

JUDE

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INTRODUCTION

A. AUTHOR:

1. Jude (Judas) a very common name among the Jews.
2. Speaks of himself as the “brother of James”.
3. Jude is also referred to as a brother of the Lord (Mk. 6:3).
4. Identifies himself in the epistle as a “servant”.

B. PURPOSE: Exhort to steadfastness and warn of danger.

1. Lawlessness - immorality.
 2. Denying the Lord Jesus Christ.
 3. Shepherds which feed them self and forget the flock.
 4. Clouds which bring no rain.
 5. Fruitless trees, blazing meteors, appear brilliant for a time but are plunged into eternal night.
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Contending For The Faith

A. THE FAITH: We must understand that it is faith delivered by God, not discovered by man.

1. Is singular in number and is used objectively for that which is believed.
2. Is synonymous with “the truth,” “the gospel” “the doctrine of Christ.”
3. Paul asserts - ;there is one faith (Eph. 4:5) Heb 2:3; Jn. 20:31).
 - a. Folly of trusting in self. (Jer. 10:23).
 - b. Proverbs 14:12....way that seems right....
 - c. Acts 26:9 Paul.

B. CONTEND:

1. Means; “To engage in a contest; as a combatant. To fight, debate, argue.
2. To wrestle, denotes the extreme effort.

C. EARNESTLY: Serious and intense, zealous, with determination.

D. CONTENTIOUS: A similar word..but don’t confuse them.

1. Wrangling
2. Quarreling, disputing.

E. The False Philosophy of Theological Existentialism is refuted. ...Just because a thing seems right to one does not make it right for him or for anyone else. (Acts 26:9).

Entrance Of False Teachers

1. Jude’s earlier desire to write concerning “common salvation.”
 2. Appearance of false teacher raises a problem that needed immediate attention
 3. “Certain men crept in unawares.”
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Examples Of Divine Vengeance

A. THREE OCCASIONS:

1. Israel - Deliverance - Sin and Death.
2. Fallen angels.
3. Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

B. ONE COMMON CAUSE.

1. Unbelief.
 2. Regardless of form it took.
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Reverence; Respect for Authority

A. See example of Michael and body of Moses.

1. How some speak of things, boast of that which they cannot know.

C. Hypocrites and Deceivers.

1. Like shepherds who only feed themselves.
 2. Clouds that bring no water
 3. Rocks in your love feasts.
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Exhortation To Faithfulness

A. KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD.

1. Not ours to Him, but His to us.
2. God provides a sphere of salvation....His love.

B. HOW DO WE DO THIS?

1. Faith is the foundation of all.
 2. He who truly believes will obey.
 3. The metaphor of growth by building suggest effort.
 - a. Suggest continuity-course upon course-stone upon stone.
 - b. Some have done nothing.
 4. Pray.
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Concerning Wicked Among Them

A. Vs. 22,23

1. Some were being drawn toward this false teaching. ‘
2. Others were ready to yield to it.

B. Our Responsibility...try.

OUR HELP, IN GOD

1. The all sufficient, salutary stay for our weakness (final 2 verses).
 2. With God's help stumbling stones become stepping stones.
 3. And steeping stones leads us ever higher.
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CONCLUSION

1. Jude calls us to a deeper faith in our Lord who gave himself that we might live.
 2. Calls us to deeper dedication to the faith once delivered.
 3. Fearlessly rebuked deceitful workers.
 4. Yet with tenderness, commits his readers to the source of good.
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