

- Vs. 4 Warns about false teachers – Reveals What They Do – Licentiousness – Deny Jesus
- Vs. 5-7 Jude gave historical examples of groups who rejected God & the result
- Vs. 8-16 Jude describes what these men look like

What are their actions, what motivates them, why do they teach false doctrine.

**Jude Describes In Greater Detail What It Looks Like to Deny Jesus & Deny Authority**  
**Keep Eyes on Vs. 4**

## **I. These Ungodly Reject Lordship of Jesus – 3 Ways**

**Read 8-11** *“Yet in the same manner these men.....”*

- In the same way the previous historic examples behaved.”

### **1. “They Defile the Flesh”**

*“...by dreaming they defile the flesh”*

- They act upon their sinful lusts. They carry out what abstractly begins in their minds.

### **2. They Reject Authority**

*“...by dreaming they reject authority”*

- Vs. 4 “ungodly persons deny our only Master & Lord Jesus Christ.”

### **3. They Revile Angelic Majesties.**

*“...by dreaming they revile angelic majesties”*

- revile: criticize in an abusive, angry, insulting manner
- Greek word used here for majesties literally means “glories”
- Broad term used extensively throughout NT to represent honor, glory, praise typically of God
- Its only used in this particular context here in Jude & II Peter for majestates, princes, dignitaries
- Could mean authority established by God. Later Example of Korah’s rebellion

## **Archangel Michael Didn’t Even Disrespect the Authority of God’s Order**

**Vs. 9.** *“.....did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment but said the Lord rebuke you.”*

- Lots of speculation about this verse. Details not as important as the concept.
- **Duet. 34** *God buried Moses. “No man knows the location”*
- What we know from Jude Satan argued against God’s servant Michael
- Michael didn’t take on Satan but recognized God’s authority in the matter.

**James 4:7** *“submit to yourselves to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you”*

- This highlights an important chain of command and authority
- Satan does not flee because we call him out for his tactics
- Satan flees at God’s directive and at God’s authority.

## **The Ungodly Are Destroyed Through Their Own Rejection of Truth**

**Vs. 10** *“But these men revile what they don’t understand....like unreasoning animals they will be destroyed.”*

- Animals inherently possess qualities of self preservation.
- When animals reject or fail to operate according to instinct they are caught or destroyed.

**When Ungodly People Reject What God Has Established It Will Lead Their Own Demise**

- **Romans 1:18-23** *“God has made Himself evident within them, and to them”*
  - Vs. 22 *“claiming to be wise they actually became fools.”*
- **II Peter 2:10** *“in their destruction they will be destroyed.”*
  - New King James *“Utterly perish in their corruption.”*

## Jude Gives 3 More Historical Examples of the Behavior Described in Vs 8

### • Vs. 11

#### 1. *“Woe to them who have gone the way of Cain.....”*

- **Genesis 4:6-8** Cain knew the right thing to do, but rejected it
- What began as suppression of truth, culminated in murder

#### 2. *“Woe to them who for pay, have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam.....”*

- **Numbers 22** Balaam was a prophet (of sorts) who had been hired to curse Israel.
- God clearly instructed Balaam not to speak against Israel
- Ultimately Balaam encouraged Israel’s enemies to seduce the Israelite men
- Balaam’s motivation was completely driven by the paycheck.

#### 3. *“Woe to them who perished in the rebellion of Korah.”*

- **Numbers 16** Korah was a Levite who led a rebellion against Moses & Aaron
- Korah rejected God’s authority & appointment of Moses over Israel
- Korah convinced many to rebel. The result was destruction of about 15,000 Israelites.

**\* Interesting truth all these examples: God intervened prior & gave opportunity for right choice**

## II. Jude Goes on to Describe These Men w/ a Series of Word Pictures

### **Vs. 4 The Ungodly Have Crept in Unnoticed – They Even Celebrate w/ You As You Love**

#### **Vs. 12** *“they feast without fear, & care only for themselves.”*

- In other words they are there for all the wrong reasons. They only love themselves.

