Jude 1:17-25

Review...

- Prepare to FIGHT...
 - ο Jude WARNED us we NEED to FIGHT for THE $[τ\tilde{η}]$ FAITH [πίστις]
 - o Because FALSE teachers had CREPT into the church with a DESIRE to deceive...
 - o These FALSE teachers INTERPRET the GRACE of God as a license to SIN...
 - o They TEACH there are OPTIONS on how to get to HEAVEN...
 - o They do not TEACH Jesus is the BOSS [κύριος] the one who OWNS us!
- Defining False teachers...
 - o Jude looked BACK to the Old Testament to define what FALSE teachers look like TODAY...
 - o They LOOK like Israel who refused to OBEY the Lord and enter the LAND...
 - o They LOOK like Angels who rebelled against God thinking there was another way to heaven...
 - o They LOOK like Sodom who sinned thinking there were no consequences were destroyed!
- FATE OF FALSE TEACHERS...
 - o Jude used NATURE FIVE descriptions to tell us what will happen to FALSE teachers...
 - o And concluded by giving us the Prophecy of ENOCH SECOND coming...
 - o Jesus is coming and JUDGE these FALSE pastors...
 - o Because they are GRUMBLERS COMPLAINERS LUSTFUL and SELFISH!

RESPONDING TO FALSE TEACHERS...

- 1ST REMEMBER... vs. 17-19
 - o 1st The WORD... vs. 17
 - But you beloved remember!
 - In light of WHAT the FALSE pastors teach THREE false doctrines...
 - Because of WHO the FALSE pastors are example from OT...
 - Considering WHERE the FALSE pastors will go destined to be JUDGED...
 - BELOVED [å $\gamma\alpha\pi\eta\tau\delta\varsigma$] we who have received the LOVE of God the TRUE church...
 - FIRST we must [imperative] REMEMBER it is IMPORTANT that we stop and THINK!
 - When we see the questionable teachings on TV and YOUTUBE...
 - When we hear the ODD message that is being taught in some churches...
 - It CAUSES [passive] us to REMEMBER the WARNING we must FIGHT for the ONE faith...
 - How do we FIGHT we REMEMBER the WORD!
 - The words which were spoken before!
 - We must [imperative] remember the WORDS that we SPOKEN [perfect]
 - Because the best way to combat a LIE is the with the TRUTH!
 - There is only one TRUTH and that is Jesus John 14:6
 - And Jesus gives us the TRUTH through His WORD **John 17:17**
 - Just because a pastor says something does not mean it is TRUE...
 - We need to REMEMBER the Bible has ALL the answers ONLY the Bible is TRUTH...
 - And we should be going back to the TRUTH to verify anything a pastors says!
 - Acts 17:11 "Search the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so."
 - By the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ!
 - $\bullet \;\;$ JUDE is specific as to which WORDS [Bible verses] we are to REMEMBER...
 - ullet We are to REMEMBER the WORDS spoken to us by the APOSTLES [ἀπόστολος] of Jesus...
 - The APOSTLES gave us TWO warning about FALSE pastors!

