EPISODE NO. 327

1 Cor. 10:1-14

Warnings

Paul wrote these words: 1 Brothers, I want you to realize that all of our ancestors were under the cloud and all of them passed through the Red Sea. 2 All of them were plunged into Moses' protection under the cloud and in the sea. 3 All of them ate the same spiritual food. 4 All of them drank the same spiritual drink. They were drinking from the spiritual Rock which was following them. (That Rock was Christ.) 5 However, God was not pleased with most of them. Their dead bodies were scattered all over the desert. 6 But these things are examples for us. We must not want evil things as our ancestors did. 7 We must not worship false gods as some of them did. This is written:

"The people sat down to eat and drink and then they got up to play around."
(Exodus 32:6)

8 We must not commit sexual sin as some of them did. In one day, God destroyed 23,000 people! 9 We must not test the Christ as some of them did. They were killed by snakes. 10 You must not complain, as some of them did. An angel of death killed them.

11 But all of these things happened to them for examples. This was written to warn us — we who are confronted by the end of the ages. 12 The person who thinks he is safe should be careful — he MIGHT fall! 13 You have been tempted the same way all people have been tempted, but God is faithful. He will not allow Satan to tempt you with more than you can resist. No, when you are being tempted, God will also give you a way to escape, so that you can endure it.

14 So, my dear friends, run away from false gods.