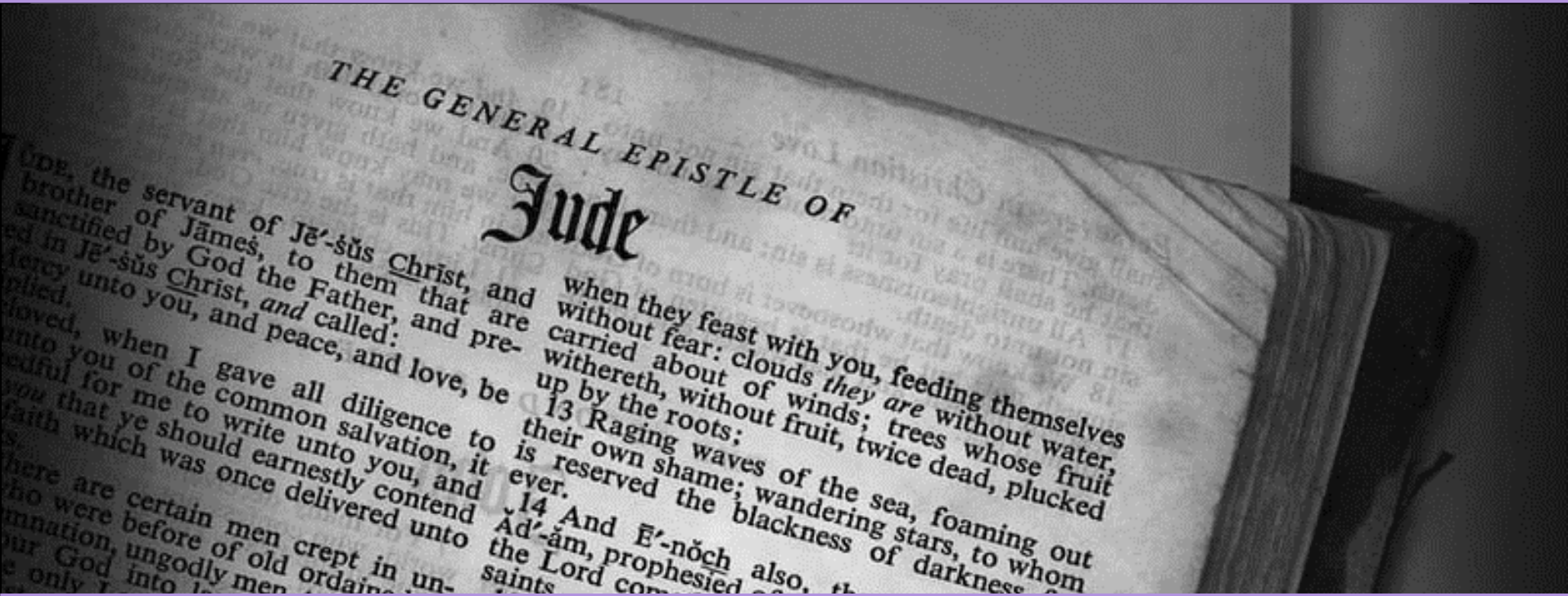




Jude



...a verse by verse study

Jude's Warning

- Jude wanted to write a letter of encouragement, but found himself compelled by the Holy Spirit to write a letter of warning

Jude's Warning

- Evil people have crept into the church unnoticed
- They teach that you can live as you like without fear of consequence because you are saved.
- Jude is now making the argument that it really does matter how you live!
- He gives us 3 object lessons from the Old Testament to warn us of:
 - 1) The danger of being led astray or deceived by these apostates
 - 2) The danger of actually becoming apostate
 - 'turning away from the Grace of God' – Gal 1:6

Jude's Warning

- 1st Example **Pride of life**
 - Though saved from Egypt, those who did not believe all died in the wilderness and did not receive their inheritance
- 2nd Example **Lust of the eyes**
 - The Angels who left their natural abode (though having been in the presence of God, became subject to His wrath and judgment
- 3rd Example **Lust of the flesh**
 - The cities of Sodom & Gomorrah, though situated in the fertile plain of Jordan, were destroyed by God on account of their giving themselves over to immoral lusts

By Their Fruit...

- Jude now begins to list that characteristics of these apostates...

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matthew 7:15-18

By Their Fruit...

