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God was not Well Pleased

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- 1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Paul is writing to the church at Corinth. Corinth was a very wicked place; the city of Corinth was. I do not know exactly how many people lived in Corinth. You can read maybe 200,000 to 400,000 people that lived in this area. I know sometimes when we read about these different cities—and some of them were very small—but some of these cities were fairly large cities even in the days of Jesus. Corinth was a city that was very wicked. If you lived in that part of the world and you wanted to use a word that would really degrade; and if you wanted to call somebody a name, you would call them a Corinthian. Really what that meant was that you were worthless, you lived a horrible life, you committed all kinds of sins and so forth.

However, God did some great things here at Corinth. We know that there was a church established here. No doubt, there were many different assemblies here in Corinth. We also know that because of all the problems that were there and all of the sin that was there; when the church was established and the people began to get saved, it took a while for them to get rid of some of their practices that they were doing.

Again, I know that when we think about those things, we might say surely these people may not have got saved. Well, if you just look back in your own life when you got saved, there were some things that you were doing even probably a week or two or a month or two even after you got saved that you do not do today because you grew up. God has done some things in your life. We call it sanctification. We were getting farther away from the world and getting closer to God. That is really what we were doing. The Corinthian church was having those issues. They were very carnal. Again, they were very young. They did not have what we have today. They did not have the books we have today. They did not have all the teachings that we have today. Therefore, let us do not be so hard on them because if you look around today, a lot of things that were going on in the Corinthian church is going on in the church today.

I have said this many times, if you want to read a book in the Bible about the issues and the events that we have in our lives today; just read the book of Corinthians, 1 Corinthians especially. You can read about a lot of things that are going on in our lives today, and our world today, even among people who go to church today are things that are going on here.

Paul here, is writing to the church. He wants to remind them of some things. It is easy sometimes, again, when we may not have been around very long and we are young Christians and we are just getting started. Sometimes we do not always understand, we really do not understand. However, Paul wanted to teach them some things here that were very important to them and give them some warnings about some things that had happened to some of their forefathers and some of the people that Paul's family and family lineage—the Jewish people—he wants to give them some things here to tell them to give them some warning not to fall into.

Now this blessed me today. I do not know that I have ever thought about this like I thought about it today.

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He is talking to people that are saved, born again. Even though they had all kinds of issues and all kinds of problems going on; they were saved, born again people.

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He uses the word *all*. A-L-L. He just did not say some but he says all...

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Now keep this in mind. When Paul makes that statement, Paul is talking about everyone that left Egypt. Okay? They had been down there for 430 years. We know that they had been slaves. They had been mistreated for a great part of that time. We know that people cried out to God. We know that God heard their prayer. We know that God sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, and some of them down. They were going to bring or did bring the people out of Egypt.

It says here he uses the word *all*. He is going to do that for a specific reason here. He is going to tell us some things here, he is going to remind us of some things but the first thing he says; I want you to know that *all* of them, all of them, A-L-L of them left Egypt. Not just a few of them. Not just half of them. He says that all of our fathers were under the cloud.

Do you know what God did when He led them out of the land of Egypt? Do you remember what He used to lead them by? He led them with a cloud. Did He not? He used a cloud in the daytime, and a pillar of fire at night. Do you know what he says here?

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Everyone of them were under the cloud, not just a few of them, not just part of them; but everyone of our fathers that left Egypt were under—get this—under the leadership of the God of heaven. Does everybody get that? It was not just part of them. I know the Bible says that there was a mixed multitude that left. We know that there were some people down there that had some issues that came with them. However, he is talking about the Jewish people here.

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God was leading them. God's presence was leading them. They were all under the leadership of Almighty God. He makes this statement.

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Do you know what that means? It goes on and says this.

1 Corinthians 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

Do you know what he is saying here? All of them left Egypt. They were under the leadership of Almighty God. Not only that but it says here that all of them went through the sea. Do you remember when they got to the Red Sea? The plagues were over. Pharaoh decided he was going to let them go. We know that he lets them go. They get to the Red Sea. Pharaoh changes his mind. He comes after them. Here they are at the Red Sea. We know that Pharaoh's armies are behind them. To make a long story short, we know that he told Moses to take his rod and to stretch it out. We know that Moses did that. We know that the waters rolled back. There were walls of water on either side. The million people, or two million people are going to go across this river on dry ground. They did that. All of them did that.