- o 2nd MOCKERS... vs. 18
 - How they told you that there would be mockers!
 - The APOSTLES constantly [imperfect] TOLD us that there would be MOCKERS...
 - Quoting from the APOSTLE Peter II Peter 3:3
 - MOCKERS [ἐμπαίκτης] 2x in NT the noun form of the verb to MOCK...
 - MOCK [ἐμπαίζω] 13x in NT all but two of them in relation to crucifying Jesus...
 - The gist of the word being someone who MOCKS those who believe in Jesus...
 - Going on to quote from Peter they MOCK those who believe Jesus is coming back!
 - II Peter 3:4 "Saying Where is the promise of His coming!"
 - It has been 2000 years since Jesus walked the earth and He still has NOT returned...
 - The argument is if He has NOT come yet then maybe He NEVER will!
 - As Jesus drew near the Jerusalem for the final time He wept over it Luke 19:41
 - Israel was expected to recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah because...
 - Because they had even been told THE EXACT DAY He would arrive Daniel 9:25
 - 173,880 days after the command to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem Nehemiah 2:1
 - The Jews were all very religious they all went to church every week...
 - But very few of them actually knew their Bible so they missed Jesus!
 - We are NOT waiting for the RETURN of Jesus we are waiting for the RAPTURE...
 - BEFORE the TRIBULATION BEFORE the SECOND coming of Jesus...
 - The CHURCH must be RAPTURED [ἀρπάζω] I Thessalonians 4:14-17
 - No one KNOWS the day or hour of only the Father in heaven Mark 13:32
 - But we can see the SIGNS of the times and KNOW we are close…
 - The question is are we READY!
 - I John 3:3 "Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself..."
 - [Because we are] in the last time!
 - The LAST TIME [γρόνος] synonymous with the term LAST DAYS...
 - Which began when the Holy Spirit was poured out on Pentecost Acts 2:17
 - And will continue right up to the rapture of the church I Thessalonians 4:16
 - In between these TWO events are the LAST DAYS when HARD times will come!
 - II Timothy 3:1 "In the last days [VIOLENT] times will come..."
 - Satan knows his time is SHORT so he is trying his hardest...
 - He has become VIOLENT hold nothing back to try and keep people from God...
 - We need to KNOW not underestimate the dangerous times we live in!
 - [Because these MOCKERS] walk according to their own ungodly lusts!
 - The MOTIVE of these MOCKERS is to walk after their own ungodly LUSTS [έπιθυμία]
 - In other words those who MOCK the coming of Jesus are not trying to HELP ...
 - MOCKERS do NOT want Jesus to return because they only live for themselves!
 - **Philippians 3:17-19** "They are enemies of the Christ. Their future is eternal destruction. Their god is their appetite... all they think about is this life..."
- o 3rd Divisive... vs. 19
 - These [men] cause divisions!
 - The SECOND thing the APOSTLES told us FALSE pastors do is cause DIVISION...
 - We do not have a specific verse that we can point to that Jude is quoting from...
 - DIVISIONS [ἀποδιορίζω] only appears here NT means to DRAW boundaries!
 - The idea being FALSE pastors DIVIDE by DRAWING lines between denominations...
 - The church across the street believes THIS but we believe THAT...
 - Therefore we cannot cross the LINE and cannot have fellowship together!
 - Satan knows that a house the is DIVIDED cannot stand...

- If there is DIVISION in the Body of Christ we lose our WITNESS...
- Rather than represent the LOVE of Jesus we instead display CONTEMPT...
- Therefore FALSE pastors try and sow DIVISION into the CHURCH!
- Matthew 12:25 "Every kingdom divided against itself... will not stand."
- [Because they] are sensual not having the Spirit!
 - SENSUAL [ψυχικός] to be governed by the NATURAL mind...
 - Where we get the word PSYCHOLOGY the study of the psyche natural mind [ψυχή]
 - But NOTE those who look for answers in the NATURAL [ψυχή] do not have the SPIRIT!
 - I Corinthians 2:14 "The natural man [ψυχικός] does not receive the things of the Spirit of God - for they are foolishness to him..."
 - There is a HUGE moment in the church today to run to PSYCHOLOGY for answers...
 - When someone is depressed or has anxiety or relational problems…
 - They are encouraged to go to COUNSELORS trained PHYCOLOGISTS...
 - The problem is PSYCHOLOGY tries to answer the PROBLEM without the ONLY solution!
 - Almost EVERY challenge we can face in life stems from ONE source our SIN...
 - And the ONLY answer for our SIN is Jesus...
 - When someone suggests we can get help through a PROGRAM or MEDICATION...
 - They are trying to solve a SPIRITUAL problem with NATURAL [ψυχικός] solution...
 - They are FALSE pastors and DIVISIVE because they keep us from Christ!
- 2^{ND} REBUILD... vs. 20-21
 - o 1st Holy Faith... vs. 20
 - But you beloved building yourselves up on your most holy faith!
 - But you BELOVED [ἀγαπητός] for the SECOND time addressing TRUE believers...
 - We must not only REMEMBER the TWO words spoken by the APOSTLES...
 - SECOND we must also make sure our FAITH is BUILT on a SOLID foundation...
 - BUILDING [ἐποικοδομέω] our house upon the HOLY [ἄγιος] faith!
 - When we build a HOUSE we want to make sure it has a good FOUNDATION...
 - That way if a TYPHOON happens to blow through we KNOW it will STAND!
 - In the same way we want to make sure our FAITH has a good FOUNDATION...
 - That way when the STRONG winds of FALSE pastors come blowing through...
 - We are NOT moved because we built upon the ROCK!
 - **Psalm 62:6** "[Jesus] only is my rock and my salvation... I shall not be moved."
 - Praying in the Holy Spirit!
 - How do we BUILD our foundation on the ROCK...
 - PRAYING [προσεύχομαι] to come and share our heart with God...
 - NOT just an occasional PRAYER it is CONTINUAL [present] PRAYER...
 - PRAYER for God to give us His GRACE so we can be STRONG in our FAITH!
 - When Paul gave his final teaching to the Ephesian elders at Miletus...
 - He turned them over to the GRACE of God which could BUILD them up!
 - **Acts 20:32** "I commend you to God and to the word of His GRACE which is able to build [ἐποικοδομέω] you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."
 - FAITH is the KEY that opens up the door to the GRACE of God...
 - But what is the GIFT [$\chi \acute{\alpha} \rho \iota \varsigma$] that God gives to us by FAITH His SPIRIT...
 - We PRAY for the HOLY Spirit to come and FILL us so we can stand up for Jesus...
 - If we are struggling to live for Jesus PRAY to the father and ask for the SPIRIT **Luke 11:13**
 - He is the one who gives us the POWER to live a HOLY [$\Tilde{\alpha}\gamma\iota\circ\varsigma$] life!
 - o 2^{nd} Love of God... vs. 21
 - Keep yourselves in the love of God!