- Jude begins by highlighting their attitude toward authority
- The example Jude gives is that of the Archangel Michael when contending with Satan
- Even in this extreme case Michael shows respect
- God takes the issue of authority very seriously!
- Whether it be order in a nation... - Romans 13:1
- ...order in the church - 1 Cor 14:40 / 1 Tim 3 / Titus 2
- ...order in the family – Titus 1:6 / Eph 6:1-4
- ...order in a marriage – 1 Cor 11 / Eph 5:23 / 1 Peter 3:1-7

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh,
despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Jude v8

- They have no regard for God's created order
- They have no regard God's appointed rulers

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Jude v9

- Even in this bizarre situation Michael did not speak disparagingly – even about the Devil!

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jude v10

Character of Apostates

- 1) Filthy dreamers
- 2) Defile the flesh
- 3) Despise dominion
- 4) Speak evil of dignities
- 5) Speak evil of what they don't know
- 6) They act on carnal instincts

II Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Jude v11

Character of Apostates

- 7) Gone in the way of Cain
- 8) Ran greedily after the error of Balaam
- 9) Destroyed themselves in the gainsaying of Korah

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;

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Jude v12-13

Character of Apostates

- 10) Spots (hidden rocks) in your love feasts
- 11) Feed themselves without fear
- 12) They are as clouds without water
- 13) Carried about of winds
- 14) Trees whose fruit withers
- 15) Without fruit
- 16) Twice dead
- 17) Plucked up by the roots
- 18) Raging waves of the sea
- 19) Foaming out shame
- 20) Wandering stars

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

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.

Jude v14-15

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage

Jude v16

Character of Apostates

21) Murmurers

22) Complainers

23) Walking after their own lusts

24) Their mouth speaks great swelling words

25) Having men's persons in admiration
because of advantage

17 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.

Jude v17-18

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual,
having not the Spirit.

Jude v19

Character of Apostates

- 26) Mockers
- 27) Walking after ungodly lusts
- 28) Separate themselves
- 29) Sensual
- 30) Without the Spirit

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Character of Apostates

1) Filthy dreamers

– 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”

– Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

– Proverbs 23:7

“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he”

- In contrast we are to bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ – 2 Corinthians 10:5

Character of Apostates

2) Defile the flesh

– Ephesians 5:11-12

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret”.

– 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:”

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6) They act on carnal instincts

– 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”

– Romans 8:7-8

“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

In contrast we are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. – Romans 12:1-2

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- The way of Cain
 - A tiller of the soil
- The error of Balaam
 - A prophet
- The gainsaying of Korah
 - A prince in Israel
- Apostasy is not confined to just one class of people

“Individually , each speaks of a particular aspect of what it means to fall away from the truth; collectively, they present a complete process”.

– Chuck Missler

Council of the Ungodly

Blessed *is* the man that
walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD;
and in his law doth he meditate
day and night.

Council of the Ungodly

- Step 1 on a downward slope
- We are walking through life...
- We have a choice who to listen to
- Step 2: the result of listening to the council of the ungodly
- Causes us to stop & 'stand in the way with sinners'
- Step 3: The edges become so blurred we end up sitting & participating

The Way of Cain

¹ And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

² And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Gen 4:1-2

- Twins?
- Conceived once, bore twice?

The Way of Cain

³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the **firstlings** of his flock **and of the fat thereof.** And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Gen 4:3-4

Can you spot a clue in verse 4 of something deeper?

The Way of Cain

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Hebrews 11:4

The Way of Cain

⁵ But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.
And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Gen 4:4-5

How did they know whether their offerings were accepted or not?

Fire from heaven?

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| 1 • Moses & Aaron | Leviticus 9:24 |
| 2 • Gideon | Judges 6:21 |
| 3 • Samson's parents | Judges 13:20 |
| 4 • Elijah | 1 Kings 18:38 |
| 5 • David | 1 Chronicles 21:26 |
| 6 • Solomon | 2 Chronicles 7:1 |
| 7 • Abel? | Genesis 4:4 |

The Way of Cain

⁶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

⁷ If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over [it].

Gen 4:6-7

The Way of Cain

⁸ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

⁹ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Gen 4:8-9

The Way of Cain

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

The Way of Cain

- Cain did not deny the existence of God
- He did not refuse to worship God
- He simply failed to come to God on the basis of the atoning sacrificial shed blood of a lamb.
- He wanted to come to God on his terms
- He wanted to set the conditions for approaching God
- Ultimately, he rejected God's Word
- All apostacy begins here



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