Also, there was something else that all of them did. It says here, all were baptized. Do you know what the word baptized means? It means emersion. It also means identification. Everyone of these people, all of them, not just a few of them, but all of these people bought into, recognized, believed, and accepted Moses as their leader. Everyone of them did. All of them did. Not just a few of them. Now things are going to change shortly. However, when they are passing through the sea here, they all identify with Moses. Moses you are our leader. God has sent you down here. We are being led out because you are God's man and we are identifying with you. We are accepting you as our leader. We know that God's hand is upon you and we are going to follow you. Everyone of them did that. Does everybody get that? They were the cloud. They were under the protection of Almighty God. They all go through the sea. They all identify with Moses. Moses you are our leader.

Get this.

1 Corinthians 10:3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

There was not some meat for some of them and other meat for others. He uses the word here that they all ate the same spiritual meat. I do not think necessarily that there was something super about the meat. I do not think that. However, I do think that the meat was sent supernaturally by Almighty God. God was feeding them there. Everyone of these people that is here are eating from the hand of Almighty God. God is blessing them. God is feeding them. He is leading the way. He is taking them by the hand. He is leading them from bondage. Everyone of them is leaving, eating, and following. Does everybody get that? ALL of them. Look what it says here.

1 Corinthians 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Do you know where a lot of their water came from? Come on guys, you know that one. It came from a rock. Amen! It came out of a rock. They would get to a place that they did not have any water do you know what God would do? Moses strike the rock. Do you know what would happen? Water would gush out. It would give a million or two million people and no doubt hundreds of thousands of animals something to drink. Do you know what that took? That took the hand of Almighty God. Everyone of them were drinking of this water, this spiritual water, this supernatural water that God was giving them; everyone of them were doing that. All of them.

Get this. Here is the thought. This spiritual meat was going into this body. Does everybody get that? The spiritual water they were drinking was going into this body. Now something is going to happen.

They were being led by a cloud, leading them out. Leading them to a promised land. That is where it was going to lead them to if they would have followed. However, they did not get that far.

It says this.

1 Corinthians 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Isn't that exciting? Some of our smart people want to try to tell us that Jesus came into being in Bethlehem. Do you know what? That is not right. He came in this world—He was born in a body of flesh in Bethlehem but thank God, Jesus Christ always has been and He always will be. He is God. He is the Creator. He was with the children of Israel when they were traveling from Egypt toward the Promised Land.

Get this. All of them were under the cloud. All of them identified with Moses being their leader. All of them were eating spiritual meat right from the hand of Almighty God. All of them were drinking water that was being provided by Almighty God. Everything about their lives was being provided, protected and taken care of by Almighty God. Does everybody get that?

1 Corinthians 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

“But with many of them”—it did not say all of them—“with many of them God was not well pleased.” The water that they drank came from the hand of Almighty God and went into these bodies. The food they ate came from the hand of God and went into these bodies. The protection that was over them protecting them and leading them along was the God of heaven and they were all under that. However, something happened.

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Let me ask you a question. How in the world could we get there? How could these people, how could you and I get there? How could we leave bondage and being led out by the presence of Almighty God and they knew it was God. They knew that. They saw the cloud of the day. The cloud would stop. God says, "You guys stop." If they moved of the night there would a pillar of fire in the night; the fire would move and they had to move. They got hungry and God fed them. They needed water and God gave them to drink. How do we get there? How do we get to the place then with many of them that God was not well pleased? How do we get there in our lives today? How do we get from there—we have been led out by Almighty God. We are under God's protection. God has fed us. God has given us something to drink. God has blessed our families. How do we get to the place from blessing to the place that with some of us; God is not well pleased. How do we get there? We get there the same way that these folks got there. The same identical way.

Now we were doing a lot of shouting a while ago but now that has quieted down. Do you know why? Because we are guilty. There are times in our life that we are guilty. Not every day. Not every week. Not every month. Not all of the time. However, there are times in our life that we are guilty. He said with many of them God was not well pleased and they were overthrown in the wilderness.

I want to say something here. I am not near smart enough to know whether these people that disobeyed God in the wilderness are going to go to heaven or not. I am not smart enough to know that and you are not either. Amen! I have my own thoughts and you have your own thoughts. We understand that.

