

Jude 1:5-11

REVIEW...

- **THE WARNING...**
 - Prepare to FIGHT...
 - The DESIRE [σπουδή] of JUDE was to write to ENCOURAGE the BELIEVERS...
 - He wanted to write a POSITIVE letter about their COMMON salvation...
 - But JUDE instead WARNED us – we NEED to FIGHT for THE [τῇ] FAITH [πίστις]
 - Because FALSE teachers had CREPT into the church – with a DESIRE to deceive!
 - FALSE message...
 - These FALSE teachers INTERPRET the GRACE of God as a license to SIN...
 - They teach there are OPTIONS on how to get to HEAVEN...
 - They do not teach Jesus is the BOSS [κύριος] – the one who OWNS us!

DEFINING FALSE TEACHERS...

- **1st – No FAITH... vs. 5-7**
 - But I want to remind you - though you once knew this!
 - JUDE desired to REMIND [ὑπομνήσκω] the church...
 - NOT that they did not KNOW [εἶδω] – they KNEW it ONCE for all time [ἅπαξ]
 - What JUDE says is nothing new - because the Bible is FULL of examples...
 - Jude goes back into the Old Testament - because they do not change...
 - We can be ready for defend the faith today - by learning the lessons from the past!
 - But just because we KNOW – does not mean we do not need to be REMINDED!
 - Why do we take the time to get into the Bible EVERY week...
 - Going back the studying the lives of people who lives THOUSANDS of year ago...
 - The REASON is because people do NOT change...
 - And we can LEARN how to defend our FAITH today – by the lessons they learned long ago!
 - Three examples...
 - JUDE defines these FALSE teachers who have crept into the CHURCH...
 - As having NO faith - by giving us thee OT examples: Israel – Angels – and Sodom
 - 1st – Example of Israel... vs. 5
 - The Lord - having saved the people out of the land of Egypt...
 - Afterward destroyed those who did not believe!
 - FIRST - the LORD [κύριος] saved Israel – the TEN plagues – RED sea – **Exodus 12-14**
 - SECOND [δεύτερος] - He DESTROYED those who did not believe [πίστις]
 - When Israel arrived in the PROMISED Land - they sent out SPIES to who gave a bad report...
 - They did not BELIEVE [πίστις] and refused to OBEY and enter - **Numbers 13:32**
 - **Numbers 32:13** – “The LORDs anger was aroused against Israel - and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years - until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD [not BELIEVE] was gone [DESTROYED]!”
 - FALSE teachers...
 - The POINT being – FALSE teachers might have been SAVED – but end up PERISHING...
 - Because they did not OBEY the BOSS [κύριος] – they REBELLED against the LORD!
 - The MOMENT we put our FAITH in Jesus – we are SAVED – **Ephesians 2:8-9**
 - But FAITH is not just a MOMENT – it is a LIFELONG pursuit...
 - It is about OBEYING Jesus continually – submitting to our Lord [κύριος] - **I John 5:13**