- You who are in the LOVE [ἀγά π η] of God MUST [imperative] be on GUARD [τηρέω]
- We are SAVED we have been given the LOVE of the Father...
- But we still LIVE in a fallen world and wake up every day in a SINFUL body...
- So there are CONSTANT temptations that try and DISTRACT us from Jesus...
- We need to GUARD ourselves so we do NOT walk away from the LOVE of God!
- Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life!
 - The way we GUARD ourselves is by LOOKING for MERCY...
 - LOOKING [προσδέχομαι] to eagerly EXPECT a promise to be fulfilled...
 - God has PROMISED us MERCY [ἔλεος] NOT getting the JUDGEMENT we DESERVE…
 - Because although we are going to make MISTAKES there is FORGIVENESS!
 - CONVICTION is GOOD the work of the Spirit telling us to REPENT look to Jesus...
 - CONDEMNATION is BAD focusing on our failures looking to our sin...
 - When we are FOCUSED on our mistakes we are NOT looking to Jesus...
 - We are CONDEMNING ourselves even though God says we are NOT guilty...
 - We just NEED to get our eyes off ourselves and put them back onto Jesus...
 - LOOKING to the MERCY of God so we can be BUILT up in His LOVE!
 - I John 3:20 "If our heart condemns us God is greater than our heart."
- 3RD RESCUE... vs. 22-25
 - o 1^{st} Have compassion... vs. 22
 - Helping others...
 - THIRD we are also to come along side of our BROTHERS and SISTERS in the FAITH...
 - Because we are CALLED to come along side BELIEVERS who are struggling **Galatians 6:1**
 - HOW we help depends on the HOW the person is STRUGGLING!
 - On some have compassion making a distinction!
 - On SOME we are to have MERCY [ἔλεος]
 - Meaning we do NOT give them what they DESERVE...
 - But we need to DISCERN we JUDGE [διακρίνω] how we can best HELP!
 - We should not RUSH in to JUDGE others for their SIN...
 - We should show them the same MERCY we have received from God...
 - Because we are NOT to seek JUSTICE we are called to live in LOVE!
 - o 2nd Pull from the fire... vs. 23
 - But others save with fear!
 - On OTHERS we do not give MERCY we give them FEAR [$\phi \delta \beta o \varsigma$]
 - The FEAR of God the FEAR of sin the FEAR of ending up in Hell!
 - I was getting Hallel ready for school the other morning playing around with her...
 - She was having fun and did not want to stop so said somewhat playfully...
 - Mom said I did NOT have to go to school...
 - I noticed the moment she said it she had to back away from me!
 - When we chose to SIN the instant effect is it causes us to back away from our FATHER...
 - We KNOW what we did was WRONG and it separates us from Him...
 - The solution is simply REPENT we immediately are comfortable coming back to Him...
 - That is why if someone is STRUGGLING with SIN then we need to WARN them...
 - Because SIN will HARDEN our hearts SEPARATE us from God **Hebrews 3:13**
 - And if we do NOT repent we can get so HARD we are in danger of being JUDGED!
 - **Hebrews 10:31** "It is a fearful $[\phi \delta \beta o \zeta]$ thing to fall into the hands of the living God."
 - Pulling them out of the fire!
 - This is an INTERESTING phrase it might mean one of TWO things...
 - FIRST the word PULLING [ἀρπάζω] is the word RAPTURE **I Thessalonians 4:17**

