

Jude



Warning Against False Prophets

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The Book of Jude

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Lesson 1 – Contending For The Faith

Jude 1:1-3

I. WRITER OF THE BOOK OF JUDE, 1

- A. Jude is the same name as Judas as in Luke 6:16 *And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.*
- B. His name is the same as Lebbaeus Thaddaeus – Matthew 10:3 *Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;*
- C. Jude was brother of James, who was the Lord's brother; therefore, Jude was a brother of the Lord. He mentions James, no doubt, because James was a leader in the church at Jerusalem, which knowledge gave Jude some recognition and prompted readers to more quickly believe what Jude had to write.

II. READERS OF THE BOOK OF JUDE, 1

- A. This book is directed to believers in Jesus Christ, although in the book he mentions often those who are not genuine believers in Christ and the havoc these unbelievers bring upon believers in the ministry of believers in the world.
- B. Jude gives three strong qualities that are in believers, which separates them from false professors in Christ, qualities that equip believers to fight the battles that the world brings to them.
- C. First, they are **Sanctified**.
 1. The Greek word for "sanctified" is HAGIADZO, and it means *to be made holy* or *to set apart*.
 2. Every believer has been made holy in the eyes of God and has been set apart for God's own property.
 3. We belong to him – 1 Cor. 6:19-20 *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*
 4. We are sanctified by God the Father, so we belong to him. He has set us apart from the world. His kingdom is not of this world, so our citizenship is in heaven.
- D. Second, they are **Preserved**
 1. The Greek word is TEREIO and means "kept, or held fast."
 2. We are being kept in Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:5 *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
 3. The Greek word in 1 Peter 1:5 is PHROUREO and means to be garrisoned or guarded.
 4. So believers are held fast and guarded so that they do not lose their salvation.
 5. The reason for this is that we are going to enter into a battle with evil, and we need to

know that we are not fighting for our survival but for the spreading of the truth of God.

6. We cannot fail in our efforts to preach the word and defend the truth.

E. Third believers are **Called**

1. Every believer has had an internal, effectual call from God to be his child.

2. Romans 1:7 *To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:*

III. BENEFITS OF THE READERS OF THIS BOOK, 2

A. Three attributes of God are desired for these believers, which will give them what they need to contend for the faith.

B. First, we need **Mercy**

1. Mercy is already at work in our lives, because God has had mercy on us, giving us that which we do not deserve: eternal life, hope, peace, etc.

2. We may call out for mercy and God's favor whenever we desire, and God is ready to give us mercy in every case if we ask in faith.

3. We are vessels of mercy: Romans 9:23 *And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,*

4. In our service to God we require more grace. This is a multiplication of mercy, as he states here. Hebrews 4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

5. If God does not provide mercy on us, then we are left to our own wits and our own inventions; and that is what Jesus saved us from and separated us from.

C. Second, we need **Peace**

1. Peace with God

a. Romans 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

2. Peace of God

a. Philippians 4:7 *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

b. Colossians 3:15 *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

c. The "peace of God" dwells with us, encourages us, and strengthens us as we live and grow as believers.

D. Third, we need **Love**

1. Romans 5:5 *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

2. 1 John 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

3. Jude 1:21 *Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

E. These things (mercy, peace, and love) cannot stay dormant or asleep in our lives. They must be used and be multiplied as we learn of Jesus and serve Jesus and be engaged to contend for the faith.

IV. REASON FOR WRITING THE BOOK, 3

A. He Writes Of The Common Salvation

1. In the phrase “common salvation” we understand the Gospel, which is now being preached to “all men,” or to every nation, tribe, tongue, language, etc.
2. Matthew 28:19 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*
3. Acts 17:30 *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:*
4. 2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. This means “all” as in all nations, Jew and Gentile alike.*
5. So this “common salvation” is a salvation that is common to Jews, Greeks, Barbarians, Gentiles, etc.
6. All people are guilty of “common sin,” so they are in need of a “common salvation.” Everyone has the same need; it is common to all men.
7. Jude here is writing about this “common salvation” regarding our defense of the “common gospel.”

B. He Writes Of Exhortation

1. Exhort daily
 - a. Hebrews 3:13 *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*
2. To walk and to please God
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 4:1 *Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.*
3. To be sober minded
 - a. Titus 2:6 *Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.*
4. To contend for the faith, Jude 1:3
 - a. The word for “contend” is Greek EPAGONIZOMAI, which literally means “by agonizing.”
 - b. We fight the battle in much stress and agony. The Christian battle is not an easy battle. It is to be won by God’s grace but with much sweat and tears, praying, fasting, with heavy burdens and the cares of the work of God.
 - c. That is why we need an armor:
 - (1) Ephesians 6:11 *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
 - (2) Ephesians 6:13 *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*
5. This faith was **once** delivered unto the saints.
 - a. Remember we are the saints.
 - b. The word of God was not delivered to lost people. We are the defenders of this

faith of the doctrines of the Bible. If we do not defend them in the world, then they will not be defended.

- c. The Greek word for **once** is HAPAX and takes on the very literal meaning of the word ONCE as “once for all.”
- d. Just as the word that Jesus said on the cross “It is finished,” is literally, “finished, never to be done again,” so this word is “once for all.”
- e. The phrase “the faith” indicates the doctrines that are written in the Bible. There is no other “the faith.” There is no “a faith,” but “the faith.”
- f. This is what we are contending for.
- g. And this faith was once for all delivered unto the saints of God. We have nowhere else to turn for the truth, for “the faith” is “the truth.”
- h. John said in John 8:32 *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*
 - (1) We fight for truth, because only the truth can make a person free from error.
 - (2) It is said about Superman that he “fights for truth, justice, and the American way.”
 - (3) We fight for truth God’s way.

V. CONCLUSION

- A. As I thought of this word “contend,” in my mind came the word “content.” These are translated from different Greek words, but it is interesting to note that the word “content” in Hebrews 13:5 is the word ARKEO and means “to be possessed with unflinching strength.” Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*
- B. In other words, we are to be strong: Three verses in closing
 1. 1 Corinthians 16:13 *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.* “Quit ye like men” is one Greek word and means “to become brave.” Literally “to be a male leader, or to become a man.” The root word here is ANER, the word for the human male.
 2. Ephesians 6:10 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*
 3. 2 Timothy 2:1 *Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

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Lesson 2 – Certain Men Crept In

Jude 1:4

I. CERTAIN MEN

- A. “Certain” is the word *tis* in Greek and designates a thing, anything, any person. It can also mean *some*, as “some men.” At this time, there is no certainty in this statement as to who these men were, but they were real enough men, because they evidently were causing trouble in the homes and/or in the churches of the Lord.
- B. “Men” – This is the word *anthropos*, which does not mean *men specifically*, but men in general, or people in general. So, there could be some certain women who came in who brought problems into the homes and churches of believers.