- o 2nd – Example of Angels... vs. 6
 - The angels who did not keep their proper domain - but left their own abode!
 - When Jesus created the ANGELS – **Colossians 1:16**
 - They were all GOOD – they were all in the presence of the LORD...
 - But SOME did not KEEP [τηρέω] the FIRST [ἀρχή] – and LEFT their home!
 - 1/3 of all the angels REBELLED along with satan - **Revelation 12:4**
 - God CAST them out of heaven - they were BANISHED to the earth – **Luke 10:18**
 - [God] has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day!
 - There is a final JUDGEMENT - that awaits these fallen angels – **II Peter 2:4**
 - Until then they are KEPT [τηρέω] in CHAINS and DARKNESS...
 - Waiting for the great DAY of JUDGMENT – when they will be cast into the Lake of FIRE!
 - **Matthew 25:41** – “The everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”
 - Not all ANGELS...
 - In general - HELL is NOT the dwelling place of FALLEN angels – **II Corinthians 4:4**
 - But the angels referred to here could be from - **Genesis 6:2**
 - When ANGELS [בְּנֵי-הָאֱלֹהִים] had RELATIONS - with daughters of men...
 - The result was the [גִּבּוֹרִים] – giants on the earth – TITANS - **Genesis 6:4**
 - NOTE the connection to SEXUAL sin – LIKE Sodom and Gomorrah – **Jude 1:7**
 - Because of their SIN [relationship with women] - they are KEPT in HELL [ταρταρώ]!
 - FALSE teachers...
 - The POINT being – FALSE teachers who use the GRACE of God to live an IMMORAL life...
 - Will face the JUDGEMENT of God – just as like the FALLEN angels!
 - Sin does not KEEP us out of heaven – Jesus died to pay for our SIN...
 - But those who LIVE an immoral lifestyle – those who LIVE in sexual sin...
 - Will NOT inherit the kingdom of heaven – **I Corinthians 6:9**
- o 3rd – Example of Sodom... vs. 7
 - As Sodom and Gomorrah - and the cities around them in a similar manner to these!
 - In the SAME [ὅμοιος] way – connecting to the SIN of the FALLEN angels...
 - The SIN [singular] of Sodom – Gomorrah – and the cities around them!
 - **Genesis 18:20** – “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great - their sin is very grave.”
 - Having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh!
 - What was THE sin – seeking SEXUAL immorality – from the ROOT word [πορνεύω]
 - [πορνεύω] – can be pornography - adultery - any SEX outside of marriage...
 - Here – it was to go after STRANGE [ἕτερος] FLESH - referring to HOMOSEXUALITY!
 - God created us with a very natural – obvious – design for marriage [one man one woman]
 - Two MEN cannot have a BABY – neither can two WOMEN...
 - But those who REJECT the WORD – having nothing to GUIDE them - **Romans 1:21**
 - As a result those who reject God are often driven by their LUSTS...
 - And LUST can lead people to reject the DESIGN – perversion of the sexual desires!
 - [These cities] are set forth as an example - suffering the vengeance of eternal fire!
 - They are placed [present] before our eyes [δείγμα] as a WARNING ...
 - HELD under [present] the PUNISHMENT of EVERLASTING fire!
 - The Bible is extremely clear on this subject – homosexuality is SIN...
 - Homosexuality – according to the OT - is a SIN punishable by death – **Leviticus 18:22**
 - Those who LIVE this lifestyle will NOT inherit the kingdom of heaven – **I Corinthians 6:9**
- 2ND – NO RESPECT... vs. 8-10
 - o 1st – Rejected Faith... vs. 8
 - THREE Descriptions...

- JUDE gives THREE descriptions of FALSE teachers have REJECTED their FAITH...
- Tied to the THREE false teachings of verse 4 – and the THREE examples of verses 5-7!
- Likewise - also these dreamers defile the flesh!
 - In the SAME [ὁμοίως] way – like those in Sodom and Gomorrah...
 - These FALSE teachers – are truly [μὲν] DEFILED [stained]
 - Even their DREAMS are IMPURE and IMMORAL!
 - This shows us the EXTENT these FALSE teachers will go to...
 - They TEACH the GRACE of God is a license to SIN – accepting homosexuality...
 - Perhaps they may even practice what preach!
 - As society has rejects the creator - the very definition of gender is challenged...
 - We see people today questioning the DESIGN of the creator – gender fluid...
 - **Genesis 1:27** – “God created man in His own image... male and female He created them.”
 - The attack has gone on to question WHO people can marry...
 - We are pressured today to accept homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle...
 - There are churches that are ordaining homosexual pastors [FALSE teachers]
 - Society tries to argue people are born that way [no scientific evidence]
 - But we are NOT to conform - we are NOT to condone sin - through we love the sinner!
- Reject authority!
 - In the SAME [ὁμοίως] way – like the CHILDREN of Israel...
 - These FALSE teachers DESPISE [ἀθετέω] – to think NOTHING of...
 - AUTHORITY [κυριότης] – divine authority – from [κύριος]
 - They do NOT tell people to OBEY Jesus – they teach we can do what we want...
 - And SADLY there are MANY people who will FOLLOW them – **II Peter 2:2**
 - People do not want TRUTH – they look for leaders to tell them what they WANT to hear...
 - They look for pastors - churches - who tell them their LIFESTYLE is OK with God...
 - Because of this a lot of churches have gotten away from teaching the Word of God...
 - SADLY this kind of teaching might FILL churches – but it also FILLS hell!
 - **II Timothy 4:3** - “A time is coming [and now is] when people will no longer listen to right teaching. They will... look for teachers who will tell them what they want to hear.”
- Speak evil of dignitaries!
 - In the SAME [ὁμοίως] way – like the Angels who rebelled...
 - These FALSE teachers BLASPHEME the GLORY [δόξα]
 - BLASPHEME [βλασφημέω] – speak about God [δόξα] as being EVIL!
 - When those who follow FALSE teachers outnumber the righteous – rules begin to bend...
 - It is a crime to pray - bring a Bible into school - mention the name of Jesus...
 - But it becomes the moral high ground - to protect homosexuality – and abortion!
 - **Isaiah 5:20** – “Woe to those who call evil good - and good evil.”
- o 2nd – Rebuking devil... vs. 9
 - Yet Michael the archangel!
 - MICHAEL [מיכָאֵל] – WHO is like God...
 - One of only two GOOD angels given a name in the Bible...
 - GABRIEL - always mentioned in connection to the coming of Jesus - **Daniel 8:16 - Luke 1:26**
 - MICHAEL - who is the guardian Angel over Israel – **Daniel 10:21**
 - They are ARCHANGELS [ἀρχάγγελος] – CHIEF of the ANGELS!
 - In contending with the devil!
 - MICHAEL judged [διακρίνω] the DEVIL [διάβολος]
 - Michael is at WAR with satan – who was likely also an ARCHANGEL before he fell...
 - Michael is the one who kicked satan out of heaven – **Revelation 12:7**

