

Jude 1:3-25
"Faith Worth Fighting For"

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1. Introduction

- a. Context of apostasy
- b. Not "fight" as in anger or violence
- c. Written 60-65 AD
- d. Ancient writings given in beginning
 - Jude brother of James
 - bondservant of Jesus Christ
 - Mt 13:56, Mk 6:3 1/2 brother of Jesus
 - x now we don't know Him after the flesh any more - 2 Cor 5:16
 - x Acts 1:14 Jesus family converted as adults
- e. Written to Christians (called, sanctified & preserved)
 - Jude gives blessing (mercy, peace, love)

2. Faith Delivered to the Saints (vs. 3)

- a. Jude originally desired to write about Christian common salvation
- b. Priority: Christian faith
- c. Faith delivered once for all in Jesus
 - Jesus is the cornerstone of faith - Eph 2:20
- d. Danger: ungodly men in church
 - apostasy: denying Lord Jesus Christ
 - turning God's grace into sexual sin
 - Satan father of lies - John 8:44

3. Faith Denied (vs. 4-9)

- a. Ungodly men come into church secretly
 - creep inside quietly
 - they are unnoticed inside in beginning
- b. Example 1: Israel (vs 5)
 - God saves Israel from Egypt
 - God destroyed unbelieving people in wilderness
- c. Example 2: rebellion of angels (vs. 6)
 - angels left their first estate ~~in~~ (in heaven)
 - rebellious angels have eternal darkness reserved for them
- d. Example 3: Sodom & Gomorrah (vs. 7)
 - cities engaging in perverted sexual practices
 - suffering eternal fire
- e. False teachers (false prophets) - vs. 8
 - defile the flesh
 - reject authority
 - speak evil of dignitaries

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3f. Even archangel could (vs. 9)

- not speak against Satan
- but instead invoked God to rebuke him

4. Evil Doers (vs. 10-16)

a. Cain = way of Cain

- am I my brother's keeper?
- Your brother's blood cries out

b. Balaam: error of Balaam

- sold God's gift for money
- greedy for human profit

c. Korah: rebellion of Korah

- first cousin to Aaron & Moses (Gen 6:16-24)
- tried to replace Aaron (Gen 16:1-11, 31-32)

d. Evil doers comparisons (vs. 12-13)

- clouds with no rain (in a drought)
- dead fruit trees
- deadly ocean storm waves

e. Evil doers common actions (vs. 16)

- grumbling & complaining
- walking in their sinful lusts
- mouth speaking flattery - using people

5. Faith Defended (vs. 17-

a. Remember: apostles gave warnings

b. Recognize ungodly people (vs. 18-19)

- mockers

- ungodly lusts

- hedonism (love of pleasure)

- causing divisions & fights

c. Christian actions for themselves (vs. 20-21)

- build up Christian faith

- praying in Holy Spirit

- keeping yourself in God's love

- continue looking for God's mercy

d. Christian actions for others (vs. 22-23)

- have compassion on some

- others save with fear pulling out of the fire - see also Acts 20:28

* with fear? protect yourself from fire

* protect yourself from other dangers

6. Conclusion (vs. 24-25)

a. Jude gives a benediction (blessing)

b. God to protect & preserve you

c. To God the Christian Savior

d. God is wise, glory, majesty, power, & rule