#### **Vs. 12** *“they are like clouds without water.”*

#### **Vs. 12** *“fruitbearing trees that are in season without fruit”*

#### **Vs. 12** *“trees that are not just dead, but completely uprooted” – really not a tree at all.*

#### **Vs. 13** *“wild waves of the sea casting up shameless deeds like foam”*

- Sea foam is simply a product of the activity of waves
- Sea foam is created as waves repeatedly just crash & break
- The shameless deeds is just the result of the way these guys live.

### **III Jude Circles Back Around to the Eternal Judgment of the Ungodly**

#### **Vs. 4 The Ungodly Have Been Marked for Condemnation Long Ago**

- “marked” = It has been written of them. Not personal, but universal truth about rejecting God.

#### **Jude 1:14-16**

##### **1. God will be the One Who Judges & He WILL Come**

- Much of the falling away now is the rejection that Jesus will ever return
- **II Peter 3:3-10**
  - Vs. 4 *“where is the promise of His coming?”*

##### **2. He will come with many thousands of His Holy ones**

- **Matthew 13 Wheat & tares, Jesus explains that the reapers will be the angels.**
- **Matthew 13:49 Good fish & Bad fish, Jesus explains that angels will help.**
- **Matthew 16:27 Angels are coming with Jesus to Judge**
- **Matthew 25:31-33 There will be a separation.**

##### **3. He Judges the grumblers who:**

- a. complain
- b. find fault with everything (which ultimately speaks against God)
- c. speak arrogantly
- d. flatter others when it serves their own motives & gain

This idea of “**Grumblers**” is the same concept as those in the wilderness:

- They saw the plagues in Egypt
- They escaped the plague of the first born
- They saw the waters part & swallow up Egypt

They immediate grumble against Moses & God for:

- a. lack of water
- b. water that’s too bitter
- c. lack of food
- d. same food over & over

## **Conclusion:**

As believers we will not face the same judgment as these apostates and false teachers  
However, we can still be subject to some of the same behaviors at times

### **1. We often complain about the leadership God has allowed to exist in our societies.**

Paul commands us in Timothy to pray for our leaders so we may live peacefully.

This **IS NOT** about us living fat & happy, but that we may be able to share the Gospel.  
While its ok to be frustrated w/ politics – our disposition should be that which honors God.

Our political platforms would be much more embraced if we SAW Jesus rather than heard all  
about how our candidates should be more like him or how one promises to stand for Godly  
principles but does not. Why do we expect the ungodly to act Godly?

### **2. We need to be mindful of who is ultimately responsible for judgment**

Paul is very clear as is Jude that we should give no place in the church for false teachers

But, similarly, we should not presume to be their judges.

We reject their activities, but we continue to pray for them that their hearts may be softened.

God spoke to Cain, Balaam, & Korah with opportunities to repent.

### **3. We should embrace the heart of God “slow to judge so that none will perish”**

When Jesus returns God’s judgment will happen swiftly.

When flood came it happened swiftly – lots of time leading up to the flood, but waters rose fast.

Lots of time leading up to Jesus’ return, but when he returns it will be fast

Thesalonians struggled w/ complacency as a result of Jesus’ imminent return.

“If he’s coming back soon, why are we busting our butts. What’s the point?”

Do we sometimes fall victim to the same temptations?

**Vs. 17-25 Jude is going to address his audience of believers.**

**In Other Words, I've Warned You About These False Teachers - Here's Your Assignment.**

**Vs. 17** *"You ought to remember"* This is NOT "hey friendly little reminder"

- **YOU MUST** remember what the apostles spoke beforehand.
- Before what? Before the time in which Jude is writing

JUDE: "What I am Cautioning You About Has Already Been Prophesied by Apostles"

Jude is not coming to them with some profound new discovery.

The New Testament authors ALL knew that the church would come under attack.

