



Look and Live
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PART III: THE N. T. APPLICATION OF THE TYPE (PAUL IN 1 Cor. 10)
A Warning from the Past
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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INTRODUCTION:

- I. **The Privileges [Of the Children of Israel] (1 Cor. 10:1-4)**
 - A. **The Direction That Was Presented (1 Cor. 10:1; Ex. 13:21-22; Ps. 119:105, 130; 2 Pet. 1:19)**
 - B. **The Deliverance That Was Produced (cf., Ex. 14; Lam. 3:22)**
 - C. **The Declaration That Was Pictured (1 Cor. 10:2)**
 - D. **The Diet That Was Provided (1 Cor. 10:3-4a; cf., Ex. 16 & 17; Num. 20)**
 - E. **The Deity That Was Present (1 Cor. 10:4)**
- II. **The Perception (1 Cor. 10:5a; Zech. 1:2; Ps. 19:14; Heb. 11:5; 13:16)**
 - With all of the benefits that they enjoyed from God ...
 - Yet they did not please God!
- III. **The Punishment (1 Cor. 10:5b; Num. 14:28-35)**
 - There is a warning here for us.
- IV. **The Problems (10:6B-10)**
 - A. **The Problem of Their Desires (10:6)**
 - B. **The Problem of Their Devotion (10:7; Ex. 32:1-14)**
 - C. **The Problem of Their Decadence (10:8)**

D. **The Problem of Their **Defiance** (10:9)**

1. **Definition (Mt. 4:7; Luke 10:25)**

QUOTE: *ekpeirazo* To try the Lord's **patience**; to see how far a person can go; to test the patience of Christ. *Practical Word Studies in the New Testament*

2. **Historical Setting**

- a. **The **Provocation** (Dt. 6:16; 9:22; 33:8; Ex. 17:1-7)**
- b. **The **Punishment** (Numbers 21:6-9)**

3. Interpretation

QUOTE: The natural progression in such a path is simply and clearly stated by Paul. The next step is tempting Christ. First comes sensuality, then unbelief. The path remains the same in every generation. The Corinthians would commit this same sin of presuming on divine forbearance if they continued to trifle with idolatry and these related sins.

It is extremely **foolish** to try God to see how far He will let a person go in sin before He brings judgment to bear. Israel tempted God; the result was judgment from God in the form of fiery serpents. At Corinth it was not so much the participation in pagan feasts as it was dissatisfaction with the **discipline** of their new faith that caused the problem.

In a sense, because of their disregard for the principles of faith and love, the Corinthians were close to rebelling in the same way that produced such disastrous results for Israel. *The Complete Biblical Library*

QUOTE: Christians sometimes use their **freedom** to push God to the limit, trying to see how much they can get out of Him and how much they can get by with before Him.

Many of the Corinthians were pushing their liberty to the limits, to see how much of the **flesh** they could indulge and how much of the **world** they could enjoy. They were trying God and risking severe discipline. As some Christians today, they probably said, "This is the age of grace. We are free and God is forgiving. We can't lose our salvation so why not get everything out of life that we can?"

The Israelites found the answer to that question. "And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died" (Num. 21:6). *MacArthur*

4. Application (Mt. 4:7; 1 Cor. 11:29)

ILLUS: God's Three Deadlines, Dr. J. Harold Smith In this famous message, preached to thousands, Dr. Smith tells of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (rejecting Christ as Savior), Sinning away the day of grace (exhausting the supply of God's Spirit sending conviction) and finally of the sin unto death. Here is a quote:

QUOTE: The Sin unto Death (1 John 5.16; Amos 4.6-12; Eph 4.30; 1 Cor 5.5) God knows everything about each and every one of us. God knows if there is a little **hidden** pet sin in your heart, God sees it, and we cannot hide it. If you are a born again believer and God sees that sin it grieves Him. We ought never to grieve the Holy Spirit. Born Again Christians are saved forever, but if sin gets in our heart and we refuse to confess it, God's says to Satan "**take** him." *J. Harold Smith*

QUOTE: There is the temptation to try God too far. Consciously or unconsciously many a man trades on the mercy of God. At the back of his mind there is the idea, "It will be all right; God will forgive." It is at his peril that he forgets that there is a **holiness** as well as a love of God. *Barclay*

QUOTE: It is a sin to try God's patience, to put His grace to the test, to see how **far** we can go, to see if He means what He says. It is folly to trade on His kindness and forbearance. At least this time, when bitten by the fiery serpents, the people, on their own initiative, "came to Moses, and said, We have **sinned**, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us" ([Num. 21:7](#)). *Phillips, Exploring 1 Corinthians*

