



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)** To try the Lord's patience.
 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** – They used their freedom to push God to the limit.
 4. **Application (Mt. 4:7; 1 Cor. 11:29)**
ILLUS: God's Three Deadlines, Dr. J. Harold Smith
"To deliver such an one to Satan."

E. The Problem of Their **Discontent** (10:10)

1. **Definitions (Mt. 20:11; Luke 5:30; Jn. 6:41, 43, 61; 1 Tim. 1:6)**
MURMUR - *gonguzo*. To **grumble**.

QUOTE: *Gonguzō* is used of speaking in a **low** voice half under one's breath, usually with a negative connotation of grumbling, muttering, murmuring, or complaining as in the Gospels (see [Matthew 20:11](#); [Luke 5:30](#); [John 6:41,43,61](#)). In [1 Corinthians 10:10](#) it is used to warn Christians against murmuring after the manner of Israel in the wilderness. *Complete Biblical Library*
When all of the passages are considered, we can draw some conclusions.

1. It is the response of one who feels that everything should always be done **his** way.
 2. It is the response of one who feels that others are always getting the **breaks** instead of him.
 3. It is the response of those given to jealousy and **envy**.
 4. It is the response of those who have never learned the lesson of **contentment**.
 5. It is the response of one who is not willing to submit to the demands required of leaders, but wants the **recognition** and authority of those who have born the burdens required of leaders.
2. **The Historical Setting (Numbers 16; Jude 8-11)**
 - In our definition of murmuring (above) we pointed out that this sin comes from those jealous and envious of the authority and position of a leader.
 - They do not want the **responsibility** of the position.
 - They are unwilling to apply the discipline of life that is necessary to get there.
 - But they want the power, the **prestige**, and the authority.
 - Jude reminds us that this is characteristic of the **false** teachers. (Jude 8-11)

3. The Interpretation (The Setting at Corinth)

QUOTE: Israel's fifth failure, which God disciplined with death, occurred when they spoke rebelliously against God's appointed leaders, Moses and Aaron ([Num. 16:41-49](#)). Was Paul facing a similar situation as an outgrowth of the Corinthians' party spirit? (cf. [1 Cor. 1:11](#); [4:18-19](#)) It is possible that each of these failures found expression in the Corinthian issue of eating food sacrificed to idols. *BKC*

- God, in His love and mercy toward us, gives us teachers and pastors.
- Yet often we are like the Corinthians.
- "I don't care if he is an apostle (preacher, evangelist, or parent), he will NOT tell me what to do."
- We must be careful, for that is the spirit that caused the earth to swallow Korah!

4. The Application (Num. 11:1; 14:27; Philip. 2:14-16)

- We must be very careful when we are not content in our heart.
- Perhaps we need to find the source of our frustration, and go to the source.
- Perhaps the source is our own heart, and we may need to talk to ourselves a little.
- But we must be very careful not to misdirect our frustration toward our Christian leaders, our spouse, or our children.
- But when we rise up against God's authority in our lives, we are walking on dangerous ground.

CONCLUSION

- Here is a sin that caused many to die.
 - What should be our response?
- 1) We must learn the art of contentment.
 - 2) When we have legitimate complaint, we must use biblical means to address the issue.

