

“EXAMPLES”

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INTRODUCTION

TEXT: *“Now these things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.”* (I Cor. 10:11).

SETTING: Paul is discussing the deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egypt, and their failure to enter the Promise Land. What happened to them is our Example! May we learn by it.

A. WHAT IS AN EXAMPLE?

1. “A pattern; A model or copy; An illustration of a rule or precept; Sample.
2. Examples are often used in Bible.

B. WHY WOULD EXAMPLES BE USED?

1. Make it easy to understand.
2. To insure that we would not miss an important lesson.

C. We want to noticed at least three from this chapter of First Corinthians.

BAPTISM

A. ARGUMENTS AGAINST BAPTISM TODAY.

1. Works: try to earn salvation.
2. In N.T. times baptism was essential....but not today.
3. Baptism = water salvation.
4. We depend on our action rather than God.
5. “Faith Only”
6. And many more could be added.

B. OUR EXAMPLE; v. 2.

1. Remember what an example is, and is for.
2. How they were baptized into Moses.

C. QUESTION AND OBSERVATIONS:

1. How many of the children of Israel left Egypt, got out of bondage-
without baptism into Moses. Answer is (0). Zero. None.
2. How many would use the above arguments? Place yourself in Egypt, in slavery, and all that stands between you and freedom and the Promised Land is Baptism into Moses. Now make the above arguments against it.

D. When a person recognizes his bondage and danger....he doesn't argue about the avenue of escape!

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DISPLEASED GOD

- A. v. 5: God was not well pleased **BECAUSE**:
1. Lust.
 2. Idolatry.....the Golden Calf.
 3. Fornication...23,000 died in one day...married foreign women, against God command.
 4. Made trial of God....Fiery serpents.
- B. v. 11: These are our example - lest they also happen to us!
1. Journey from Bondage to Promised Land.
 2. We face the same difficulties today. Same temptation. Same Dangers.
- C. WHAT IS THE LESSON FOR US TODAY?
- D. “CAN’T FALL FROM GRACE;” Once saved always saved”.
1. One of the most popular doctrines in religion today.
 2. Once saved always saved...no apostasy, etc. (discuss)
 3. If this were true it would make a mockery of I Cor. 10.
 4. It would be totally without merit or message.
 5. “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”
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GOD’S CARE

- A. v.13; God is faithful and will care for us.
1. “There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able but will with the temptation make also the way of escape,”
 2. They were without excuse.
- B. IN JUDGMENT WE CANNOT BLAME GOD IF WE ARE LOST.
1. God will never leave nor forsake us.
 2. A way of escape - and victory is ever provided for us.
 3. We must **TAKE IT**. The responsibility of **CHOICE** is ours. Make it.
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CONCLUSION

- A. We cannot go two ways at the same time, or serve two master at once.
1. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons: ye cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and the table of demons”.
 2. As Israel of old, we must choose this day whom we shall serve.
 3. This is ever an example to us that we cannot serve two masters.
- B. THESE ARE OUR EXAMPLES OF:
1. Obedience.
 2. Faithfulness
 3. God’s Care for us.
 4. Let’s **obey Him**, and **Follow Him** today. He will **Care** for us!
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