II. CREPT IN

- A. The phrase *crept in unawares* is one word in the Greek, and it means to slip in quietly or secretly alongside. The prefix, or the first part, of this word is PARA, and it means *beside*.
- B. Have you noticed how many organizations are PARA organizations? Paralegal organizations come alongside the lawyers to help them along. The Paramedical organizations come alongside the doctors and nurses to help them along.
- C. Then there are PARACHURCH organizations that come along to help the churches.
- D. These organizations advertise that they are not to take the place of the local church, but they are only to help the local church.
- E. Nowhere in the Bible does it speak of any organization that helped a local church.
- F. Local churches help themselves. They are self-governed, AUTONOMOUS, and they speak for themselves and do all the work themselves.
- G. Even different denominations can be PARACHURCH organizations when they try to join together with other denominations to help in an Evangelistic Crusade or some other evangelistic effort.
- H. Now these were *unaware* to the true believers, because these *men*, or people, came in secretly or quietly. But sometimes the people nowadays come into the churches unaware themselves that they are doing something wrong.
- I. Therefore, by realizing that these men came in unawares to the believers, we know that their efforts were clandestine, or hidden, from the spoken purpose of their entering in.
- J. They were stealth in their admission of the very purpose of their coming, so they were actually and on purpose deceiving believers.
- K. This is the reason Jude gives that we should *earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*.
- L. These certain men can do some certain damage to the certain people who are in the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- M. Now their purpose, no doubt, was to bring in damnable heresies as mentioned by Peter in

2 Peter 2:1 *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

III. BEFORE OF OLD ORDAINED

- A. These people, these men, were *before of old ordained*. The word for “before” is the Greek word PROGRAPHO, which means “to write beforehand.”
- B. These kinds of people, or men, were written about before the writing of the book of Jude, designating their judgment from Almighty God.
 - 1. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*
 - 2. 2 Timothy 3:1 *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*
- C. They were written of before, understood in the word *before*. They were also written *before*, in the word *ordained*, to this condemnation. The Greek word for *before* and the Greek word for *ordained* are the same Greek word, and it literally means “to write before.”
- D. Jude 1:17-18 *But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.*

IV. TO THIS CONDEMNATION

- A. The word for *condemnation* is the Greek word KRIMA, which is the same for *judgment*.
- B. It was written beforehand that these people, or men, were written beforehand to have a condemnation.
- C. This condemnation is that character of heart that leads these men to bring in damnable heresies, departing from the faith, heeding seducing spirits, speaking hypocrisy, and having their consciences seared with a hot iron, etc. (as in 1 Timothy 4:1-3).

V. UNGODLY MEN

- A. So, we know that these are not true believers who are causing trouble in the church.
- B. They are wicked people, ungodly people. The psalmist said in Psalms 18:4 *The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.*
- C. All people are ungodly until the grace of God works in their heart and brings them to faith in Jesus Christ.
- D. 2 Peter 3:7 says, *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*
- E. Ungodly means that they know not God – 2 Thessalonians 1:8 *In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

- F. Jude mentions these ungodly ones again in Jude 1:15 *To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*
- G. Jude 1:18 *How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.*

VI. TURNING THE GRACE OF GOD INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS

- A. The grace of God here is not the grace that is God's mercy upon us in our salvation, because it cannot be turned into lasciviousness.
- B. But this is speaking of the teaching of grace as taught by Christ and the Apostles and even in the Old Testament Scriptures.
- C. They deny this teaching, saying perhaps that grace give them a license to sin, turning the doctrine of grace into a human doctrine of antinomianism, which teaches that grace discounts the law of God and allows a person under grace to sin more and more, therefore, giving more grace for more sin.
- D. Paul said in Galatians 2:21 *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*
- E. Paul also said in Romans 6:1-2 *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*
- F. These men changed the grace of God into "unbridled wantonness, shamelessness, and sinful excess."
- G. In Hebrews we read in Hebrews 12:15 *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*

VII. DENYING THE ONLY LORD GOD

- A. The word for *denying* means "to reject."
- B. These *ungodly men* have rejected the only Lord God.
- C. They have made their own gods and have written their own laws.
- D. Romans 10:3 *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*
- E. Of course, there is only one Lord God.
- F. And they have rejected him, probably on the level of a reprobate, which means that they will never believe upon him, trust him, or serve him.

VIII. AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

- A. We know, of course, that there is but one Lord Jesus Christ, and he is ours.
- B. Jude is speaking to believers, and he includes the readers in his this expression when he uses the possessive pronoun *our*.
- C. He is a personal Savior, which we all who are saved know.
- D. So Jude mentions the Lord God, which intimates God the Father.

- E. Here he mentions the Lord Jesus Christ
- F. The word *and* here can be a conjunction or can be used in the ascensive use, in which we translate it as *even*.
- G. But if we use it as a conjunction, we are relating God the Father, God the Son, and in Jude 1:19 we read of the Spirit of God, so we have the trinity.
- H. Jude 1:19 *These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.*
- I. So we have here the Trinity, and these ungodly men deny the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- J. No one can be saved unless he believes in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- K. We cannot have one without the others.

IX. CONCLUSION

- A. So we need to *contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints*, because these certain men are still creeping into our churches, and they turn the grace of God into lasciviousness and deny the only Lord God and Jesus Christ.
- B. Next time we will be reminded of what God does with reprobates like these certain men so that we may all examine ourselves whether we be in the faith and so that we can remember to watch for these who creep in unawares to destroy our churches, especially the PARACHURCH organizations and individual men to desire to turn the grace of God into something that it is not.
- C. Has the grace of God worked in your heart? If not, then today we pray his grace will come your way through the gospel message of Christ perfect life, his death, his atonement through suffering and his shed blood, and his resurrection.
- D. Then you will be a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:26).

