

I Corinthians 10:6-13

Spiritual Dangers

Introduction:

In the earliest days of the railroad trains danger signals began with flagmen and eventually the red lantern, but as trains began to run with greater speeds engineer's needed better warning signals. The electric eye was invented; and it was especially useful when there was a great deal of fog or snow storms that required the best technology. Now there is the GPS signal that alerts the train engineer what's ahead.

In the Christian life there are dangers ahead that we cannot see. Only the Holy Spirit can awake us to the perils ahead and the assaults of the devil. (Eph. 6:12) Satan and his minions may bring temptation our way, but God has the perfect signal system against spiritual danger. Heb. 4:15

I. Spiritual Lessons – v.6-10

A. **“Types,” prefigure spiritual realities – v.6**

B. **False worship – Turn To: Exodus 32:1-14**

1. How could the Israelites worship a golden calf after all the blessings the Lord bestowed on them?

2. The sons of Aaron – Lev. 10:1-3

C. **Sexual Immorality – v.8 cf. Num.25:1-3**

1. Poisonous snakes – v.9

2. Bronze serpent – John 3:14-15

D. **The Danger of Grumbling – v.10; cf. Num. 16:1-35**

II. Escaping Temptation – v. 11-13

A. **Warnings for us – Heb. 10:31**

1. The Second Coming of Christ – “at the end of the age”

2. Disobedient Christians – I Cor. 3:15

B. **Self Confidence –v.12**

1. The modern preacher instills self-confidence

2. The Corinthians abused their freedoms – I Cor. 8:10; 10:20

C. **Handling Temptation:**

1. Temptation in itself is not a sin – Job 38:4; 12,16; 40:1-5

2. Temptation is sinful when we fall – Luke 22:22; John 17:9

3. God's Faithfulness – II Tim. 2:13; Gen. 19; II Pet. 2:7

Conclusion:

The Greatest temptation: Jesus in Gethsemane's garden – Matt. 26:36-46.

Jesus experienced the weight of our sin – Isaiah 53:10; II Cor. 5:21

How did Jesus escape the temptation?

Ans. He obeyed the Father's will by the Strengthening power of the Holy Spirit – Heb. 12:2; Phil. 2:8-9