

Sermon Outline

THREE THINGS THAT WON'T HAPPEN

1 Corinthians 10:13

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“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

Introduction

- Life can sometimes feel like a maze that is too difficult to find a way out and that no one else has gone through before.
- Our text gives some important instructions on the proper way to view and deal with the problems of life.

Context

- a. In chapters 8:1-11:1 Paul was writing to the Corinthians on the issue of food offered to idols.
- b. In 10:1-13, he draws from the history of Israel in the wilderness to illustrate how disobedience and an abuse of liberty led to most of them perishing.
- c. 10:12-13 concludes this section with both a warning against overconfidence and an encouragement in the face of temptation.

I. No Unique Trial

- a. The word ‘temptation’ can refer to either a test of one’s faithfulness or an inducement to evil. Paul probably had both in mind.
- b. All temptations and trials are not ultimately unique. Beneath the differing outward features and circumstances lie fundamental problems that are common to all. Most of them can be traced back to the early chapters of Genesis.

- c. This gives us great comfort because other Christians have faced these problems before and solved them by God's grace. But this also teaches us that we cannot use our 'unique' trials as an excuse to deal with them in an ungodly or unbiblical way.

II. No Trial too Difficult

- a. God promises never to allow us to be tempted above our strength or ability.
- b. God's faithfulness guarantees that that would not happen.
- c. God not only screens out those temptations that are too intense, He also tailor makes each trial to fit each individual child of God.
- d. An important implication is that we can never say 'I can't' to any problem that we are presently facing.

III. Never boxed in

- a. We will never be in a situation where we are boxed in on every side and left with no escape.
- b. We will never be forced, under any circumstances, to sin in order to get out.
- c. We have great hope in the face of all our trials because we know that there will be an end of trials.

Conclusion

- Unbelievers do not have these promises.
- Believers ought to memorize and meditate on this verse especially in times of trial or temptation.
- God is faithful

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