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Lesson 3 – Four Prominent Warnings

Jude 1:5-8

I. THE WARNING OF THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT, 5

A. Old Testament References

1. Israel Came Out Of Egypt

- a. Exodus 13:16 *And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.*
- b. Deuteronomy 4:45 *These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt,*

2. Some Died In The Wilderness

- a. Joshua 5:4 *And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.*

B. New Testament References

1. Hebrews 3:15-17 *While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?*
2. Our text: Jude 1:5 *I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.*

C. The Lesson

1. All of Israel came out of Egypt, but not all went into the promised land.
2. Only two out of twelve spies returned from a trip to Canaan with a positive report that God would deliver them and give them the land that was promised.
3. Numbers 14:6-10 *And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. 8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not. 10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.*
4. Numbers 14:36-38 *And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon*

the land, 37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD. 38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

5. Because of unbelief
 - a. Hebrews 3:19 *So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*
 - b. Hebrews 4:6 *Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:*
6. Jude is speaking here of the difference between those who believe and those who do not believe; those who believe are faithful to the end and enter into eternal rest, but those who do not believe fall short and turn away from the truth, not having truly believed the truth.

II. WARNING OF THE FALLEN ANGELS, 6

- A. All angels were in the beginning were without sin. They were all sinless creatures, created beings.
- B. Revelation 12:3-4 *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*
 1. 1/3 of the “stars of heaven” (angels) were cast out with Satan (the dragon).
 2. That means that, if one demon comes against a child of God, he has two heavenly angels to the devil’s one angel (fallen angel). So, we have twice as many angels looking out for us as the devil has available to him.
 3. Psalms 91:11 *For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.*
- C. Revelation 12:7-9 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*
- D. 2 Peter 2:4 *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*
 1. The angels were in a high and holy place in heaven with God, in his presence, and blessed by his honor and love.
 2. But they sinned (we do not know how nor actually when), but they sinned, and they were immediately cast out of heaven into the darkness and deception on the earth.

III. WARNING OF OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH, 7-8

- A. Their Destruction, 7
 1. We all know the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, where men were sexually active with men, and women were sexually active with women, against God’s creation standard of one man and one woman.

2. 2 Peter 2:6 *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;*
 3. 2 Peter 7-9 *And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*
- B. Their Problem, 8
1. They were filthy dreamers
 - a. All teaching that allows such sinful action is only a dream and is self-appointed by men, turning away from the truth of God to the traditions of man.
 - b. Jeremiah 23:25 *I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.*
 - c. Filthy dreamers dream filthy dreams. Their minds were set upon filthy things.
 2. They defile the flesh
 - a. John Gill says “all sin is of a defiling nature, and all men are defiled with it; but these were notoriously so; and often so it is, that unclean practices follow upon erroneous principles,” (on this verse).
 3. They despise dominion
 - a. They do not care for the laws of the land. They despise any rule of law and go about to establish their own righteousness, developing subjective morals based upon human desires, not divine imperatives.
 - b. They also despise the dominion of God over them, so they do not like to retain God in their knowledge – Romans 1:28 *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*
 4. They speak evil of dignities
 - a. These dignities are, I think, both the dignities in heaven and in earth.
 - b. In heaven they are the angels, the different positions of them as just above the level of men, for we are made “a little lower than the angels,” and, of course, they speak evil of God himself, saying as fools, “There is no God.”
 - c. In earth, the dignities of the law, those who care for and dispense the law to society, who make laws and enforce them for the safety and happiness of the people. Without these laws there is only chaos and confusion such as comes about by these filthy dreamers.

IV. WARNING OF THE FLOOD IN NOAH’S DAY

- A. 2 Peter 2:5 *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*
- B. Genesis 6:5-8 *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7*

And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

- C. So, this ends the message upon the world “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”
 - 1. Have you yet found grace in the eyes of the Lord?
 - 2. Are you under the darkness of the sin of the world?
 - 3. Grace is “God’s riches at Christ’s expense.”
 - 4. Jesus came to earth to redeem people, to pay for the sins.
 - 5. Then he tells men and women, boys and girls, everywhere to repent of their sins, trust and believe that God has sent his Son, Jesus, that Jesus died on the cross, carrying our sins away, and resurrecting the third day to bring the victory over the death, the grave, and hell.
 - 6. You may today have eternal life if you repent toward God and have faith in Jesus Christ.
- D. Some will fall away, as did those in the wilderness.
 - 1. Because of unbelief
 - 2. Make your calling and election sure
 - 3. If you are not saved, you may fall away from the faith you profess.
 - 4. Those who believed contended for the faith.
 - 5. We have a great battle before us.
 - 6. Let us “fight the good fight.” Let us keep “the faith.”
 - 7. If you cannot, then you need salvation, eternal salvation in your soul.
- E. The result of unbelief
 - 1. Israel’s unbelievers fell in the wilderness.
 - 2. Angels fell into darkness reserved to judgment.
 - 3. Sodom and Gomorrah burned with fire.
 - 4. Those in Noah’s day died in the flood.
- F. What about you?

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Lesson 3 – Don't Argue With An Angel

Jude 1:9-10

I. ARCHANGEL IDENTIFICATION, 9

A. Scriptures On Michael the Archangel

1. Daniel 10:13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*
2. Daniel 10:21 *But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.*
3. Daniel 12:1 *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*
4. Revelation 12:7 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*
5. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*
6. Zechariah 3:1-2 *And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. 2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*

B. Identification of Michael the Archangel

1. Some say this archangel is Jesus Christ.
 - a. **John Gill** says concerning Michael in this verse: “By whom is meant, not a created angel, but an eternal one, the Lord Jesus Christ; as appears from his name Michael, which signifies, "who is as God": and who is as God, or like unto him, but the Son of God, who is equal with God? and from his character as the archangel, or Prince of angels, for Christ is the head of all principality and power; and from what is elsewhere said of Michael, as that he is the great Prince, and on the side of the people of God, and to have angels under him, and at his command (Daniel 10:21).”
 - b. **Clarke** says, “Of this personage many things are spoken in the Jewish writings Rabbi Judah Hakkodesh says: Wherever Michael is said to appear, the glory of the Divine Majesty is always to be understood. So that it seems as if they considered Michael in some sort as we do the Messiah manifested in the flesh. Let it be observed that the word archangel is never found in the plural number in the sacred writings. There can be properly only one archangel, one chief or head of all the angelic host. Nor is the word devil, as applied to the great enemy of mankind, ever

found in the plural; there can be but one monarch of all fallen spirits. Michael is this archangel, and head of all the angelic orders; the devil, great dragon, or Satan, is head of all the diabolic orders. When these two hosts are opposed to each other they are said to act under these two chiefs, as leaders; hence in Rev. 12:7, it is said: Michael and his angels fought against the Dragon and his angels. The word Michael **לְאֵכִיָּם**, seems to be compounded of **מִי** mi, who, **כֵּ** ke, like, and **אֵל** El, God; he who is like God; hence by this personage, in the Apocalypse, many understand the Lord Jesus.

