

# 1 Corinthians 25 – 9:24-10:11

## Examples from Israel

### 1. 9:24-27 – Running for the Prize

- a. The purpose of salvation is to serve God - 2 Cor 5:18-20, 1 Cor 1:2
- b. Run to win, you can't win by imitating the world: Gal 5:7, 13, 1 Cor 9:12, Phil 2:16
- c. Mastery should not be foreign to ministry - 2 Tim 2:3-5
- d. Temperate is discipline, stability, control - Titus 2:12, 2 Cor 5:13
- e. The crown is people and their mature operation - Phil 4:1, 1 Ths 2:19, Gal 4:11
- f. We will be rewarded for our service by the Lord - 1 Cor 3:14, 2 Tim 4:8,
- g. "castaway" / unapproved – Rom 12:2, 14:18; 1 Tim 3:10, 2 Tim 2:15, Eph 5:10

### 2. 10:1-2 – Ignorance, Baptism, Moses, and other things

- a. 10x Paul addresses what their ignorance; we should know. Rom 1:31
- b. Baptism does not mean water – Col 2:12, Gal 3:27, Rom 6:3, Eph 4:5
- c. Jesus was baptized twice; you can't follow either one: Mat 3:15, Luke 12:50
- d. This baptism was unto Moses (remember 1 Cor 1:12); it was dry, it was Israel
- e. Whose fathers? Paul's, Peter's, Israel's - Rom 15:8, Rom 4:16
- f. Paul spoke to Jews and Gentiles: 1 Cor 12:2, 13
- g. The meat and drink were real, not spiritual: God was their provision.

### 3. 10:1-6 – For Example, Israel...

- a. This is written as an example; we are not Israel: 1 Cor 10:6, 11, 9:10
- b. All scripture is profitable, it must be rightly divided - Rom 3:19, 15:4, Eph 6:2-3
- c. Paul is not talking about their position, but their condition.
- d. The example: they all were God's people, but...many were overthrown.
- e. They were identified as Israel in the crossing: they were God's – Exo 4:22
- f. The Rock was Christ: this is the shadow and stumbling stone – Col 2:17
- g. The mystery nor the body of Christ was known in ages past – Eph 3:5
- h. 10:5 - God is not pleased by bad behavior – 1 Thess 4:1, Rom 15:1
- i. Having privileges of God does not mean your pleasing God – Phil 4:18

### 4. 10:7-11 – The Slide to Moral Apostasy

- a. G. Williams makes this the 5 step path to apostasy:
  - i. Lust after evil things like they did – Num 11:4-6
  - ii. Idolize: replacing God with something else – Exo 32:6
  - iii. Adultery, fornication: fellowship with the world – Num 25:1-9
  - iv. Faithlessness, infidelity, tempting God – Num 21:5-6
  - v. Murmuring against God, opposing him -Num 14:2-4
- b. Flee these things and pursue purity – 2 Tim 2:22, 1 Tim 6:11