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Take Heed

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

In Chapter 10, Paul uses the failure of Israel during their wilderness journey as a warning to believers. Israel experienced God's blessings, including His presence with them, yet they failed to reach the promised land because of their sin. Through Israel's example, believers are warned of the dangers of presupposing on spiritual blessings while encouraged to avoid sin and finish well.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 12:3

Exodus 16

Psalms 62:2

Proverbs 17:1-7

Numbers 20:1-13

Romans 15:4

Outline:

1. God records history to instruct.

2. God provides an example to avoid.

3. God issues a warning to heed.

4. God supplies a promise to implement.

Study Questions:

1. What spiritual blessings did Israel experience? How would you characterize their attitude towards those blessings? How did their attitude cause their failure of entering the promised land?

2. How is baptism and the Lord's Supper seen in these verses? Why are these ordinances a spiritual blessing to believers? How do they encourage us to finish well?

3. What four specific sins are mentioned in verses 7-10? Why are these specific sins listed? Why does God take these sins so serious? What steps can believers take to not give into these sins?

4. What sin is at the core of the warning in verse 12? Why is this sin dangerous for believers? How does this sin defile people? (Mark 7:21-23)

5. What does God promise in verse 13? What does this tell us about God's character? How does this encourage you when you are tempted?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?