don't ignore the examples

✓ the emergency escape exits are critical

v.13 – "God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear."

v.13 – "But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out...you can stand..."

▶ refuse to entertain temptation....resist and run to escape temptation