However, these people—every one of them—went under the same thing; under the cloud of God's protection, drinking from God's hand, eating from God's hand, accepting the leadership of God that God had put there; but it says that with many of them God was not well pleased.

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Look what happened.

1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

These things are an example to them. Paul says, "What I am going to tell you is an example for you." Amen! That is what he is saying. The same thing that happened to these people can happen to us and does happen to people. He says...

1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

Does everybody get that? Do you remember what happened when God called Moses on the mountain to give him the Ten Commandments? Do you remember what happened? You read on down through here...

1 Corinthians 10:7 Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Do you know what happened? Moses goes on the mountain to talk to God. Now this is the same people that drank spiritual water and ate spiritual food that was under the cloud of Almighty God—same people. Moses goes on the mountain to get the Ten Commandments and while he is gone; do you know what they decide to do? He is not gone long. Do you know what they decide to do? “Hey, Aaron come over here. We do not know where Moses is at. We want you to build us a god that we can look at and we want you to mold us a god that we can look at and we will worship what you create and mold as the one that led us from Egypt. Do you know what that is friend? That is Idolatry. However, while they were having this party; do you know what they did? They took their earrings and gold and things like that and gave it to Aaron. Aaron was a very intelligent fellow. To be able to do what he did where they were at and to be able to take this gold and melt it down and make it into a golden calf; Aaron was pretty smart guy in some ways. Not only were they worshiping this golden calf as the god that led them out of Egypt, but they are also...

1 Corinthians 10:8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

Do you know what they were doing? They were having—it was something that is if I understand things right, would make us sick today to see how people who were under the cloud, drank from the hand of God, ate from the hand of Almighty God, accepted Moses as their leader; now they are committing immorality on a scale that was a horrible act. We use the word orgy today. That would be a good word to describe what was going on here. While Moses is gone to get the Ten Commandments, Aaron makes a golden calf, and they are having a horrible—they think a good time.

Do you know what the Bible says on down through here? The Bible says...

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That is what idolatry is—worshiping something other than God. That is idolatry. Sometimes we do that with our jobs, our homes, cars, family; we can make anything an idol. Anything we put before God, or between me and God, anything that takes more of

my time and my effort, my energy, my money than God does that is an idol and that becomes idolatry. Amen! Now we do not like to talk about that but that is really true.

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Do you remember reading that? Do you get that? The same people that were under the cloud that God led out from Egypt, the same people that drank the spiritual water, that ate the spiritual food, that accepted Moses as their leader, they identified with him, they all came through the Red Sea; they all came through that—but now they are committing immorality. They are committing idolatry. In one day 23,000 of them died. Do you think that really happened? Do you really think that happened? I promise you that happened. Do you know what? God hates sin. God hates sin in the lives of people in the world. However, I am going to tell you something one bigger than that. God hates sin in my life. Do you know what God will do? God will deal with the sin in my life. Amen! You can say amen on that but you do not have to. I promise you that God will deal with the sin in our lives. He will deal with it in ways that we do not like. Many times, we will be embarrassed. Many times, things will come out that we do not want to come out. Things that we do in secret will all come out. Do you know what God does? God has a way of doing that. God has a way of doing those things because He loves us but He hates sin. 23,000 died.

1 Corinthians 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

Do you remember what they did? If you read the book of Numbers 21, I believe, saved people, under the leadership of God, drank the spiritual drink, ate the spiritual food, accepted Moses as their leader, came through the Red Sea; but now when you read Numbers 21, I think...they start complaining about the leader...that God had given them, that God had handpicked for them to lead them out; they started complaining about them. They started complaining about God.

Do you know what God does? God takes it seriously when we talk about His leaders and those that He placed in our assemblies to lead us; God takes that very seriously. Do you know what God did? He said, "Okay. They do not like it. I'm going to give them something else here." Do you know what He did? He sent snakes. There were snakes everywhere. There were people being...everywhere they looked, there was a snake. People were being bitten by snakes. The Bible calls them fiery serpents. Do you remember that story? Do you know why? Because they were tempting, they were murmuring, when you read the next verse; they were murmuring and tempting God. God had given them the leadership that they needed. Do you know what they were

doing? They said we do not want that. They were demanding God to act. Do you know what God did? God acted. He acted in a way they did not like.

