

Bad examples known for their:

I. Complaining – "God was not well pleased" (vs. 1-5)

They murmur about God's:

- A. Plan "all our fathers were under the cloud"
- **B.** Protection "all passed through the sea"
- C. Provision "did all eat the same spiritual meat"

II. Craving – "should not lust after evil things" (vs. 6-10)

Their desires are:

- A. Idolatrous "Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them"
- **B.** Immoral "Neither let us commit fornication"
- C. Ingratitude "Neither murmur ye, as some of them"
- III. Conceit "him that thinks he stands" (vs. 11-13)

They don't heed the:

- A. Examples "things happened unto them for our ensamples"
- **B.** Exhortation "written for our admonition"
- C. Escape "also make a way to escape"

Sentence Sermon

"Those who fail to learn from the history of bad examples in Scripture are doomed to repeat it."

Additional Verses

- > *Hebrews* 13:7
- > Exodus 16:4, 16; 17:1-7
- > Numbers 11:4; 21:4-6, 16-18
- > John 6:63, 68; 7:37-39
- Numbers 14:26
- > II Corinthians 12:20-21
- > Deuteronomy 32:4, 15, 18, 30, 31, 37
- > Exodus 32:4-6
- Numbers 21:4-9; 25:1-9
- > John 6:35
- > II Samuel 24:16
- **Exodus 12:23**
- > Hebrews 11:28

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
- 2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
- 3. What did Paul mean by "all our fathers were under the cloud?"
- 4. How does verses 1-5 describe a parallel to baptism and communion?
- 5. Why was God not well pleased with many of them? Give examples.
- 6. What evil things did they crave after? Why?
- 7. How had the Israelites tempted or tried the Lord? (Numbers 21:5-6)
- 8. Who is the destroyer mentioned in verse 10? Should we fear him?
- 9. Who or what type of person is verse 12 admonishing? Verse 13?
- 10. How does God make a way to escape temptation? Give an example.
- 11. What bad example in Scripture speaks loudly to you? Why?