

Reading Scripture with Paul

For Correction...

The problem in 1 Corinthians 5

- A brother was living with his father's wife
- Paul could have quoted from the Law
 - Deuteronomy 22v30 *"A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt"*
 - Deuteronomy 27v20, *"Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife"*
- But he doesn't.
- There is a better way.

The metaphor of the dough

- Built around an allusion back to Exodus 12v15
 - *“Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.”*

The problem in 1 Corinthians 8-10

- “Knowledge brethren” were going up to the idol’s temple and eating meat there
- Paul could have quoted from the Law
 - Leviticus 19v4 “*Turn ye not unto idols*”
- But he doesn’t.
- There is a better way.

“Our fathers...”

- Have gone through a figure of baptism
 - *“All our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through the sea and were all baptized”* alluding to Exodus 14v19-22
- Partook in a figure of the Lord’s Supper
 - *“Did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them”* alluding to Exodus 16v4-30 [mana], Exodus 17v1-7 [water at the start of their journey] and Numbers 20v2-13 [water again at the end]
- Israel went through, in type, the ceremonies for believers in Christ
- “and that Rock was Christ” alluding to Deuteronomy 32

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- 1 Corinthians 10v5 NEB “Yet, *most of them were not accepted by God, for the desert was strewn with their corpses*”
- Numbers 11v4 ESV “Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving.”

4 examples from “our fathers”

- Do not be idolaters
 - Quotation from Exodus 32v6 *“the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”*
- Do not indulge in sexual immorality
 - Allusion to Numbers 25v1-3
- Do not put Christ to the test
 - Allusion to Numbers 21v5-6, through Psalm 78v18 ESV *“They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved.”*
- Do not grumble
 - Allusion to Numbers 14v2-3, 27-33

“Our fathers...”

- *“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the ends of the ages have come”*

“Our fathers...”

- 1 Corinthians 10v18 alluding to Leviticus 7 (for example)
- 1 Corinthians 10v20 NEB “No; *but the sacrifices that the heathen offer are offered (in the words of Scripture) ‘to demons and that which is not God’.*”
quoting the words of Deuteronomy 32v17
- 1 Corinthians 10v22 is quoting Deuteronomy 32v16,21