**Read Acts 20:28-32**

**Vs. 18** *"In the last times"* What is Jude referring to here?

- Every Bible version translates this the same way. "Last Times"
- It simply means in the time leading up to Christ's return.
- The time before God's Day of Judgment
- Interesting that these guys knew this was going to happen, and it was true in their day 2000 yrs

**These People Apostles Warned Us About, These Are the Ones Who Cause Divisions & Chaos**

**Vs. 19** *"These are the ones who cause divisions....."*

Jude Gives 2 Reasons for WHY they Follow After Their Own Ungodly Lusts

**1<sup>st</sup> Reason** = *"they are worldly minded"*

**Read James 3:13-16** They rely on the wisdom of men, not Godly wisdom.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reason** = *"devoid of God's Spirit"*

**Read Col. 3:1-3** Not fixed on things above because they are not saved IN CHRIST

**They Do Not Have God's Holy Spirit In Them Because They Are NOT In Christ.**

- Jesus promised that he would not leave us alone, he would send the Holy Spirit
  - The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin
  - The Holy Spirit gives us understanding of God's wisdom
  - The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us
  - The Holy Spirit empowers us when our flesh fails us.
  - The Holy Spirit also brings unity to the Body of Christ.

There are times when Christians Disagree

- One or both may not be operating according to the leading of God's Spirit.

Jude Is Referring to Those Who DO NOT Have God's Holy Spirit At ALL.

- They are not fixed on the things of God. They are out to get theirs only.

**Vs. 11** *"Woe to them,....for pay, they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam".*

- Jude is using another Old Testament example of selfish motives.
  - Balaam was a prophet who was essentially hired to curse the Israelites.
  - He even saw the blessing Israel had from God, but was more concerned about money.

### **Jude Transitions Back To His Audience With Their Instructions**

**Vs. 20** *“But you, beloved,.....keep praying”*

- What a cool contrast!!!
  - **Vs. 17** “But you.....” (Believers)
  - **Vs. 19** “These other guys.....don’t have God’s Spirit...”
  - **Vs. 20** “But you believers, keep praying because you have God’s Holy Spirit”

Jude Is Reveals What Separates a True Christian From One Who Simply Gives Lip Service

- The difference is being sealed w/ God’s Holy Spirit

**Vs. 20-21** *“...You beloved, who are building yourselves up on your most holy faith”*

- Jude is actually using the action of building as a participle that describes these believers
- He’s addressing them as “you people who already do this, keep praying & waiting on God”

**Illustration:** Urban Meyer in the locker room

You Buckeyes wearing scarlet & grey, go out & win & represent the university

Is Coach Meyer commanding them to wear scarlet & grey? NO That describes them.

The command is to represent the University & win.

### **Jude’s Command to Believers Is NOT To “Build Their Faith” or “Pray in the Spirit”**

- His command is “KEEP yourselves in the love of God by waiting anxiously on Jesus Christ.”
- “Keep” also means “Guard”. This would be very appropriate considering Jude’s warning.
  - Guard Yourself From False Teaching. Guard God’s Love of You.

### **How Do We Guard God’s Love? How Do We Keep God’s Love?**

Answer: We wait patiently on Jesus Christ.

We look forward to that day when he gives us eternal life through his mercy.

God’s Mercy means we are spared of His wrath.

### **Final 3 Commands of Believers by Jude**

**Vs. 22-23** *“have mercy on some, save others, and on some have mercy but be VERY careful”*

- *“have mercy on some who are doubting”*
  - Come alongside these people who are questioning this false teaching. They’re on the edge.
- *“save others, byt rescuing them from fire”*
  - Literally set these people straight who have bought into the lies of the false teachers
- *“have mercy with fear on others, even hating the garment polluted by flesh”*
  - Love the soul within the person who is flatout rejecting God. Be very careful so as not to be lead astray.
  - Recognize who you are delaing with and what you are actually battling against.
  - Also understand that it is their sinful flesh that has failed them.

1. Some of Us Here Tonight Have Found Ourselves Struggling with Some Teachings We've Heard
2. Some of Us Here Tonight Have Embraced False Teachings Somewhere in Our Past.
  - Maybe we have heard that there are things we need to "do" to be saved.
3. Some May Have Even Crept in Among Us Tonight Who Flat-Out Reject God.