I would caution you on who you throw your hat in the ring with. I would caution you on some of the conversations you may have sometimes. Listen. The serpents may be coming along. The Bible tells us here that there were snakes everywhere. People were getting bit. People were dying. Thousands and thousands of people were dying. People cried out to Moses and Moses talked to God. God told Moses, make a brazen serpent and put it on a pole. Put it in the middle of camp. These people that are getting bit, all they have to do is look at it and they will live. That is all they have to do. Take something that is killing them and put it on a pole and in the middle of camp then look at it and live. It is quite amazing to me that this same fellow that they were having a lot of negative things to say about—when the snakes started biting, he was the one they wanted to talk to.

That has happened to me many times in life. That is okay. That does not bother me none. It used to but it does not anymore.

Do you know what they did? Thousands and thousands of people died because they murmured and complained. They did not like what God was doing. They did not like the way Moses was doing things. They murmured. They complained and God sent snakes. Do you know what snakes brought? Snakes brought pain. Snakes, these snakes; I do not know what kind of snakes they were, but snakes in that world over there, if they bite you—what I have read before—it would feel like fire running through your veins. Amen! The Bible tells us here that they were destroyed of serpents.

1 Corinthians 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Do you know what some of them sat around? God gave them food. You know the story. They complained they did not have any food. Do you know what God did? God just said, “Hey, that’s okay. You need food. I’ll give you food.” He did that. He rained manna from heaven. Didn’t He? All they had to do was just go out in the morning and pick it up. They did not have to plant tater. They did not have to till the ground at that time. All they had to do was just go out and pick it up. That is all they had to do, every morning. He told them, “You get what you want to eat today because if you keep it overnight, it is going to rot and have worms in it. When you read the book, do you know what you will find out? Some of them tried it. Do you know what happened? It rotted, molded and had worms in it.

God knows what He is doing. Do you know what He also told them? He said, “You do this on six days because the seventh day is the sabbath day of rest and there isn’t going to be any manna on the sabbath day. Take two times as much of what you need on the sixth day because when you get up on the seventh day, there is not going to be any manna.” Some of them got up on the seventh day and do you know what they did?

They whined. They complained. Even though God said there was not going to be any and there was not. For five days, if they would have done that, it would have rotted. On the sixth day if they did that, it did not rot at all. Do you know why? Because that was God's command. That is what God said. That is what God said.

It would be so much better if we would just simply listen to what God says. We would not get ourselves in such a mess.

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Admonition, is our learning, our teaching, our instruction.

Get this.

1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Get this. The reason that Paul—I think—put that verse there is this. Guys, all of them left Egypt. They all, God led them all out of Egypt. They were all under the protection of the cloud. They all ate the spiritual food. They all drank the spiritual water. They had manna. They accepted Moses as their leadership. They were baptized unto Moses. He just told them all these things that had happened. The reason all these things happened was that these folks thought because they were under the cloud, they ate the food and drank the water that they did not need anything else and that they could live any way that wanted to live. They thought living the right kind of life was not important. That idolatry would not matter, or immorality would not matter because they were under the cloud. They drank the water. They ate the food. They accepted Moses. They thought everything was fine. However, it is not fine.

We cannot sin against Almighty God. We might drink spiritual water. We might eat the spiritual food. Listen. God expects us to live the right kind of a life.

I read today about what God expects out of you and me. The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. Teaching us that denying ungodliness—get this—and worldly lusts; we should live soberly and righteously and godly in the present world.

Listen. God has not changed any. If you think just because you have been under the cloud and you have eaten the spiritual food and drank the spiritual water and think you can live any way you want to live and do whatever you want to do; you are absolutely, tee totally wrong. You cannot sin and go to heaven. You cannot sin.

When we sin against Almighty God there is going to be repercussions.

Do you know what it was for these folks? That is what Paul wanted them to understand. Never to get lifted up in their own selves. Never to get lifted up in what has happened or what has went on. Do not ever do that.

Do you know what? As a warning for us today, we do not need to get lifted up either.

Jesus Christ loves us. He went to the cross of Calvary. He suffered, bled, and died for us to live and that we can live a right kind of life. We can live a life that would please Him.

Are you saved tonight? Do you know you are saved tonight? Are you on your way to heaven tonight? If you do not know that, as we sing why don't you come?

Come and pray—