

Flag Branch Missionary Baptist Church
Baptist Training Union

“1st and 2nd Peter and Jude”

Called To Persevere In Faith

Study 12: Preserving the Delivered Faith – Jude 1:1-22

1. Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, [a]sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:
2. Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
3. Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.
4. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord [b]God and our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.
6. And the angels who did not keep their [c]proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;
7. As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the [d]vengeance of eternal fire.
8. Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of [e]dignitaries.
9. Yet Michael the archangel, in [f]contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”
10. But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.
11. Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.
12. These are [g]spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried [h]about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;
13. Raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.
14. Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,
15. To execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”
16. These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.
17. But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:
18. How they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.
19. These are [i]sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.
20. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,
21. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
- 22 And on some have compassion, [j]making a distinction;
23. But others save [k]with fear, pulling them out of the [l]fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.
24. Now to Him who is able to keep [m]you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
25. To [n]God our Savior, [o]who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and [p]power, both now and forever. Amen.

Footnotes:

^aJude 1:1 NU beloved ^bJude 1:4 NU omits God ^cJude 1:6 own ^dJude 1:7 punishment ^eJude 1:8 glorious ones, lit. glories ^fJude 1:9 arguing ^gJude 1:12 stains, or hidden reefs ^hJude 1:12 NU, M along ⁱJude 1:19 soulish or worldly ^jJude 1:22 NU who are doubting (or making distinctions) ^kJude 1:23 NU omits with fear ^lJude 1:23 NU adds and on some have mercy with fear ^mJude 1:24 M them ⁿJude 1:25 NU the only God our ^oJude 1:25 NU Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Be glory ^pJude 1:25 NU adds Before all time,

Discussion

- A. How does Jude introduce himself? To whom is he writing? What is his desire for them? ver. 1-2.
- B. What is Jude's purpose and reason for writing this letter? What was his original purpose? v. 3-4.
- C. Jude gives three examples of apostasy as warning and reminders. What are they? What are some things these examples have in common? What is their end? ver. 5-7
- D. Who is Jude referring to? Why do you think he refers to them as "dreamers"? What are three things he said they do? How would you describe each of these things? v. 8
- E. What point is Jude making in v. 9-10 about those he is writing about? What three comparisons does he make in v. 11? What did they do and all have in common? v. 9-11.
- F. What is the main characteristic Jude is describing in those he is warning about? What is their destiny? v. 12-13.
- G. Jude makes reference to a prophesy of Enoch. What happens in this prophesy? ver. 14-15.
- H. How does Jude describe those he is warning of? What is their aim or goal? ver. 16.
- I. What does Jude tell his readers to remember? How does he characterize "mockers"? ver. 17-19.
- J. What four things does Jude say to his readers to do? How can this be done? ver. 20
- K. What two ways does Jude suggest be used to save some? Which one would you consider is most effective today? Are there some other ways? What "garment" is Jude speaking about and how can it be defiled by the flesh? ver. 21.
- L. Jude concludes with a great doxology or praise to God. What two things did he say God is able to do? What does he call God and what 4 attributes does he ascribes to God? What do they mean? After reading Jude's letter, how does it motivate you and effect what you will do? v. 22-23.