

JUDE

Small, But Powerful Series # 4 & 5 & 6

Background

- Author: Jude
Matthew 13:55; Acts 1:14; 1 Corinthians 9:5
- Date: Approximately AD 65
- Recipients: Primarily Jewish Christians
- Purpose: To warn believers to be vigilant about false teachers, and to remain strong in the faith

Content of Jude & Application

1. Greeting (1-2)
Application: Take time to rejoice in God's call, love and keeping power.
2. Purpose of Letter (3-4)
 - A. Appeal: Contend for the faith
 - B. Warning: False teachers have crept into the church
 - 1) They are ungodly.
Unrighteous, lawless, disobedient, lacking respect for God
 - 2) They use the grace of God as an excuse for sexual immorality.
Application: God's grace provides for forgiveness of sin, but not an excuse for sin.
 - 3) They deny the nature and authority of Jesus Christ.
3. Description and Condemnation of Corrupt Teachers (5-19)
 - A. 3 Old Testament examples of God's judgment on rebellion (5-7)

- 1) Israel rebelled through lack of _____ belief _____ - Numbers 14
 - 2) Angels rebelled by leaving their assigned _____ positions _____ - 1 Enoch, Genesis 6:1-4, 2 Peter 2:4
 - 3) Men of Sodom rebelled through _____ sexual _____ immorality - Genesis 18-19
- B. The false teachers will be judged for doing the same things (8-10)
- 1) They are _____ sexually _____ immoral
 - 2) They reject _____ authority _____
 - 3) They slander _____ celestial _____ beings
- C. 3 more Old Testament examples of rebels who were judged (11-13)
- 1) Cain (Genesis 4) - Just as Cain did not _____ care _____ for his brother, the false teachers did not _____ care _____ about their followers.
 - 2) Balaam (Numbers 22-25 & 31:16) - Just as Balaam led God's people into immorality and idolatry because of _____ greed _____, the false teachers were motivated by _____ financial _____ gain.
 - 3) Korah (Numbers 16) - Just as Korah rebelled against God's divinely appointed leaders, wanting power for himself, the false teachers _____ opposed _____ the apostles and church leaders.
- D. Pictures of these leaders and their influence
- 1) Hidden reefs - unrecognized _____
 - 2) Selfish shepherds - not concerned for _____ - Ezekiel 34:8
 - 3) Waterless clouds - look good, but _____ - Proverbs 25:14
- 4) Fruitless trees - promise _____, but give none
 - 5) Wild waves - make a lot of noise, while stirring up a _____ - Isaiah 57:20
 - 6) Wandering stars - offering no _____ or light
- We must be on our guard against _____ teaching.
- E. An ancient warning from Enoch (14-16)
Deuteronomy 33:2; Zechariah 14:5; Isaiah 66:15-16
- F. Recent warnings from Jesus and the apostles (17-19)
Jesus (Mark 13:21-23); Peter (2 Peter 2:1-3:7); John (1 John 2:22; 4:1-3; 2 John); Paul (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
4. Closing Charge: Be strong in your faith (20-23)
- A. Build yourself up in the _____
 - B. _____ in the Holy Spirit - Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 6:18
 - C. Keep yourself in God's _____
 - D. Live in the _____ of eternal life - 2 Peter 3:11-12, 14
 - E. _____ those who have fallen prey to false teaching
 - Be careful to not be drawn in _____.
 - Have a healthy _____ for spiritual warfare.
5. Doxology (24-25)
Don't be afraid ... but be assured ...
- God will keep us from _____.
 - God will keep us _____.