

Temptation Overtakes the Arrogant

1 Corinthians 10:1-22

Sermon Outline

- I. Israel was Equipped to Stand Firm (10:1-4)
 - A. Baptism: Israel was “baptized” into Moses through the cloud and sea (10:1-2).
 - B. The Lord’s Supper: Israel ate and drank spiritual blessings from God (10:3-4).
- II. Well Equipped but Fallen (10:5-11)
 - A. We must learn from Israel (10:5-6, 11).
 - B. Israel fell into Idolatry (10:7; cf. Ex. 32)
 - C. Israel fell into Sexual Immorality (10:8; cf. Num. 25)
 - D. Israel Tested the Lord (10:9-10; cf. Num. 21)
- III. Warning, Promise and Command (10:12-14)
 - A. Warning: “Let anyone who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” (10:12)
 - B. Promise: “God is faithful to provide a way of escape.” (10:13)
 - C. Command: “Flee from idolatry.” (10:14)
- IV. The Power and Blessing of *Koinonia* (association, communion, bond, close relationship, fellowship, unity; 10:15-22)
 - A. Eating the Lord’s Supper creates *Koinonia* (10:16-17).
 - B. Eating the OT sacrificial meals created *Koinonoi* (10:18).
 - C. Eating food sacrificed to idols in pagan temples creates *Koinonous* (10:19-22).
- V. Conclusion and Application
 1. There is continuity between Israel’s history and ours.
 2. If you think you are standing firm, open your eyes and see the danger of falling.
 3. Eating the Lord’s Supper creates *Koinonia*.

Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Cor. 10:1-4.
 - In what ways were the people of Israel blessed by God and equipped to stand firm in obedience to God?
 - How was Israel's "baptism" and "supper" similar to and different from our own?
 - Why do you think Paul talks about Baptism and the Lord's Supper in relation to Israel?
 - Why does Paul say that the Israelites were the "fathers" of the Gentile believers in Corinth?
2. Read 1 Cor. 10:5-11.
 - What do you find shocking in verse 5?
 - According to verses 6 and 11, how is the failure of Israel supposed to affect us today?
 - In what ways did our "fathers" fall into sin (10:7-10)?
3. Read 1 Cor. 10:12-14.
 - What is the warning? What is the promise? What is the command?
 - How are they related? What's Paul's point?
 - Describe how the warning, promise and command apply to you.
4. Read 1 Cor. 15-22.
 - What are the three different "meals" that Paul mentions in these verses? What do all three "meals" have in common?
 - What is the point of Paul's argument? What does he want the Corinthians to do or not do in relation to food being offered to idols in pagan worship settings?
 - What is your view of the Lord's Supper? What is its purpose? Why is it powerful and meaningful in authentic Christian worship today?