

Series "Contending For The Faith"
"What They Do"
Jude 1:5-11
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Romans 1:32

Jude 3

Outline –

- 1. Verses 1-4 – Who They Are**
- 2. Verses 5-11 – What They Do**
- 3. Verses 12-16 – What They Are**
- 4. Verses 17-25 – What We Must Do**

Thought Of Our Passage: God's Judgment Rightfully Comes For Disobedience, But How Much More When Accompanied By Arrogance And Deliberate Sin.

- 1. Verses 5-7 – Divine Judgment**
- 2. Verses 8-9 – Display Of Arrogance**
- 3. Verses 10-11 – Delighting In Corruption**

1. Verses 5-7 – Divine Judgment:

Jude 1:5

Remembering is a duty; an act of the will – Numbers 15:39

Jude 1:4

"marked out for this condemnation," – Jude 5-15

Verses 5-7 – Jude Cites 3 Examples Of God's Past Judgment:

1. Verse 5 – Unbelieving Israel Rejected God's Authority:

God Delivered: "the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt,"

God Destroyed: "subsequently destroyed those who did not believe." – "Self-willed rebellion against God's Word."

Numbers 14:11; Deuteronomy 1:32

The God Who Delivered Is Also The God Who Destroyed!
Numbers 14:28-29

Failed Application – "those who did not believe."

2. Verse 6 – Angels In Rebellion Against God’s Authority:

Jude 6 – “And angels who did not keep their own domain,”

“but abandoned their proper abode,” – “positions of authority”

Isaiah 14: 12-15; Ezekiel 28: 11-19

Sexual sin is implied – Jude 7 – “since they in the same way as these” (angels and the Sodomites).

Genesis 6: 1-3

2 Peter 2: 4

Revelation 6: 17

The warning to us is that arrogance and lust will ruin us.

Application – God’s judgment is inescapable to the highest positions, even though it might be delayed.

3. Verse 7 – Cities Of Immorality, Anarchy To God’s Authority:

“just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them,” – Genesis 18: 1-19: 29. There were 5 cities Genesis 13: 10.

(Not grateful to God, but arrogant) Ezekiel 16: 49-50

“indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh,” – Homosexuality, going after angels in Sodom; Genesis 19: 4-11, Romans 1 – “unnatural function”.

“are exhibited as an example,” – “warning”

Failed Application – Lust, acts of sexual sin will be judged!

Note The Increasing Terror – Verse 5 – “destroyed”; Verse 6 – “kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day”; Verse 7 – “the punishment of eternal fire.”

2. Verses 8-9 – Display Of Arrogance:

Jude 8

“Yet in the same way” – (Unbelief, Reject Authority, Gross Immorality); “these men, also by dreaming,” – Literally “filthy dreamer”.

Dreamers Pollute The Body: "defile the flesh," – "polluting their own bodies."

Dreamers Reject Authority: "and reject authority," – "human or divine authority, lordship", Genesis 19:11.

Dreamers Slander Celestial Beings: "and revile" – "speak evil of" – "angelic majesties." – "celestial beings, glorious ones, angels"; Angels embody the glory of God. The Law was meditated by angels, Hebrews 2:2.

Jude 9

"But Michael the archangel," – "who is like God?"; The chief angel. Only other time in NT, Revelation 12:7.

Apocryphal Assumption of Moses; OT quotes "The Book of the Wars of the Lord". Paul, Acts 20:35 – "More blessed to give than receive"; Paul, 1 Corinthians 11 – Lord's Supper before the written Gospel accounts!

Deuteronomy 34:6; Zech 3:1-2

No one is an autonomous moral authority.

3. Verses 10-11 – Delighting In Corruption:

Jude 10

"But these men revile the things which they do not understand;" – "They pour out abuse on things they do not understand", Acts 17:11.

These Men Are More Like Animals Than Humans: "and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals,"

"and the things which they know by instinct," – "they are like animals that have God-programed natural desires."

Jude 11

3 Examples Of Corruption: Heretics That Conform To OT Examples

- 1. The Way Of Cain:** "Woe to them!" – (Warning the condemned of Judgment) "For they have gone the way of Cain," – The "way of Cain" – Breaking Relationship With God; the way of religion without faith; righteousness based on good works. "way of Cain" – rejecting the righteousness of God that comes through faith in Christ, Romans 10:1-4; Genesis 4:8.

- 2. The Error Of Balaam:** “and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam,” – Numbers 22-24 – The “way of Balaam”, deceiving Israel into sin; Deliberate abandonment in the knowing of God’s will!

2 Peter 2: 15

How to entice others to sin – Numbers 25: 1-3 31:16

The “error of Balaam” – Covetous man prepared to sin in order to gain; Greatest sin of all is teaching Israel to sin.

- 3. The Rebellion Of Korah:** “and perished in the rebellion of Korah.” – Korah (family 250 leaders) Numbers 16: 1-35, Korah questioned God’s wisdom in choice, and resented the leadership of Moses and dared God to do anything about their rebellion.

Claimed holiness for himself, Numbers 16: 3.

Numbers 16: 32-33

Numbers 20: 13-14

Application:

1. We Should Look At Things From An Eternal Perspective, Not Like This World Which Is Merely Here And Now.
2. Like Cain – Beware Of Arrogance, Malice And False Holiness.
3. Like Balaam – Nothing Can Be Economically Good If It Is Morally Bad.
4. Like Korah – Being Factious And Troublemaking Toward Rightful Authority Is An Example Of Rebellious Unbelief.
5. Christianity Is Not To Be Defined By What A Person Does Not Do, But By What They Do Through The Power Of New Life.