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USE THE ESCAPE ROUTE

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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." - 1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV).



For our safety, building code laws require that all public buildings have a way of escape. Before an airplane can take off, it requires that the flight attendants review the safety features on the plane to show how to escape if necessary. Even cruise ships have a drill before leaving the port to show how to escape the ship in adversity. Our Lord has designed an escape for us to deal with the temptations that come our way in life.

Know for a fact that the temptation(s) we face are common to the human living experience. Remember, also the Lord knows each of us and guarantees that the temptation will not be greater than our ability to escape it. We never know when we will need to escape the plane, cruise ship, or building, but having the information is helpful when the time comes. Likewise, we may not know when the temptation is coming, but having God's escape information is useful so we can use it when needed.

Israel didn't use the escape plan in the wilderness. Instead, they allowed themselves to fall prey to lust, idolatry, fornication, and constant murmuring; testing the Lord's patience and tolerance for them. We cannot control God, but must keep in mind that the escape plans are: a) Remembering that God will not abandon you in the test, b) Resist the devil and he will flee from you, and c) Submit your will to God knowing He will help you through it. Some biblical examples can be found with Joseph who ran from the temptation and Job who refused to test the Lord by accusing Him falsely.

When you use the negative tactics Israel employed you miss the escape route, but when you apply methods provided by God, you can be an overcomer. You are a victor not a victim! Exit the temptation using the escape route God has provided!

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