

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul's first epistle (letter) to the church of Corinth was written in order to assist them in dealing with various issues with which they were struggling.
- * Living in a hedonistic, licentious society can have an affect upon the "set-apartness" of the individual believer and gathering of believers.
- * Two weeks ago as we studied chapter 8, transitioned into a section of Paul's letter where he was addressing the importance of considering the affect of the use of our Christian "liberty" on other believers. Last week, we saw how Paul applied this teaching to his own situation.
- * Today, we see Paul come back to the original discussion regarding a believer's interaction with idols with an admonition for them to Learn from History!

INSTRUCTION**I. OBSERVATIONS FROM OLD TESTAMENT ISRAEL (v. 1-5; cf. Psalm 78)****A. They Were The Recipients of God's B_____ (v. 1-4)**

1. THEY RECEIVED THE P_____ OF GOD (v. 1-2)
 - a. Under the Cloud (cf. Exodus 13:21-22; Numbers 14:14)
 - b. Through the Sea (cf. Exodus 14:12, 21-22)
2. THEY RECEIVED THE P_____ OF GOD (v. 3-4)
 - a. Spiritual Food: Manna (cf. Exodus 16:4, 13ff; John 6:32-33,35,48,51)
 - b. Spiritual Drink: Water from the Rock (cf. Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:2-13; John 4:14; 6:35; 7:37-39; Deuteronomy 32:15; Psalm 18:2)

B. They Were The Recipients of God's W_____ (v. 5)

1. THEY PROVOKED THE D_____ OF GOD (cf. Numbers 13-14; Hebrews 3:7-19)
2. THEY PROVOKED THE D_____ OF GOD

II. APPLICATIONS TO NEW TESTAMENT SAINTS (v. 6-22)**A. I_____ To Heed (v. 6-10)**

1. WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM D_____ (v. 6; James 1:14)
2. WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM P_____ (v. 7)
3. WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM C_____ (v. 8)
4. WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM T_____ (v. 9; Galatians 6:7; Matthew 4:7)
5. WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM B_____ (v. 10)
 - a. The I_____ of Contentment (cf. Philippians 2:14-15)
 - b. The S_____ of Contentment (cf. Philippians 4:6-8, 11-13)

B. I_____ To Heed (v. 11-13)

1. ALL PERIODS OF TESTING ARE H_____ (v. 11-13)
2. ALL PERIODS OF TESTING ARE P_____ (v. 13)
 - a. The Protection of God
 - b. The Provision of God

C. I_____ To Heed (v. 14-22)

1. WE SHOULD BE U_____ IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF C_____ (v. 15-18)
 - a. United in His P_____ Body
 - b. United in His S_____ Body
2. WE SHOULD BE S_____ FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF D_____ (v. 18-22; cf. 2 Cor 11:1-4,12-15)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW FAITHFUL ARE YOU TO READ GOD'S WORD IN ORDER TO LEARN THE LESSONS THAT GOD HAS PLACED IN IT FOR YOU?
- * ARE YOU WILLING TO COMMIT 30 MINUTES A DAY TO THE READING AND STUDYING OF GOD'S TRUTH?
- * HOW MUCH DO YOU TAKE THE PROVISION AND PROTECTION OF GOD FOR GRANTED?
- * DO YOU, LIKE ISRAEL, PLAY WITH THE WORLD AND BELLY-ACHE TO GOD?
- * DO YOU USE THE CLOAK OF "LIBERTY" TO TRY TO COVER YOUR FLESHLY DESIRES?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What are ways that we as an assembly could fall into error as the Israelites did coming out of Egypt?
- * What would be the best preventatives against those potential demises?
- * Are there ways that treat the provision and protection of God presumptuously? If so, in what ways?
- * How does, or should, this passage affect our observance of communion?