2. Others deny that it is Christ.
 - a. **Jamison, Fausett, and Brown** say this: “Michael, the archangel — Nowhere in Scripture is the plural used, ‘archangels’; but only ONE, archangel. The only other passage in the New Testament where it occurs, is 1Thess. 4:16, where Christ is distinguished from the archangel, with whose voice He shall descend to raise the dead; they therefore err who confound Christ with Michael.”
3. Either position could render good exegesis (explanation of scripture), but the identification of this angel does affect other portions of Scripture. Let’s say here that he is the chief of all angels. That will work in either interpretation.
4. It is interesting to note that the word “archangel” never appears in Scripture in the plural but only in the singular. It is the same with the word “devil.” So, whoever Michael is, there was only one Michael and only one Devil.

II. ARGUMENT WITH THE DEVIL, 9

- A. The first verb in verse nine is a present participial and is translated *contending*.
 1. DIAKRINO is the Greek word for *contending*. It literally means “to judge apart, or to separate.” The idea is “to have separate opinions.”
 2. In verse three we have the word *contend*, which is a different word. It means “to agonize about.” We agonize about the faith, meditate upon it, defend it, stand for it.
 3. Here Michael is making a judgment against the Devil (Satan). They do not agree concerning the body of Moses. What about the body of Moses?
- B. The Body of Moses Literally
 1. Some commentators have the idea that this is the actual body of Moses, which God buried in Moab. Deut. 34:5-6 *So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. 6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.*
 2. According to this theory, there was an argument over Moses’ body, Satan thinking that, if he could know where God buried Moses, he could use Moses’ body as an item of worship for the children of Israel, taking their worship from God and onto Moses.
- C. The Body of Moses, The Law
 1. **John Gill says:** “it is best of all to understand it of the law of Moses, which is

sometimes called Moses himself, John 5:45; and so the body of Moses, or the body of his laws, the system of them; just as we call a system of laws, and of divinity, such an one's body of laws, and such an one's body of divinity . . .”

2. **Jamison, Faussett, and Brown** say: “his literal body. Satan, as having the power of death, opposed the raising of it again, on the ground of Moses sin at Meribah, and his murder of the Egyptian. That Moses body was raised, appears from his presence with Elijah and Jesus (who were in the body) at the Transfiguration: the sample and earnest of the coming resurrection kingdom, to be ushered in by Michael’s standing up for God’s people.”
3. It does not actually matter about the subject of this discussion, or argument, between Michael and the Devil; because the important context of this verse is that Michael did not bring “railing accusation” against the Devil but said, “The Lord rebuke thee.”
4. So it is as the parable of the wheat and the tares. The final judgment of sin is not with the angels or with people but with the Lord Himself.
5. 1 Corinthians 4:5 *Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.*
6. We do not make a final judgment on sin in this life; we do not try to pull up the tares from the wheat. We allow them to grow together until the harvest, and then God will be the great Judge of all. **That is the context of this verse.**

III. ASSUMPTIONS OF THE DREAMERS, 10

A. These, 10

1. These are the “filthy dreamers” in verse 8.
2. Mark 4:15 *And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.*
3. Mark 4:16-17 *And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word’s sake, immediately they are offended.*
4. Mark 4:18-19 *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*
5. These are the tares that are sown by an enemy among the wheat.

B. Things That They Know Not, 10

1. They do not know the Scriptures: Matthew 22:29 *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*
2. They do not know the Son of God: Matthew 11:27 *All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man*

the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

3. They do not know the law: John 7:49 *But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.*
4. They do not know which way they are going: John 12:35b . . . *for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.*
5. They know nothing as they should: 1 Corinthians 8:2 *And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*
6. They do not know the things of the Lord; so, not understanding spiritual things, they speak evil of those things, because these spiritual things are foreign to their minds and hearts.
7. They assume they know everything, but actually they know nothing.
8. 1 Timothy 6:4 *He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,*
9. What they do know is only as “brute beasts,” the natural senses and the natural mind, the carnal mind.
 - a. They know only by the carnal mind: Romans 8:7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
 - b. They have less than natural affections: Romans 1:31 *Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*
 - c. 1 Corinthians 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.*
 - d. Not only do they know things by a simple, natural mind, but their knowledge is even worse, being like “brute beasts,” having no reasoning behind their thoughts. Even a dog could think as they thought. This is quite a charge against these filthy dreamers.
 - e. 2 Peter 2:12-13 *But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;*

IV. ASSURANCE OF THEIR CORRUPTION

- A. By these natural things, these filthy dreamers corrupt themselves.
- B. Their actions reveal who they are, for they think and act as animals. Thus, we have evolution teaching, that man is only an animal, and as an animal he must act with no restrictions. Several years ago, this was revealed in the expression, “If it feels good, do it” or “It’s a free country” or “I was born free.”
- C. Songs such as “I Did It My Way” illustrate the carnal mind.

- D. These filthy dreamers will “receive the reward of unrighteousness.”
- E. And you, also, if your thoughts are free from any knowledge of God or his word, then you are no better than these who are “sporting themselves with their own deceptions.”
- F. Your heart is black with sin. You need a new heart.
- G. Come to the Lord; trust in him and his work (his death, burial, and resurrection) and be a new creature in Christ.
- H. Then you can know the assurance of Heaven and beauty of holiness.
- I. Then you can have a new life.
- J. Then you can contend (AGONIZE) for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.

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Lesson 4 – More Characteristics Of False Prophets

Jude 1:11-13

I. THE FOOLS THEY FOLLOW, 11

A. Fool #1: They Have Gone The Way of Cain

1. This is the way of ENVY
 - a. Cain envied Abel's offering
 - b. These in Jude's day envied the **gifts** that God gave to his ministers
 - c. They wanted the **honor** given to ministers.
 - d. They did not have the gift of love, which does not envy.
2. This is the way of HATE and MURDER
 - a. Cain's envy led to hatred for his brother.
 - b. Then it led to murder.
 - c. The men in Jude's day persecuted true believers, because they hated them.
 - d. They also had men murdered for their different beliefs from their own.
3. This is the way of SEPARATION
 - a. These opposers of truth separated themselves from the churches of the Lord.
 - b. Acts 15:24 *Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:*
 - c. 1 John 2:19 *They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*

B. Fool #2: Ran After Error of Balaam

1. This was the sin of COVETOUSNESS
2. 2 Peter 2:15 *Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;*
3. There was also the sin of the love of MONEY and FORNICATION
 - a. 1 Timothy 6:10 *For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*
 - b. Revelation 2:14 *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit*

fornication.

4. Numbers 31:16 *Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.*
 - a. In battle all were to be killed, not captured; but Balaam counseled the men to take captive the women and the children.
 - b. Moses confronted the men of war and told them to kill all the male children and all the married women but to keep the virgins alive.
 - c. Also, the men had to go through a long treatment of cleansing before they could worship the Lord.
 5. Balaam gave encouragement for the women of Moab to commit fornication with the men of Israel.
 - a. Numbers 25:1 *And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.*
 - b. Balaam is given the blame for this in Rev. 2:14, which we have read.
- C. Fool #3: Perished in Gainsaying of Core (Korah—See Num. 16:1)
1. Sin of PRIDE
 2. Notice Jude 1:8 *Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.*
 3. Numbers 16:1-3 *Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: 2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: 3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?**
 4. They perish in the gainsaying of Core, which predicts their eventual destruction from the presence of the Lord, their final judgment in Hell.

II. THE FEASTS THEY OBSERVE, 12

A. Feasts of Charity With the Saints

1. The Jews call these “feasts of faith,” says Gill.
2. They were mainly for the edification, joy, and comfort of those who wanted to simply have a quiet meal together and enjoy the company together.
3. But some, as these false brethren, caused much trouble, for they would use these feasts to promote their own agendas, even separating the poor from their midst, shaming the poor and the downtrodden, which these feasts were mainly for.
4. They developed rules for being a part of these feasts, and if a person did not meet

every criterium, he would be immediately excluded from this special class of people.

5. The clause “When they feast with you” shows that they had come into the church upon proper credentials, confessing sins and submitting to baptism, but now they are turning away from biblical standards and eventually most of them parted from the church.
6. 1 Corinthians 5:11 *But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.*

B. Feasts Without Fear

1. These false brethren have no fear. They fear neither God nor man, so they carry on their charades continually, perhaps thinking that nothing will ever be done about their situation, seeking to take over leadership in the Lord’s church.
2. Psalms 36:1 *The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.*
3. Romans 3:18 *There is no fear of God before their eyes.*

C. Clouds Without Water

1. Clouds without water are very light and easily swept across the sky with winds that blow them across easily.
2. These false teachers arise quickly, just as light, dry clouds.
3. They are also many in number.
4. Clouds also high the beauty of the blue sky and the bright sun. Here they hide the truths of God, putting a screen between them and the truth, blinding the eyes of believers and turning them away from the truth to fables.
5. The winds represent false doctrines, or various doctrines by which they are carried about.
6. Ephesians 4:14 *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

D. Trees Without Fruit, Twice Dead

1. They are like trees in the fall of the year, when leaves fall wither and fall from the branches.
2. This may illustrate the false prophets’ leaving the truths of the church and eventually leaving the church, going out from the church, eventually perhaps building another kind of church besides the kind that the Lord built in his public ministry.
3. These are twice dead, dead in their own sins from birth, and dead in their theology, having apostatized from the truth and now live in error and will experience the reward of their false profession, having turned from the truth to lies.
4. 2 Peter 2:13 *And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;*

III. THE FORMS THEY ARE LIKE, 13

A. Raging Waves of the Sea Without Shame

1. Raging waves are those waves that are fearful, not beautiful, relaxing, and healthful.
2. The Greek word for *raging* is AGRIOS, and it means “wild, savage, rude, vehement, violent.”
3. In their pride, these false teachers build themselves up rather than building up the sheep over which they are caretakers.
4. Negative preachers, spewing out everything that is wrong and speaking nearly nothing of what is right.
5. We are to speak the truth in love, not in rage (Eph. 4:15).
6. They foam out their own shame, for their shame is easy enough to see.

B. Wandering Stars Reserved For Darkness

1. False teachers shine. They are in the limelight, in the public eye, proud to be noticed.
2. They are wandering stars, because they wander around from house to house and around the world to make a proselyte.
3. *Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*
4. They wander from one doctrine to another, depending upon the latest book published to keep their doctrine on track.
5. They spend their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing (Acts 17:21).
6. Now these have wandered away from the truth, but not from a true saving grace in salvation, but from “the faith” for which we are to contend (or agonize).
7. They contend (have a separate idea about) about “the faith,” the true faith, turning the truth into a lie.
8. *Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

IV. CONCLUSION

- A. These false teachers are lost. They have never been saved. They turn away from the truth that they openly and verbally professed.
- B. Their hearts are dark, and the real truth does not matter. It is THEIR TRUTH that matters.
- C. We must beware of false prophets.
- D. *Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

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Lesson 5 – The Judgment Of False Prophets (1)

Jude 1:14-15

- I. ENOCH, THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM, 14
 - A. Enoch was the son of Jared – Genesis 5:18 *And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:*
 - B. Enoch was not the seventh “man” from Adam, for there were thousands of men between Adam and Enoch, but Enoch was the seventh generation from Adam.
 - C. Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch
 - D. This seventh from Adam is noted in order to distinguish this Enoch from other Enochs in the biblical record; for example Enoch, the son of Cain – Genesis 4:17 *And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.*
 - E. These are in order in Genesis 5:4-20.
 1. Adam¹, 5; Seth², 6; Enos³, 6; Cainan⁴, 12; Mahalaleel⁵, 13; Jared⁶, 20; Enoch⁷, 21
- II. ENOCH’S PROPHECY, 14
 - A. Enoch As A Prophet
 1. This Enoch, seventh from Adam, had a son that he named Methuselah, which name is a prophecy in itself, because it means literally, “When he dies, the flood of waters will come.”
 2. So, the flood in Noah’s day came in the same year that Methuselah died.
 3. The prophecy, however, that is quoted in this book of Jude cannot be found in any part of the Bible. Then why is it here?
 4. Enoch was known traditionally as a very great prophet by the Arabs as well as the Jews, and traditionally among the Jews he was put higher than Moses and Elijah as a prophet.
 5. The following prophecy, then, came from tradition, which would not normally be considered as divine inspiration; but, since the tradition of his giving the following prophecy, it was a well known prophecy simply by oral tradition and was never actually written down.
 6. The Holy Spirit here inspired Jude to write down the prophecy, and now it is in the inspired word of God for us as a record of Enoch’s prophecy, which was before only a tradition but a good tradition.

B. The Prophecy

1. The prophecy of Enoch was “Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,” which is here stated in verse 14.
2. The Lord is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. He is the Judge of the quick and the dead
 - a. 2 Timothy 4:1 *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;*
 - b. 1 Peter 4:5 *Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.*
4. Ten Thousands Of His Saints
 - a. Daniel 7:10 *A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*
 - (1) These are sometimes taken to be angels, as saints are “holy ones.”
 - (2) These could also be the tens of thousands of believers who have gone to heaven before this event of coming again.
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 3:13 *To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*
 - c. This could also refer to the final return of the Lord when he comes back to the earth with all of his children, his elect, and the final battle will be fought against the wicked, and the wicked will be cast out into outer darkness.
 - d. The main idea here, though, is that God will judge these false teachers.

III. THE JUDGMENT, 15

A. The Act of Judgment

1. The word for judgment here can be translated many ways in the English.
2. The word is POIEO in the Greek, and it is a verb, an action verb.
3. The word means *to perform*, or *to fulfill*.
4. God here is through his Son, Jesus, fulfilling the promise to judge these false teachers.

B. Who Is Judged?

1. Notice the judgment is *to all*.
2. This can mean *all men*, and certainly both lost and saved will be judged according to the Scriptures.
3. But the rest of this verse shows that Jude is pointing directly to the ungodly for judgment in this verse.
4. The verse (15) says *all that are ungodly*.
5. These are mentioned in verse 4 as “certain men crept in unawares.”

C. Reason For Judgment

1. Their Conviction

- a. The reason for God's judgment here is *to convince all*. The word *convince* means *to find fault*, or to prove to these unbelievers, these false prophets, that they are wrong and that God is right.
- b. Every person must be convinced, or convicted, of his sin; but this conviction is too late, for there is not room here for repentance. When the Lord comes, there is no salvation available.

2. Of their ungodly deeds

- a. John 3:19 *And this is the condemnation (judgment), that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*
- b. John 3:20 *For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.*
- c. Romans 2:6 *Who will render to every man according to his deeds:*
- d. John 8:44 *Ye are of your father the devil, and the **lusts** of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*
- e. The believer's deeds, even though they have been ungodly, are covered under the blood of Christ; they are paid for; they have been thrown into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:9) and as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12).
- f. *Which they have ungodly committed.*
 - (1) They have committed these ungodly deeds against the civil law, the righteous law of God, and against the Gospel.
 - (2) Reading the 23rd chapter of Matthew we find many errors of the Pharisees as the Lord rebukes them and describes their errors.
 - (3) They do their works to be seen of men 23:5
 - (4) They shut up the kingdom of heaven, 23:13; because they do not enter into the kingdom of heaven and do not allow others to go in.
 - (5) They devour widows' houses and make long prayers, 23:14
 - (6) They compass sea and land to make one proselyte, yet make him twofold the child of hell, 23:15
 - (7) They pay tithes, which they should do, but they leave the weightier matters undone, matters such as judgment, mercy, and faith, 23:23
 - (8) They are blind leaders of the blind. 23:24.
 - (9) Outwardly they appear righteous unto men, but within they are full of hypocrisy and iniquity, 23:28
 - (10) Jesus calls them serpents and a generation of vipers and asks, "How can ye escape the damnation of hell? 23:33

3. Of their hard speeches, 15
 - a. These false prophets, these ones who crept in unawares, into the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ, have given hard speeches.
 - b. This intimates that they were in positions of leadership in the churches, teachers and preachers.
 - c. They had opportunities to speak offenses against the truth of God and against his Son, Jesus Christ.
 - d. They disagreed, no doubt, that Jesus was the Messiah, perhaps against his divine miracles, and against the validity of the Scriptures as they were written down by men led by the Spirit of God.
 - e. This is no different from the *higher criticism* which began in the 19th century to undermine the truthfulness of Scripture and the very Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - f. They spoke against God and against Jesus Christ.
 - g. “against his person and offices, his blood, righteousness, and sacrifice; his ministers and people, his truths and ordinances.” (Gill)

IV. CONCLUSION

- A. Here we have certain men who have crept in unawares, who do wicked things and speak wicked things.
- B. They try to subvert the cause of the true meaning of their own Scriptures, which they render as laws they may regulate, making out new laws of their own and teaching them to others that the others must obey, but they themselves need not do.
- C. Their deeds are evil, their thoughts are iniquity, as Isaiah says in Isaiah 59:7 *Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.*

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Lesson 6 – The Character Of False Prophets (2)

Jude 1:16

I. THEY ARE MURMURERS

- A. Against Moses: Exodus 15:24 *And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?*
- B. Against God Until He Cannot Bear It: Numbers 14:27 *How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.*
- C. Against God And Died In The Wilderness: Numbers 14:29 *Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,*
- D. Pharisees Murmured Against The Disciples: Luke 5:30 *But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?*
- E. Jews Murmured Against Jesus: John 6:41 *The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.*
- F. Philippians 2:14 *Do all things without murmurings and disputings:*
- G. These false prophets murmur against God himself, either denying that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him, or against his government, his rules of social order, murmuring against civil authority, against church exemptions, against individual liberties, against Bible reading and public prayer.
- H. They also murmur against people such as officers of the law, courts, judges, prison guards, wardens, against preachers, deacons, evangelists, missionaries, and individual witnesses of the grace of God.
- I. They murmur against anything that does not go their way.

II. THEY ARE COMPLAINERS

- A. Whereby murmuring may be silent and inward, yet complaining is outward and loud.
- B. Thus, these false prophets complain about why they may not be equal to another person, or how they are treated under law, for others' worshiping publicly, refusing to be quiet about God and his word.
- C. They complain about their own interests' not being foremost in the public eye, that they cannot gain ground, that they are a subdued bunch, not recognized for their supposed knowledge and perhaps for their much speaking.

