

WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

1 Corinthians 10:1

1. WE MUST NEVER FORGET...

1 Corinthians 10:1-11

1 Corinthians 10:1 [LB] For we must never forget, dear brothers, what happened to our people in the wilderness long ago. God guided them by sending a cloud that moved along ahead of them; and he brought them all safely through the waters of the Red Sea.

1 Corinthians 10:2 [LB] This might be called their “baptism”—baptized both in sea and cloud!—as followers of Moses—their commitment to him as their leader.

1 Corinthians 10:3-4 [LB] And by a miracle God sent them food to eat and water to drink there in the desert; they drank the water that Christ gave them. *He was there with them* as a mighty Rock of spiritual refreshment.

**1 Corinthians 10:5 [LB] Yet after all
this most of them did not obey God,
and he destroyed them in the
wilderness.**

**1 Corinthians 10:6-7 [LB] From this lesson
we are warned that we must not desire
evil things as they did, ⁷ nor worship idols
as they did. (The Scriptures tell us, “The
people sat down to eat and drink and
then got up to dance” in
worship of the golden calf.)**

1 Corinthians 10:8-9 [LB] Another lesson for us is what happened when some of them sinned with other men's wives, and 23,000 fell dead in one day.

⁹ And don't try the Lord's patience—they did and died from snake bites.

**1 Corinthians 10:10 [LB] And don't
murmur against God and his dealings
with you as some of them did, for
that is why God sent his Angel to
destroy them.**

1 Corinthians 10:11 [LB] All these things happened to them as *examples—as object lessons to us*—to warn us against doing the same things; they were written down so that we could read about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end.

2. *WE MUST...* REMEMBER

1 Corinthians 10:9

**1 Corinthians 10:9 [LB] ⁹ And don't try
the Lord's patience—they did and
died from snake bites.**

Numbers 21:4 [LB] Then the people of Israel returned to Mount Hor, and from there continued southward along the road to the Red Sea in order to go around the land of Edom.

The people were very discouraged;

Numbers 21:5 [LB] they began to murmur against God and to complain against Moses. “Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?” they whined. “There is nothing to eat here, and nothing to drink, and we hate this insipid manna.”

Numbers 21:6 [LB] So the Lord sent

**poisonous snakes among them to
punish them, and many of them were
bitten and died.**

Numbers 21:7 [LB] Then the people came to Moses and cried out, **“We**

have sinned, for we have spoken

against Jehovah and against you. Pray

to him to take away the snakes.” So

Moses prayed for the people.

Numbers 21:8 [LB] Then the Lord told him, “Make a bronze replica of one of these snakes and attach it to the top of a pole; anyone who is bitten shall live if he simply looks at it!”

Numbers 21:9 [LB] So Moses made the replica, and whenever anyone who had been bitten looked at the bronze snake, **he recovered!**

3. *WE MUST...* REPENT

John 3:14

John 3:14 [LB] And as Moses in the wilderness lifted up the bronze image of a serpent on a pole, even so I must be lifted up upon a pole,¹⁵ so that anyone who believes in me will have eternal life.

John 3:16 [LB] For God loved the world so much that **HE GAVE** his only Son so **that anyone who believes in him** shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:17 [LB] God did not send his
Son into the world to condemn it, but
to save it.

John 12:31-32 The time of judgment for the world has come—and the time when Satan, the prince of this world, **shall be cast out.** 32 *And when I am lifted up on the cross, I will draw everyone to me.”*

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