- And is likely the ANGEL who will BIND him for 1000 years - **Revelation 20:2**
- Too often people make the mistake of thinking satan is the EQUAL of God...
- If you are looking for an EQUAL – it would be Michael – who always beats him up!
- When he disputed about the body of Moses!
 - **Deuteronomy 34:6** – “[God] buried [Moses]... but no one knows his grave to this day.”
 - Why did God bury Moses - why did satan want his body...
 - Both God and satan knew if they body was recovered - if the grave site was known...
 - The people of Israel would WORSHIP the body and grave!
 - After Rome converted to Christianity – the belief arose there was power of RELICS...
 - The term comes from the Latin word that means the BONES...
 - They believed the power of the Holy Spirit continued in the remains even after death...
 - So the BONES are believed to be able heal people - cast out demons...
 - It even became common to put bones in the Altar of churches!
 - But there was no power in the bones of MOSES...
 - Any more than there was power in the handkerchief of Paul – **Acts 19:11:12**
 - But Men would rather put their trust in rotten bones - snotty rags – than the Lord...
 - Because when people are far from the Lord - they worship someone – or thing God has used...
 - They fill the void in their lives with superstitions - trinkets that remind them of God...
 - But there is no power in charms – idols - or superstitions - only God has the power to save!
- Dared not bring against him a reviling accusation - but said - The Lord rebuke you!
 - MICHAEL would not speak EVIL [βλασφημία] – against the devil...
 - Instead - he wanted [optative] the Lord [κύριος] to give him HONOR [ἐπιτιμία]
 - Which to be honest – seems like a pretty WEAK verbal attack...
 - But what it means is – I will let the MASTER decide what you are worth...
 - This is in direct contrast to FALSE teachers – who have no problem speaking EVIL of God!
 - A powerful example of us to follow – we need to be CAREFUL what we SAY...
 - Because when we JUDGE others – we do NOT see their heart...
 - Only the Lord knows their MOTIVE – only He sees the heart- **I Samuel 16:7**
 - We do NOT assume – we leave it to the MASTER to decide what someone is worth!

o 3rd – Brute beasts... vs. 10

- But these speak evil of whatever they do not know - and whatever they know naturally!
 - These FALSE teachers speak EVIL [βλασφημέω] about what they do not SEE [εἶδω]
 - The ONLY reason they BAD mouth God – is because they have not SEEN Him - YET...
 - They STAND [ἐπίσταμαι] on the PHYSICAL [φυσικῶς] – and ignore the SPIRITUAL!
- Like brute beasts - in these things they corrupt themselves!
 - They are BRUTES [ἄλογος] – not able to THINK – form a WORD [λόγος]
 - They are BEASTS – just animals – having no SPIRIT within them...
 - They are CORRUPTED – because of THESE things!
 - Using GRACE as a LICENSE to SIN – REJECTING God as the ONLY way to Heaven...
 - And DENYING Jesus as the MASTER – the one we must OBEY!

• 3RD – No HOPE... vs. 11

o 1st – Woe to them...

- JUDE gives THREE woes – why there is no HOPE for these FALSE teachers...
- By going back to THREE wicked men from the Old Testament – to make the point!

o 2nd – No REPENTANCE...

