

1 Corinthians Study 14

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

KEY VERSE—

“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” (10:12)

SUMMARY—

Paul had just appealed to the Isthmian games (9:24-27) to call the church to self-discipline. Then in chapter 10, he turns to the Old Testament illustrations of God’s people who shared a relationship with Him (10:1-13). Yet, even they were not exempt from sin. There was no excuse for tempting God and turning to idolatry. Like the Corinthian Christians, God’s people of old struggled with the world of idolatry and fell away from Him, serving as an example to us of that possibility (10:6,11). They had every privilege and spiritual blessing showered upon them (10:1-4). Yet, many of them were disqualified (10:5; cf. 9:27) because they allowed idolatry to draw them away from God (10:6-11). No one is immune from the temptation (10:12), at the same time no one is so overwhelmed that he cannot overcome it (10:13).

QUESTIONS—

1) What spiritual blessings, which Israel enjoyed, are mentioned by Paul (10:1-4)?

⇒ 10:1a—

⇒ 10:1b—

⇒ 10:2—

⇒ 10:3—

⇒ 10:4a—

⇒ 10:4b—

2) Who is Paul addressing specifically in this chapter, with the use of these illustrations from the Old Testament (10:1)?

3) What cloud is he talking about (10:1; cf. Exodus 13:21-22; 14:1-31; Psalm 105:39)?

4) How were they baptized into Moses and the sea (10:2)? What is the similarity between that and the Christian’s relationship with Christ (12:13; cf. Romans 6:3-7)?

5) What kind of food did the Israelites eat in the wilderness wanderings (Exodus 16:1-31; cf. Psalm 78:23-25)? That food sustained them physically, but what sustained them spiritually (10:3-4)?

6) What was Moses able to supply the people from out of the rock (Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:1-13)? What did the rock typify (cf. John 4:10,13-14)?

7) Even though they were blessed with all of these things, what was their response to God? What was God's response to them (10:5)? 1 Corinthians 36 Lessons by Rob Harbison

8) Why were these things in the history of God's people recorded in our Scriptures (10:6)?

9) What specific lessons were the Corinthian Christians supposed to learn from these ancient people of God?

⇒ 10:6b—

⇒ 10:7a—

⇒ 10:8a—

⇒ 10:9a—

⇒ 10:10a—

10) Tell as much of the story as you can from the illustrations used in these verses and the story in the Old Testament.

⇒ Lusting after evil things (10:6; cf. Numbers 11:4-35)—

⇒ Worshipping idols (10:7; Exodus 32:1-14)—

⇒ Committing sexual immorality (10:8; cf. Numbers 25:1-15)—

⇒ Tempting Christ (10:9; cf. Numbers 21:4-9)—

⇒ Murmuring (10:10; cf. Numbers 16:1-50)—

11) For whose benefit were these examples recorded (10:11; cf. Romans 15:4)? What are some lessons to learn?

12) What is one of the greatest dangers that a child of God faces (10:12; cf. 9:27)?

13) Admittedly, living in the wilderness for 40 years was difficult, but what did God always give His people (10:13; cf. Psalm 106:8-12; 136:16; Deuteronomy 8:2-4)?

14) What does God assure us about our temptations (10:13)?

⇒ 10:13a—

⇒ 10:13b—

⇒ 10:13c—

⇒ 10:13d—

⇒ 10:13e—