

The Book of Jude

II Peter 2

Jude

False teachers deny Master (2:1)

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Creep in privately (2:1)

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Lascivious doings (2:2)

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Likened unto sinful angels (2:4)

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**Likened unto the inhabitants of Sodom
and Gomorrah (2:6)**

1:7

Do not respect authority (2:10-11)

1:8-10

Compared to animals (2:12)

1:10

Destructive to the church (2:13ff)

1:18-19

A Call to Remember Previous Warnings (1:17-18)

- The apostles had spoken to the saints of God regarding the wicked work of false teachers (cf. Acts 20:29; Phil. 3:18; I Tim. 4:1; II Tim. 4:1-4; II Pet. 2:1; I Jn. 4:1ff.)
- The word “*mock*” (*empaiktes*) = “a mocker, deceiver” (LS 254). “To play upon, deride, mock, treat with scorn and contumely” (Moulton 135). “To treat with ridicule or contempt; deride” (AHD 806).
- These men walk after their own lusts (i.e., they mock the word of God and long for their own doctrines (cf. Jude 1:8).

Destructive work of False Teachers (Jude 1:19)

- False teachers are guilty of making “*separations*” (*apodiorizo*) = “to mark off by dividing, to separate” (LS 97). “To separate by intervening boundaries; to separate” (Moulton 41). “Divide, separate.... These are the ones who cause a division” (AG 90). The Nestle and Marshall text translates verse 19 as, “these men are the ones making separations” (954). The point is clear; i.e., Jude is referring to the consequential work of dividing brethren in the church over various teachings that do not represent truth. These men desire a following (cf. Jude 1:11-12) and those who reject them are found separated (cf. Rom. 2:8; I Cor. 11:18-19; Gal. 5:19-20; II Jn. 2:18-19; III Jn. 9-10). The factious send out “feeler statements” at our love feast, find those who agree with their non-since doctrine, and quickly form a party of disgruntles.

Destructive work of False Teachers (Jude 1:19)

- False teachers are “*sensual*” (*psuchikos*) = “occupied with mere animal things, animal, sensual” (Moulton 443) (cf. II Pet. 2:12; Jude 1:10).

Destructive work of False Teachers (Jude 1:19)

- False teachers “*have not the Spirit.*” Let us note a few things about the Holy Spirit:
 - The Holy Spirit is a part of the godhead as God (cf. Acts 5:3-4) (i.e., they deny Christ / cf. I Jn. 2:22-23 and II Jn. 9).
 - The work of the Holy Spirit is to **make known the mind of God** to man through the apostles and prophets (Eph. 3:1-6; II Pet. 1:21) so that man may be convicted of sin (Jn. 16:8) and be converted (Rom. 1:16).
 - Those who receive the word of God have the **indwelling of the Holy Spirit** (cf. II Tim. 1:13-14). This simply means that one fully accepts truth and all of life is thereby dictated (cf. Gal. 3:2).
 - False teachers have not the Holy Spirit because they do not wholly accept truth and neither is their life dictated by truth.

Instructions to the Faithful in light of the current False Teaching (1:20-21)

- Construct a life structure of truth (cf. Eph. 2:20).
- Pray in the Holy Spirit (by truth)
- Keep yourself in the love of God (cf. Jn. 14:9-10).
- Look for the mercy of God unto eternal life (i.e., the forgiveness of sins / Eph. 2:4-5)

How do I deal with those who teach and practice Error? (Jude 1:22-23)

- Exercise mercy and patience with those who are in doubt (wavering) (cf. I Thess. 5:14).
- Those who are fully persuaded of a false doctrine are to be snatched out of the fire with a sense of urgency.
- Approach all false teachers with an attitude of mercy yet fear (never let them persuade you from truth but rather have a disposition of hate toward their error).

Doxology (The Power of God) (Jude 1:24-25)

- Guard you from stumbling
- Forgive your sins
- Glorious
- Majestic
- All Authority
- Power
- For all times!

Conclusion

- The false teacher serves self.
- The false teacher's character is revealed as:
 - Disobedient
 - Disrespect for authority
 - Destructive to the Church of Christ
- Let the faithful remain in truth (**contend**) and do all humanly possible to pull brethren out of error.