- For they have gone in the way of Cain!
 - Shortly after the FALL - Adam and Eve had two SONS – CAIN and ABEL - **Genesis 4:1-2**

- Both SONS brought an OFFERING to the LORD...
- Cain brought fruits of the ground – Abel brought the firstborn of the flock...
- The Lord accepted the offering of Abel - but he did NOT accept the offering of Cain...
- There are those who say this is because of WHAT the two brothers offered...
- God ONLY accepted an offering of an animal [blood] – not of the fruit of the soil [cursed]
- But both kinds of offering are included in the Law of Moses – **Leviticus 1:3-9 / 2:1-3**
- The problem was WHO gave the offering...
 - This was likely NOT the first time that they brought an offering to God...
 - The offering of Cain had been ACCEPTED in the past – but not this time...
 - It was not a matter of what he brought to the Lord – it was about the HEART...
 - God warned CAIN about his HEART – SIN was at the door – **Genesis 4:7**
 - But RATHER than repent – CAIN chose to KILL his brother ABLE!
 - People often treat the COMMANDS of God as burdens...
 - A list of RULES that somehow keep us from the FUN things in life...
 - But to be OBEDIENT to the Lord – is what keeps us SAFE from SIN...
 - Because when we do NOT obey the Lord [κύριος] it opens the door for SIN to come in!
- o 3rd – Only MONEY...
 - [They] have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit!
 - Balaam was a gentile PROPHET of God – **Numbers 22:5**
 - King Balak of Moab sent to Balaam and asked him to CURSE the people of Israel...
 - When Balaam asked the LORD if he could go – the LORD told him NO – TWICE...
 - But he pleaded with the LORD [he was offered a LOT of money] and God let him go...
 - Because Balaam LOVED [ἀγαπάω] the wages of unrighteousness – **II Peter 2:15**
 - God to send an angel to KILL Balaam – but his DONKEY kept avoiding the angel...
 - The THIRD time it happened – Balaam beat his DONKEY – and the DONKEY spoke...
 - What is AMAZING is not that a DONKEY talked – it is that Balaam ARGUED back...
 - Then Balaam saw the angel – and the LORD told Balaam to ONLY speak what God said!
 - What was OBVIOUS to a dumb DONKEY – was HIDDEN from Balaam...
 - Because GREED will BLIND us to the DANGER right in front of us!
 - Balaam DISOBEYED the LORD...
 - He ran GREEDILY after the PROFIT - King Balak had for him...
 - He did not care what effect his actions would have - he ONLY thought of the MONEY...
 - He was more concerned with RICHES in this life - than ETERNAL life...
 - If he could not CURSE Israel – he knew how to get them to CURSE themselves...
 - Balaam gave king Balak the idea to TEMPT the men of Israel - with the women of Moab!
 - **Numbers 31:16** - “These women caused the children of Israel - through the counsel of Balaam - to [sin] against the LORD...”
 - Balaam DIED for his MONEY...
 - God commanded Israel to attack the allies of Moab – **Numbers 25:16-18**
 - When Israel defeated them - Balaam also died in the battle - **Numbers 31:8**
 - SADLY - many people are DETERMINED to miss out on HEAVEN...
 - They are confident MONEY will make them happy - they will SACRIFICE anything to get it!
 - The problem is people make MONEY their god – instead of Jesus...
 - We cannot dedicate our lives to MONEY and possessions – and to the LORD...
 - We waste our life on possessions that do not last – rather than on eternal rewards...
 - If we desire more MONEY – we are missing the greatest riches of all – Jesus!
 - **I Timothy 6:10** – “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil...”
- o 4th – Rejecting Authority...

- [They have] **perished in the rebellion of Korah!**
- KORAH [קֹרַח] – was a COUSIN of Moses – from the tribe of LEVI – **Numbers 16:1-3**
- Korah led a REBELLION against Moses – arguing he should LEAD Israel...
- But God opened up the EARTH and swallowed him up along with ALL who followed him!
- **When we REJECT the ONE path God has called us to walk down...**
- **We end up in on the BROAD road that leads to destruction...**
- **The lesson – we careful who we stand with those who are FAR from God...**
- **Because we might end up falling with them – when the JUDGMENT comes!**
- **I Corinthians 5:1** – “I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy - an idolater or slanderer - a drunkard or [theif]. Do not even eat with such people.”