- When we bring the FEAR of God to someone and they REPENT...
- We allow them to be RAPTURED so they do NOT have to go through the FIRE [Tribulation]
- SECOND when we bring the FEAR of God to someone and they REPENT...
- It PULLS them out of the FIRES of HELL saved from ETERNAL judgment!
- Either interpterion serves to give us proper motivation we NEED to reach out to others...
- We do NOT want anyone to go through the TRIBULATION...
- And we certainly do NOT want anyone to go to HELL...
- Ignoring SIN is NOT the solution for SIN we are CALLED to HELP...
- When we see a brother or sister caught up in the world not living for Jesus...
- It is our responsibility to come alongside them to WARN them!
- **Galatians 6:1-2** "If a man is overtaken in any trespass you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness... Bear one another burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."
- Hating even the garment defiled by the flesh!
 - We HELP but we are CAREFUL...
 - HATING [strong word] the SIN that could also DEFILE [σ πιλόω] us!
 - Often when people are caught up in sin they are not comfortable coming to church...
 - They think everyone knows and is talking about what they did so they stay away...
 - It is our responsibility to GO to them REACH them where they are...
 - If they are WANDERING around the plaza WANDER with them!
 - We do need to be careful we do not want to get caught up in the sins of others...
 - We do NOT get sucked what they are doing but go and share Jesus with them!
 - **Galatians 6:1** "Considering yourself lest you also be tempted..."
- o 3rd One solution... vs. 24
 - Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling!
 - WHAT do we give to those who are STRUGGLING with SIN...
 - We point them to the ONE who has the POWER [δύναμαι] to KEEP [active] them...
 - ONLY Jesus can keep people from STUMBLING [passive]!
 - We ALL like to be the HERO swoop in when a FRIEND is in trouble...
 - It FEELS nice to be the solution to their PROBLEM!
 - Men would much rather look to someone they can touch and see...
 - Therefore they are much more inclined to TRUST in a MAN than GOD...
 - The PROBLEM is we are LIMITED we cannot keep people from STUMBLING...
 - We CANNOT change desires we CANNOT transform the HEART...
 - We are a VERY poor substitute for Jesus He is the ONLY answer!
 - And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy!
 - Jesus does not just have the POWER to help NOT stumble...
 - \bullet He is also the ONLY one who can CAUSE [active] us to STAND [ἴστημι]
 - FAULTLESS [ἄμωμος] without SPOT in His GLORIOUS [δόξα] presence...
 - With EXCEEDING Joy [from the root ἄλλομαι] to JUMP a LOT!
 - We will ALL stand before God one day WHITE throne Revelation 20:11
 - SADLY for many it will NOT be a GOOD day...
 - But for those who came to Jesus even if they STRUGGLED...
 - They will find they are FORGIVE NO spots through the CROSS of Christ...
 - And there will be a LOT of LEAPING because HEAVEN is our DESTINATION!
- o 4th Our GOD... vs. 25
 - To God our Savior [through Jesus Christ our Lord]
 - JUDE concludes his SHORT epistle by telling us EXACTLY why Jesus is the ANSWER...
 - Depending on the translation you are READING there are some VARIATIONS here...

- The difference are between the TR and NU [MGNT] texts!
- The ONLY [μόνος] God there is NO other answer to our problem of FALSE pastors...
- He is ONLY [μόνος] one who can SAVE [$\sigma\omega\tau$ ήρ] us from our SINS...
- He does it through Jesus Christ [NU] who is our Lord [κύριος]!
- Who alone is wise!
 - WISE God [TR] He is the source of all WISDOM [$\sigma o \phi \delta \zeta$] no PROBLEM is too HARD!
 - We are NEVER going to face any LIE or and SIN that is TOO much for God...
 - It is a guarantee when we go to Him point others to Him He has the ANSWER!
- Be glory and majesty dominion and power!
 - Jesus is our GLORY He is the ONLY one who allows us to SHINE $[\delta \delta \xi \alpha]$
 - Jesus is our GREATNESS [from root $\mu \acute{\epsilon} \gamma \alpha \varsigma$] we will only do GREAT things if we are in Jesus...
 - Jesus is our POWER [κράτος] He is the source of ALL of our POWER
 - Jesus is our AUTHORITY [ἐξουσία] He is the one who REIGNS over ALL!
- [Before all ages] now and forever. Amen!
 - When is Jesus the RIGHT solution to EVERY problem...
 - BEFORE all ages [NU] Jesus has been the ANSWER since BEFORE time began Genesis 1:1
 - NOW Jesus is the ANSWER today no matter what the PROBLEM might be...
 - FOREVER Jesus will ALWAYS be the ANSWER...
 - To which JUDE finishes up by saying AMEN [אַמַן] this is the TRUTH!