

The Book of Jude

Part VI

Introduction:

Jude's original intention for writing to his audience was to discuss the common salvation that they shared in Jesus Christ (Jude 1:3). An apparent aggressive movement, on the part of false teachers, altered Jude's planned letter. Jude terms said individuals as "ungodly" and those who "*turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ*" (Jude 4). Jude thoroughly exposes the character of false teachers from Jude 1:4-16. Said individuals are disobedient, lack respect for authority, and are not satisfied with their lot in life. Today, we shall see how the false teacher affects the church, how the faithful are to deal with them, and lastly we shall examine Jude's doxology.

- I. Previous Warnings from the Apostles (Jude 1:17-19):**
 - A. Apostles warned of Mockers who walk after their own lusts.
 - B. Apostles warned of those who would be factious in the church.
 - C. False teachers have not the Holy Spirit.
- II. Instructions to the Faithful (Jude 1:20-21):**
 - A. Build up self in holy faith.
 - B. Pray in the Holy Spirit.
 - C. Keep self in the love and mercy of God.
- III. Instructions on how the faithful are to deal with False Teachers (Jude 1:22-23):**
 - A. Exercise mercy and patience with those who are in doubt.
 - B. Act with a sense of urgency with those who are figuratively in the fire.
 - C. Approach the ungodly with a sense of fear and hatred for sin lest you too are deluded by doctrines of demons.
- IV. Jude's Doxology of Praise (Jude 1:24-25):**
 - A. God is able to keep one from stumbling through His Word.
 - B. God is able to set you in glory without blemish.
 - C. To God belong all glory, majesty, dominion, and power throughout eternity.

Conclusion:

Though being on watch for false teachers and their doctrines is not a pleasant thought it is nonetheless a spiritual necessity. Jude would have loved to do nothing more than discuss the brethren's common salvation; however, due to the work of false teachers he was forced to expose their evil characters. Let us not sleep but rather have eyes wide open to the ungodly work of those who do not represent truth.