

"Can the Child of God Sin"? 1-John 3:9.

1-In this lesson I should like to consider first:

A\*The moral relationship of the ages:

1-Scripture reading--1-Corinthians 10:1-6;

2-Paul teaches here:

That the age of the Jew in the wilderness sustained a twofold relation to men of all future times:

1-The relation of a representative.

2-The relation of admonisher.

B-It was Representative:

1-Things that happened in the wilderness happened as ensamples of examples.

1-Their blessings were examples.

2-Their baptism unto Moses represented or fore shadowed our baptism unto Christ.

3-Their "manna" and their "water" from the rock represented Christ-The Bread and Water of spiritual life.

4-Their imperfections were examples:

1-Their lusts, frivolity, discontent, represent the sins to which men are liable through all times.

5-Their punishments were examples:

1-Thousands died in the wilderness in consequences of their sins.

2-This represents the fact that sin and misery are indissolubly connected.

C-These things are written for our admonition; the principles embodied in their history are of universal application.

A-The principles are:

1-The special care which God exercises over those who commit themselves to him.

2-The invioable connection between sin and suffering.

3-The tendency of the depraved heart to go wrong.

2-Other examples of those who fell away: Heb. 6:4-6

1-Those who were once enlightened.

2-They have taseted of the heavenly gift.

3-They were made partakers of the Holy Spirit.

4-They had tasted of the good word of God and of the world to come.

5-If they shall fall away:

1-It is impossible to renew them again unto repentance.

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"Can the Child of God so Sin as to Fall Away  
And be Finally Lost"? 1-John 3:9.

D-Here is another demonstration:

- 1-The Children who crossed the Red Sea were saved:
  - 1-They ate and drank of Christ.
  - 2-They were baptized unto Moses, in the cloud and in the sea.
- 2-Yet many of them fell and were destroyed: Paul cites their experiences as an evidence of a Christian so sinning as be lost.
  - 1-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. Exodus 32:6.
  - 2-Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Numbers 25:1-9.
  - 3-Neither let us tempt Christ as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents Exodus 17:2,7; Numbers 21:6.
  - 4-Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer- Numbers 14:2.
  - 5-1-Corinthians 10:7-12;

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples or types: and they are written for your admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come. (12) Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

*The Prodigal Son also: Luke 15:11-32*

E-Other examples:

- 1-The Ephesian church; Rev. 2:5;

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

- 2-The conversion and apostacy of Simon; Ac. 8:12-24.

F-Sin in the first epistle of John.

- 1-If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves: 1:8
- 2-If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins. 1:9. 1:10
- 3-If we say we have not sinned we make him a liar
- 4-If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father. 2:1; I write these things that ye may not sin-2:1; 1-John 3:9; Tell why one born of God

"doth not commit sin-Because his seed remaineth.

- 4-The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11.

- 5-The devil sometime steals the seed out of the heart. Luke 8:12. *steals more & that he it but sin that dwell in me - Romans 7-12*

