

(3) They rejected the truth concerning God, and thus departed from Him. They chose not to believe in a God who is both good and just, but rather to believe in a god that more closely fit with their conception of what God should be.

(4) They provoked God to grief and anger by choosing to persist in disobedience and unbelief.

(5) They were judged by God and made to die in the wilderness. They chose to believe that God would simply overlook their sins; but God prevented them from entering the Promised Land in their unbelief.

All of these actions were forms of unbelief – that is, FAILURE TO MAINTAIN AND EXERCISE A VITAL, DAILY FAITH IN GOD – and in this unbelief they departed from the living God!

But now let us ask more specifically, in what ways did they depart from God?

What did they do or fail to do as they moved away from vital faith in God?

Turning back to our text passage, 1 Corinthians 10:1-14, particularly verses 6-10, we find the answers to this question. Here we discover that the Israelites committed five classes of sins: