

JUDE

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH



Jude 12-25

“contend earnestly for the faith” – Jude 3

Jude 5-11 – The ungodly will be destroyed

- Question #3
 - What did Jude want to remind them? (Jude 5-7)

Jude 5-11 – The ungodly will be destroyed

- V.5-7 – Example of those who were destroyed for their rebellion
 - Children of Israel – Although God saved the people out of Egyptian bondage, He destroyed those who did not believe
 - Angels – God has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness the angels who left their own abode (role)
 - Sodom and Gomorrah – Set forth as an example of those who suffered the vengeance of eternal fire for sexual immorality and homosexuality

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- Question #4
 - How are the “dreamers” (false teachers) like the examples given in v.5-7? (Jude 8-10)

Jude 5-11 – The ungodly will be destroyed

- V.8-11 – The false teachers who have crept in and their works
 - These have no regard for God or authority
 - “defile the flesh” – live in sin
 - “reject authority” – do not listen to God
 - “speak evil of dignitaries” – speak evil of celestial beings
 - Michael the archangel did not bring a reviling accusation against the devil

Jude 5-11 – The ungodly will be destroyed

- V.8-11 – The false teachers who have crept in and their works
 - These...
 - “Speak evil of what they do not know”
 - Speak evil against things they do not understand
 - “Whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves”
 - They are out to fulfill their own desires

Jude 5-11 – The ungodly will be destroyed

- V.8-11 – The false teachers who have crept in and their works
 - They have...
 - “gone in the way of Cain”
 - Didn’t offer a sacrifice by faith
 - “run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit”
 - Looked for gain and not God’s will
 - “perished in the rebellion of Korah”
 - Rebelled against God

Jude 12-16 – False teachers and their ungodliness

- Question #1
 - What are the false teachers liken too? What does this tell us about them and their teaching? (Jude 12-13)

Jude 12-16 – False teachers and their ungodliness

- V.12-13 – False teachers are spots among you
 - “shepherds feeding themselves” (ESV)
 - They serve themselves
 - “clouds without water, carried about by the winds”
 - They claim to bring hope but bring none
 - “late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots”
 - Those who are unprofitable because they do not bear no fruit of righteousness

Jude 12-16 – False teachers and their ungodliness

- V.12-13 – False teachers are spots among you
 - “raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame”
 - They bring about destruction like a wave leaving filth on the shore
 - “wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness”
 - You see them for a time, but they ultimately disappear into darkness
 - ***False teachers have no benefit, are self-serving, and bring about destruction***

Jude 12-16 – False teachers and their ungodliness

- Question #2
 - Who will God execute judgment on? Who will He convict? What will convict them? (Jude 14-16)

Jude 12-16 – False teachers and their ungodliness

- V.14-15 – Enoch prophesied about the judgment to come and the judgment false teachers like these would face
 - Those convicted are...
 - The “ungodly among them”
 - Their deeds are ungodly
 - They have committed them in an ungodly way
 - The ungodly sinners who have spoken harsh things against Him

Jude 12-16 – False teachers and their ungodliness

- V.14-15 – Enoch prophesied about the judgment to come and the judgment false teachers like these would face
 - Ungodly (asebes, g0765) – irreverent, impious, without reverence for God
 - Vines – not merely irreligious, but acting in contravention of God's demand's
 - Arndt and Gingrich – violating norms for a proper relation to deity
 - Ungodly is not limited to those who are completely immoral, but any who act opposed to God's word

Jude 12-16 – False teachers and their ungodliness

- V.16 – False teachers live how they want, according to their own lust
 - We are not walk according to the lust of the flesh but according to the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-23)
 - They say things with “great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage”
 - Words that sound good to impress people and get some benefit
 - Could be money, followers, or both

Jude 17-25 – Christians are to remember...

- Question #3
 - What are the Christians to remember? (Jude 17-19)

Jude 17-25 – Christians are to remember...

- V.17-19 – Christians are to remember that these things were spoken of by the apostles
 - The apostles spoke the word of God (2 Peter 1:13-21; 3:1-2)
 - There would be mockers and those walking according to their own lusts

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- V.17-19 – Christians are to remember that these things were spoken of by the apostles
 - These are...
 - “sensual persons” – what is of this physical world, not according to the wisdom above (James 3:15)
 - “who cause division” – they do not bring about unity
 - Acceptance of false teachers does not bring about unity, because they do not bring the doctrine of Christ
 - That don't have the Spirit – those who do not have the word of God

Jude 17-25 – Christians are to remember...

- Question #4
 - Due to false teachers and the potential of apostasy, what are the Christians to do? (Jude 20-21)

Jude 17-25 – Christians are to remember...

- V.20-21 – Christians are to be building their faith to eternal life
 - V.20 – Christians are to build their faith and pray
 - Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17) – Christians are to build themselves up on the foundation of the faith
 - We are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)
 - “praying in the Holy Spirit” – Praying properly, with reverence and according to God’s will (1 John 5:14-15)

Jude 17-25 – Christians are to remember...

- V.20-21 – Christians are to be building their faith to eternal life
 - V.21 – Christians are to keep themselves in the love of God looking forward to eternal life
 - One keeps themselves in the love of God by keeping His commandments – 1 John 5:3
 - Looking for the mercy of eternal life – we are to look forward to the hope we have in eternal life (1 John 2:25)

Jude 17-25 – Christians are to remember...

- Question #5
 - Due to false teachers and the potential of apostasy, what are Christians to do regarding others? (Jude 22-23)

Jude 17-25 – Christians are to remember...

- V.22-23 – Christians are to be wise in helping others in spiritual need
 - We need to make sure we have the proper approach in each situation
 - Are you warning one headed down a dangerous path or are you making every effort to save one lost in sin?
 - There is judgement involved, but we need to be wise allowing God's word to guide us and be willing to do whatever needs to be done to “save a soul from death” (James 5:19-20)

Jude 17-25 – Christians are to remember...

- V.24-25 – Christians are to remember who God is
 - God is able to keep one from stumbling and present us faultless
 - He alone is wise (Isaiah 55:8-9)
 - He has given us His wisdom through His word, we must adhere to it