Israel: An Example for Us

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INTRODUCTION

- The Lord is our rock. And that is what we need to remember when we can't figure it out.
- Israel is also an example for us in those same things.
- Even though Israel, all of Israel saw these mighty works, … they still didn't trust God, and they still at times displeased him.

1 Becoming Idolaters

- Israel didn't just one day say, I think we need to serve an idol. It was a process.
- And all the people answered with one voice and said, … all the words which the Lord has said, we will do.
- Because they trusted not in the Lord, but in Moses as their connection to the Lord.
- We just need to be careful where we find our connection in the Lord. That we do not find it in men, that we do not find it in each other. But we find it in God.

2 Israel Was Joined to Baal of Peor

- The people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. And they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods. And the people ate and bowed down to their gods.
- They had all these victories and they were trusting in themselves, and they get to these people, and they start mingling with them that the Lord had warned against.
- They relied on their understanding of the situation and strayed from God.
- We need to hold on to him and his understanding of things and his understanding of what we should do and where we should go.

3 Nor Let Us Tempt Christ

- God's still providing for them. God's giving them the bread, but they think I don't like it.
- But in their minds, they had a whole different reality. And they complained against the Lord.
- How easy for us is it to not see what we have, but to have something in our mind about what we should have.
- We get wrapped up in that instead of seeing the blessings of God that are right before us.

4 Complaining at the Door of the Promised Land

Numbers 14:1–4

- But the people believed the ten, and not the two that trusted the Lord.
- And they said to one another, let us select a leader and return to Egypt.

- These people are too powerful. Where was the trust in the Lord?
- We see the situation as hopeless. Because we're looking at it through our limited eyes, and not the promises that God has given to us.

5 Let Him Who Thinks He Stands Take Heed

- Therefore, let him who thinks he stand take heed lest he fall.
- You think you've got the answers? You think you can stand all by yourself?
- Not that we put our faith in each other exclusively, but we help each other as God wants us to.

6 God Is Faithful

- God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you were able. But with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
- So God's not going to put anything in front of us that we can't handle.
- Are we going to trust in the God who is faithful to us?
- We need to trust in God. We need to trust in the God who is faithful to us. We need to trust in Christ, who is our rock.

THE CHALLENGE

Do we trust in that? If you have not trusted in that this morning, I make the plea, put aside your temporal thinking, your understanding, and trust in the God who is faithful. Trust in Christ who is your rock.

MY NOTES