

THE SINS OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
I COR. 10:5-14

Introduction:

- A. All of the people did not please God. v5
 - 1. "But with many of them, God was not well pleased." [acceptable].
 - 2. With a majority of them, God was not satisfied.

- B. Evidence of God's displeasure.
 - 1. "for they were overthrown in the wilderness."
 - 2. Their dead bones were strewed along in the desert.

- C. They are to be warnings to us. v6
 - 1. "Now these things were our examples."
 - 2. examples = tupos - anything produced by repeated blows, types.

- D. The cause of their sins.
 - 1. "to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted."
 - 2. lust = epithumeo - to fix the desire upon, (of unlawful desires.)
 - 3. James 1:12-15.

I. DO NOT BE IDOLATERS. v7

- A. Exodus 32:1-6.
 - 1. The people wanted gods.
 - 2. Idols are better than Jehovah because they are not as demanding.

- B. Gods people should beware.
 - 1. Exodus 32:6.

II. DO NOT BE FORNICATORS. v8

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A. Numbers 25:1-9.

1. The Israelites took the daughters of Moab.
2. They worshipped their idols.

B. The Corinthians were warned.

1. It is a sin with the death penalty attached.

III. DO NOT TEMPT THE LORD. V9

A. Numbers 21:4-6.

1. Exodus 17:7, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

B. How would we tempt God?

1. Same attitude, ask for signs.
2. Blame God for our failures.

IV. DO NOT MURMUR. V10

A. Murmur = gogguzo - the murmuring of air in a shell, to talk low, whisper, and because whispering is usually complaining, in a bad sense.

1. The Pharisees murmured against Jesus.
2. A sin unto death for Israel.

B. Exodus 16:1-

1. They murmured against Moses and Aaron.
2. In reality it was against God.
 - a. v8, "Your murmurings are not against us but against God."

IV. THE PROPER USE OF SACRED HISTORY. V11

A. "Now these things happened unto them for ensamples."

1. ensamples = tupos - to strike repeatedly, make an impression.

B. God expects us to learn from the past.

1. "and they are written for our admonition."

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C. These would be the last to warn the world.

1. "upon whom the ends of the world are come."

V. THE UNCERTAINTY OF SELF. V12

A. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

1. thinketh = to form an opinion, to seem, to one's self, may be right, may be wrong.

2. standeth = stand fast.

B. "The arm of flesh will surely fail you."

VI. THE CERTAINTY OF GOD. V13

A. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man."

1. temptation = peirasmos - a putting to the test or in a bad sense temptation.

2. common = anthropinos - pertaining to man, human.

3. What happens to us is not outside the realm of human experience.

B. "but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able."

1. God doesn't sin and He doesn't make us sin.

2. God made me a sexual creature, therefore if I commit fornication it is God's fault.

C. "but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

1. Abraham offering Isaac.

VII. HOW DOES GOD DO THIS? V14

A. "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry."

1. The way to avoid some sins is to run!

2. Joseph fled from Potiphar's wife.