- D. In the case of the Pharisees, they may complain that people do not listen to their long prayers and their vain repetition.
- E. They may complain that the teachings of Christianity are in their way of teaching their own personal and private doctrine, the traditions of men.
- F. Many scientists are false prophets in the sense that they are denying the very true God of heaven by their intentional teaching of evolution, and they complain about the Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter and other things, that these are an impediment to their teaching of what they say is true science, when in fact it may be science, falsely so called (1 Tim. 6:20).

III. THEY WALK AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS

- A. These false prophets desire to have their own philosophies propagated, their own theories preached, and their own ideas put on a pedestal.
- B. Mark 4:18-19 *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*
- C. Given up to do wicked things: Romans 1:24 *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*
- D. We were once like that: Ephesians 2:3 *Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*
- E. These are in the world: 1 John 2:16 *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*
- F. Lustful people desire false doctrine: 2 Timothy 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*
- G. The apostles warned us about these: Jude 1:18 *How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.*

IV. THEY SPEAK GREAT SWELLING WORDS

- A. Peter said in 2 Peter 2:18 *For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.*
- B. Spoken Against Believers: Matthew 5:11 *Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*
- C. Spoken against Paul the Apostle: Acts 24:5 *For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:*
- D. Their words will be brought low: Acts 12:21-23 *And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in*

royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. 22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. 23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

- E. But Paul said in 1 Corinthians 2:4 *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*
- F. 1 Timothy 6:3-5 *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.*

V. THEY HAVE MEN'S PERSONS IN ADMIRATION

- A. James 2:1 *My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.*
- B. James 2:9 *But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.*
- C. Matthew 6:5 *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*
- D. Matthew 6:16 *Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*
- E. Matthew 23:28 *Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*
- F. Proverbs 18:5 *It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.*

VI. THEY DO THIS BECAUSE OF ADVANTAGE

- A. These false prophets and teachers desire an advantage for themselves, but our minds should be on others.
- B. They desire position, prestige, and power for themselves. They also desire money and recognition, but we are encouraged not to be selfish.
- C. Philippians 2:4 *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*
- D. Matthew 22:39 *And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*
- E. Romans 10:1 *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*

VII. WE ARE TO WATCH OUT FOR THESE PEOPLE

- A. Matthew 7:15 *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*
- B. Matthew 24:11 *And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*
- C. Matthew 24:24 *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*
- D. They are here now: 2 Peter 2:1 *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*
- E. Therefore, truth is fallen in the street: Isaiah 59:14 *And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.*
- F. Jeremiah 5:1 *Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.*
- G. So, believe not every spirit: 1 John 4:1 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

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Lesson 7 – Just A Reminder

Jude 1:17-21

- I. REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLES, 17-18
 - A. Matthew 24:11 *And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*
 - B. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*
 - C. 2 Peter 3:3-4 *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*
 - D. 1 John 4:1 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*
 - E. Only the words said and written by the apostles and Jesus Christ are worthy to be preached and believed by us. We cannot take the word of modern-day prophets, who swear to hearing and seeing things that they have not truly seen and saying that God has said something, when God did not say it.
 - F. Even though we may not understand all of prophecy, we must receive what we do know from the word of God and not go further than what the Bible says about it. Intricate models of prophecy have been developed that intrigue the logical mind, but that does not mean that these models are correct.
 - G. Don't worry if you do not understand certain parts of prophecy—no one does. Just read the Bible and learn as much as you can and leave the rest to God's Holy Spirit to teach each one of us as he sees fit.
 - H. We have been warned here and other places that false prophets will come into the world trying to deceive many and will deceive many.
 - I. Here are some additional Scriptures:
 1. Acts 20:29 *For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*
 2. 2 Timothy 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

II. REMEMBER THE CHARACTER OF FALSE PROPHETS, 19

- A. Jude again brings up the character of false prophets.
- B. We have noticed this before, but he mentions some of these characteristics again here.
- C. First of all, they are mockers.
 - 1. 2 Peter 3:3 *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*
 - 2. The Greek word for “mockers” is the same Greek word translated “scoffers.”
- D. Second, they walk after their own lusts
 - 1. 2 Timothy 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*
 - 2. 2 Peter 3:3 *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*
 - 3. This is what makes them false prophets: they think on their own and not according to the word of God.
 - a. Isaiah 8:20 *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*
 - b. John 1:5 *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*
- E. Third, they separate themselves
 - 1. We are to be separate from the world: 2 Corinthians 6:17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*
 - 2. Those who hate us separate us from their company: Luke 6:22 *Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man’s sake.*
- F. Fourth, they are sensual
 - 1. James 3:13-15 *Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.*
 - 2. The word *sensual* comes from the Greek word PSUCHY that means *breath*. The wisdom of the false prophet, then, is that which comes from the basic animal instinct rather than from the revelation from God’s word. It is breathed, not from the breath of God, but from the breath of man.
- G. Fifth, they have not the Spirit
 - 1. There is a strong indication that this Spirit is the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Jude 1:20 *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,*
 - 3. Romans 8:9 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God*

dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

III. REMEMBER TO BUILD YOURSELVES UP, 20

- A. In this verse Jude is talking to the “beloved.” That means saved people.
- B. Saved people are to be building themselves up.
 - 1. The church was built for this very purpose.
 - 2. Colossians 2:7 *Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*
 - 3. Ephesians 3:20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*
- C. If you want to fall out into the world and be involved in sensual pleasures and learn worldly wisdom, then stay out of church.
- D. If you want to be built up, then keep going to church: Hebrews 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*
- E. We should be going to church more rather than less.
- F. Notice the phrase *building yourselves up*. The word *building* is a present participle and means that we should keep on building ourselves up lest we fail to perform the grace of God in our lives.
- G. Keeping in contact with the Lord through praying in the Holy Spirit, Bible reading, witnessing, writing, memorizing, attending church, doing for others is very important for every Christian.

IV. REMEMBER TO KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD, 21

- A. The word *keep* is “first aorist active imperative,” which means that it is a command.
- B. Do everything in the love of God. Don’t forget as a believer that you are loved by God.
- C. It is God’s love that saved you, and it is God’s love that will keep you through eternity.
- D. Remember, God never hates his children. Even though he will chastise his children, he does not hate them but loves them with an everlasting love.
- E. John 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*
- F. Whether we do or do not keep his commandments should be evidence as to whether we do or do not love the Lord.
- G. Many give lip service, but their hearts are far from the Lord. That is what Israel did. Matthew 15:8 *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.*
- H. Believe in the love of God; work in the love of God; love in the love of God; watch and pray in the love of God; witness in the love of God; live in the love of God.
- I. God gave us his love when he saved us: Romans 5:5 *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given*

unto us.

