

How to Never Fall

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For points back to what just said Ch 9...run race to finish line-**heaven**.

Exercise self control *agonize*. Run w/ aim/purpose (please Lord) not in circles. Battle/box real enemy (world, flesh, devil) not imagined—not shadowbox but knockout. Buffet/bruise body appetites til slave to spirit.

Danger of complacency-over confidence as was Israel & fell away.

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

Unaware/ignorant so he goes back to rehearse & learn from OT fathers of faith. *Camp fire burns only w/ continual supply of fuel. So too spiritual life--word, worship, prayer, fellowship is our fuel.* Natural tendency is downward, carnal life--spiritual fire goes out. **taking privilege for granted**--then lost it.

Example of those who started race but never finished. In Boxing ring **but** went down for the count. Spiritual fire went out. We learn by OT examples.

Paul *Rom 7:19 I want to do good but practice the evil I don't want to do & the evil I don't want to do I find myself doing. I see a sin principle w/in me the one who wants to do good. Wretched man that I am, who will set me free of this bondage to sin? Thanks be to God thru Jesus Christ our Lord. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.* New life is spiritual life in Christ

Moses led out of bondage-Egypt (*type of our old life of sin & slavery*) by way Red Sea on way to promise land. Needed go thru wilderness to get to Promise land. **Cloud**--divine protection (*hot desert*) & guide (*not passed this way before*).

Red Sea--type of **baptism**--delivered old life into new. End of bondage to sin--mastered by flesh life—now come into new life of freedom.

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Moses redemption of Israel a type of our redemption in Christ *Col 2:14,15* **having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.**

What God has done for us & did for Israel is no guarantee we won't fall.

With privilege comes responsibility. They had all the privileges but failed.

3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

Spiritual food-manna type of Christ *Jn 6:51* **"I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh."** Tired of it

Spiritual Rock-type of Christ-**quarreled w/ Moses-no water** *Ex 17:6* **"Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. He is living water** *Jn 7 37* **Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

Rock followed & refreshed *Jn 6:35* **Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. Moses ruined the figure--speak to rock/Christ-struck. Again people grumbling no water...God said speak to rock..Nu 20:10..."Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank. 12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." Christ/rock stuck **once for all**-Moses=Law.**

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Good beginnings not guarantee good endings. When Israel tested they failed. We are never free from trial & temptation--always the potential to fail. Wilderness strewn w/ corpses should have been a **wake-up call**, shock effect-example (how many do you know spiritual corpses who have fallen)

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. 6 Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not **crave evil things, as they also craved.**

Crave-Nu 11:4 And the rabble who were among them had greedy desires; and also the sons of Israel wept again and said, "Who will give us **meat to eat? 5 "We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic, 6 but now our **appetite is gone**. There is nothing at all to look at except this manna**

Desire/cravings outside of God's provision. God **weans** us off appetites of old life. He got them out of Egypt not get Egypt out of them. **What wilderness is for.** **Meat Nu 11:19 'You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, 20 but a whole month, until it comes out of your **nostrils** and becomes loathsome to you; because you have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?" Ps 105:15...he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul. Pr 14:4 The backslider in heart will have his fill of his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied with his.**

God accommodates-only to discipline-show folly of our ways. **Defection** begins w/ vain imaginings, undisciplined thoughts, unruly will=**evil cravings**

7 And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY.

Moses on Mt Sinai receiving Law...people impatient '**make us a god who will go before us...we don't know what became of Moses** (gone 40 dys)

Ex 32:2 And Aaron said to them, "Tear off the gold rings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, & your daughters, & bring them to me." 3 Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears, & brought them to Aaron. 4 And he took this from their hand, & fashioned it w/ a graving tool, & made it into a molten calf; & they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt." 5 Now when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; & Aaron made a proclamation & said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." 6 So the next day they rose early & offered burnt offerings, & brought peace offerings; & the people sat down to eat & to drink, & rose up to play. 7 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. 8 "They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, & have worshiped it, & have sacrificed to it, & said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'" 9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, they are an obstinate people.

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Idol is whatever you value above God—surfboard to boardroom-serve it.

Made excuses *'Thru gold into fire & out came this calf'* Ex 32:24 to justify his position. Attempt to enhance worship--represent God. Eventually under Jeroboam two calves Dan & Bethel to keep people. *Little leaven....*

8 *Nor let us act **immorally**, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.*

Nu 25:1 *While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab. 2 For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and the LORD was angry against Israel.*

Storyline – moral failure-Balak King of Moab feared Israel so hired Baalam to curse them Nu ch 22-25 three times blessed—scheme--parade young beauties-invite worship gods of sex-snare men of Israel 23K in one day 24K ttl

9 *Nor let us **try** the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.*

Try/tempt-put to the test-10 x's Nu 14:22 see how long His patience will last. Spoke against God & Moses Nu 21:5. Abused privilege--God sent fiery serpents. Bronze serpent on pole look & healed. To Nico *as Moses lifted up serpent on pole so S of M will be lifted up.* **God test us we don't test Him.**

10 *Nor **grumble**, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.*

Grumble-complain-find fault-accusing God--not believing what God is doing or where He is leading-dissatisfied w/ God-**preferring old life of bondage.**

Nu 14:1 *Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 "And why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" 4 So they said to one another, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt." **Spies failed***

11 *Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.*

Written for us who are closer to return of Christ than any before us--living at the end of the age—looking for the coming of the Lord-Rapture **1Thes 4:16-18**

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12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

Therefore don't be cocky-over confident in your privilege as Israel was and fell. Take heed-pay attention to what has been said. We are in greatest peril when complacent & self reliant & most secure position--when most dependant on God.

13 *Temptation* or testing God allows it to prove & improve our trust in Him as metals in fire for quality. Satan does it to make us fall. God provides way of escape so we not fall. Jesus is the way of escape. Reason we fall is we don't take way of escape.

Flee youthful lust...how can a young man keep his way pure by keeping it according to the word of God. Love the Lord your God w/ all you heart, mind, soul and strength.....*Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.*