

# **The Danger of Spiritual Privilege**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.
- B. The passage could be entitled the key to spiritual privilege.
- C. The most privileged people can be in the most dangerous position.
- D. The ancient Israelites pushed to the limits of God's tolerance.

## II. Assets.

- A. God led the Israelites in miraculous ways.
- B. God delivered the Israelites.
- C. God was not pleased with most of the Israelites nevertheless. (Numbers 14:16)

## III. Abuses: the Israelites' sin.

- A. Worldliness. (Numbers 11)
- B. Mocking God through idolatry. (Psalm 78:47, Ezekiel 14)
- C. Immorality. (Exodus 32:6, Genesis 26)
- D. Putting God to the test with morality. (Numbers 21)
- E. Complaining. (Numbers 16)

## IV. Admonition.

## V. Advantage.

- A. On a human level, the temptation is not so supernatural that one cannot handle it.
- B. God will always make a way to escape so that we can endure.
- C. It is our fault if we fall because God can make a way of escape.

**Application Questions:**

1. In what ways does your church have tremendous privileges like Israel did?

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2. How have you personally abused those privileges? How can you grow in these areas?

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3. Why can we never blame God when temptation comes our way? Explain.

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