V. REMEMBER TO LOOK FOR THE MERCY OF GOD, 21

- A. Look not on our own things: Philippians 2:4 *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*
- B. Look to Jesus: Hebrews 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- C. Look up: Luke 21:28 *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*
- D. Look at yourself: 2 John 1:8 *Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.*
- E. The mercy of God
 - 1. We are saved by God's mercy: Titus 3:5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*
 - 2. Mercy brings patience: James 5:11 *Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.*
 - 3. This mercy leads unto eternal life: Jude 1:21 *Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

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Lesson 8 – The Character of Believers And of God

Jude 1:22-25

I. THE SINCERITY OF BELIEVERS, 1:22-23

A. We are to have compassion on some of those who have gone astray from the truth, 22

1. Some have gone astray never to return: 2 Peter 2:19-22 *While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*

2. But we don't know who they are, so we are to have compassion (or mercy) on some of these.

3. Who knows but that some of them may return to their former faithfulness to God, having been turned away only by a brief and temporary temptation.

4. The father of the prodigal son had compassion on him when he left home. Luke 15:20 *And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.*

5. We can have compassion, because we were all just as these are: Hebrews 5:2 *Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.*

B. We are to make a difference, 22

1. We are to make a righteous judgment as to which to deal with one way and which to deal another way.

2. A church may need to be more harsh on one person than on another.

3. These who have gone astray may be a mixture of tender ones and tough ones.

4. Some may be obstinate while others may be simply ignorant and weak.

5. So, we are to make a difference, make a distinction between one and the other.

6. Romans 16:17 *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*

7. Eph 5:11 *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

8. 1 Corinthians 5:11 *But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.*
9. Ro 14:1 *Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.*
10. Philippians 2:29 *Receive him (Timothy) therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation*

C. Others save with fear, 23

1. These “others” are the ones who are leading people astray, who are teaching false doctrine and who are the false prophets.
 - a. We are to save them with fear; that is, give them every opportunity to hear the precious words of the Gospel, to know Jesus Christ in his true meaning and to trust him with their hearts.
 - b. We are to rebuke them sharply and condemn their false doctrines. These are the wolves who have come in among us to take away the sheep.
 - c. Acts 20:29 *For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*
2. Our fear can be twofold.
 - a. We may fear their eternal destruction from the presence of the Lord, that, if they do not repent, they may go to Hell, having a strong desire for them to be saved from eternal judgment from God.
 - b. Or we may fear that, if they do repent, it will not be sincere and genuine. If it is not, they will even then fall into the clutches of sin again and will eventually go into eternal damnation.

D. Pulling them out of the fire, 23

1. By strong rebuke and by the preaching of the Gospel.
2. With the working of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and our testimony of grace, we are pulling them out of the fire of Hell; although this is actually done, not by our efforts, but by the work of grace in their hearts.
3. By our strong rebuke and message of grace, we are snatching them out of the clutches of the devil by the mighty hand of God in redemption.

E. Hating the garment spotted by the flesh, 23

1. We are all to hate the garments spotted by the flesh.
2. 1 John 2:15 *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*
3. 2 Peter 2:13 *And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;*
4. Jude 1:12 *These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees*

whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

5. Jude 1:19 *These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.*
6. These items of their character we are to hate. They are spots, dirty spots of the flesh which have dominion over their lives and ruin them.

II. THE SECURITY OF GOD, 1:24-25

A. God Keeps And Presents, 24

1. God is able to keep us, and he does keep us.
 - a. 1 Peter 1:5 *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
 - b. If it were not for the power of God, we would all be just as these false prophets are.
 - c. We would love the world, be like the world, and act just as the world acts.
 - d. We would, no doubt, either be deceiving believers or would be in agreement with those who deceive them.
 - e. The only difference between us and the world is the grace of God.
2. God is able to present us, 24
 - a. The Greek word for *present* is HISTEMI and means *to establish*.
 - b. Paul tells us to *present* our bodies a living sacrifice. That word in the Greek means *to set beside* or *to be at hand*, ready to be used of the Lord.
 - c. One day God will present us, or establish us, in the presence of his Father, and we will live with him eternally.

B. Faultless, 24

1. When Jesus presents us to his Father, we will be faultless.
2. This is because Jesus has died for our sins, paid our debt, satisfied God's justice, and is qualified to plead our case before his Father.
3. We are faultless, because we have been washed in Christ's blood from our sins.
 - a. Revelation 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*
4. We are faultless, because we are clean through the word of God.
 - a. John 15:3 *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*
5. We are faultless, because there is no condemnation toward us.
 - a. Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
6. We are faultless, because we are without blame.
 - a. Ephesians 1:4 *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

C. Before His Presence

1. We will be in the presence of Jesus Christ, for his the glory of God.
2. He will appear in glory Col 3:4 *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

D. With Exceeding Joy

1. We have peace and hope with all joy. Romans 15:13 *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*
2. 1 Peter 1:8 *Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:*
3. 1 Peter 4:13 *But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

III. THE SACREDNESS OF GOD, 25

A. God Is Wise

1. Wise enough to save through believing. 1 Corinthians 1:21 *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

B. God Is Our Savior

1. The phrase "God our Saviour" is mentioned six times in the New Testament but only in Titus and Titus.
2. We know that Jesus Christ is our Savior, but Jesus is God; so God is also our Savior.
3. Tit 2:13 *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

C. God Deserves Glory and Majesty, 25

1. The word *glory* means *honor and praise and worship*.
2. God deserves all of this, the entire Trinity: Father, Son, and Spirit.
3. The word *majesty* is from a root word that means *great*.
4. We all know that God is Great.
5. God is called *Great* in Titus 2:13 and Rev. 19:17.

D. God Has Dominion and Power, 25

1. *Dominion* is the Greek word KRATOS and means *power and strength*.
2. The word *power* here is the word EXOUSIA and means *authority*.
 - a. Matthew 7:29 *For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*
 - b. Mark 1:27 *And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.*
 - c. 1 Corinthians 15:24 *Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the*

kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.