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Spiritual Meat and Spiritual Drink

1 Corinthians 10:1-15

Intro: We are back with the Corinthian church this morning with a tremendously solemn passage before us. Paul is dealing with a spiritually sick church, and his treatment of necessity has to be severe.

I. The contrast in the passage between the words "all", "many", and "some".

II. The privileges which the "all" had.

A. DIVINE GUIDANCE -- "under the cloud".

B. DIVINE DELIVERANCE -- "passed through the sea".

C. DIVINE APPOINTMENT OF A LEADER
They were baptized into Moses.
God established a spiritual union between the people and Moses.
How wonderful to have been joined to a man like Moses. And oh, how Moses loved them.

D. DIVINE SUSTENANCE -
supernatural meat
supernatural drink
supernatural rock - CHRIST.

Every human and divine provision God had made, and made for all of them.

III The failure of the "merry". That was displaced with them and consequently they never got where they were going. Only two out of over 100,000 survived.

IV The explanation of the failure. Some fell in one circumstance, some in another.

Paul divides this into general and specific sins and refers them to admonish the Corinthians.

A: The general admonitions (1:6). They desired what God had delivered them from. They wanted Egypt, and what they had left in Egypt, and what they had done in Egypt. Cf. Gal 14 and 16.

B. Four particular admonitions

1. Stoicizing. Cf. Colossae 3:2:18. Stoicizing is to replace God in your life, and the effort is often movement. We are out for a good time, to please ourselves, but not God.

2. Fornication. Cf. Rom. 25:9.

Cf. 1 Cor. 7:2; 6:13 & 15, 18; 5:1, 9,

11. When you learn to take discipline into your life, you must not let your feet be placed on the temple of God. 1,000 priests' admonitions. The licentious idea of the temple of Demeter in Corinth.

TAKE UP
IN REVERENCE
ORDER - THE
STATION
PROGRESS.

3. Jeopardy ^{cf. Num. 21:4.} - to try thoroughly,
to the utmost -- as though
one would see how far God's
indulgence would go" (~~United~~)
(Ex Hk Test, Vol. II, p. 860).

4. Murmured - Num. 16: 41.
This is express discontent
or indignance, or complaint
in a low voice; to grumble.
This is a critical spirit.

How amazing it is to find
all of these grouped together,
and yet this is not theory --
THIS IS ACTUAL EXPERIENCE. And
they are mentioned in reverse
order just so we can see where
all of this leads us.

And the penalty for every one
of these sins was death

And look at 11:30-32 and 1 Jn 5:16.
Students, these things are placed
in the word of God to warn us,
and you and I had better not
ignore the warning. We need
a revival of the fear of the Lord
in these days.

V. What is our hope that things will
be different with us? Paul tells
us.

A. Don't trust yourself.

Dr. James M. Gray: "God, don't let

me become a wrinkled old man"

Alan Redpath: "God doesn't expect anything from us but failure"

David: "For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust" (Psa. 103:14) - and someone has added - God doesn't expect very much from dirt.

B. Believe that you have a faithful God - - and then trust Him! Has He ever failed? No, and He never will!

C. Run away from tempting circumstances, and that means from even the temptation to murmur. A critical spirit ultimately led to replacing God completely in idolatry.

Concl: Paul was concerned about this (9:27) in his own life. And we need to be concerned