

# THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

## Jude 1:2-13

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**“A FAITH WORTH FIGHTING FOR”**

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**INTRODUCTION**

***to the text***

***Jude 1:2-13***

Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, (1) **ungodly men**, who (2) turn the grace of our God into **lewdness** and (3) **deny** the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>5</sup> But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out (brought them out of) the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed **those who** (3) **did not believe**. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, (4) having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. <sup>8</sup> Likewise also these dreamers (5) defile the flesh, (6) reject authority, and (7) speak evil of dignitaries. <sup>9</sup> Yet Michael the archangel, in 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!” <sup>10</sup> But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. <sup>11</sup> Woe to them! (8) For they have gone in the way of Cain, and (9) have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. <sup>12</sup> These are spots (10) in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; <sup>13</sup> raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

In the Classic “Adventures of Winnie the Pooh  
And the Hundred Acre Wood”

Pooh is Introduced as...  
“A Bear with Very Little Brian”

And because of that – Pooh is both adorably gullible and ignorant to the  
point of cute.

**He believes everything and anything  
Yet, he is not really too sure about anything  
and is afraid of everything.**

**Every Church has a Pooh or Two in it-  
Are You – a Pooh or are There Two  
– O Bother!**

Poohs are Cute  
But they don't **want** to know the truth  
– that can be scary to a Pooh!

**The Gravity of this Book Jude!**  
**A FAITH WORTH FIGHTING FOR**

**1.) *Contend for the Faith***

**vv. 3-4**

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## Contend for the Faith

**1a.) By standing up in the truth**

**v.3**

### Verse 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.

The Truth is...

This is How You Stand *in* It

Ephesians 6:10-18

## Contend for the Faith

**1b.) By watching out for the “invisibles”**

**v.4**

### Verse 4

For certain men have (1) **crept** in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, (2) **ungodly men**, who (3) **turn** the grace of our God into **lewdness** and (4) **deny** the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Here, the Scriptures Expose the Man  
Who Is On His Way to Hell.**

#### Galatians 2:4-5a

And *this occurred* because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage), <sup>5</sup> **to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour,**

## (1) They “Creep”

For certain men have **crept** in unnoticed who long ago were marked out for this condemnation,

### The Invisibles are Creepy

**Crept**

**GRK crept 1744. enduno, en-doo'-no;**

to sneak in with the intent to capture, to move by stealth, to appear unnoticed!

#### 2 Timothy 3:6a

For of this sort are those who **creep into households...**

## (2) They’re “Deceptive”

**Ungodly men**

meaning that they have a secret agenda to gather people to themselves, rather than lying down one’s life for the follower...

### The Invisibles “Trick”

## (3) They “Twist”

they **turn** the grace of our God into **lewdness**

### The Invisibles are Twisters

#### 2 Peter 3:16

They are untaught and unstable *people* who twist the Scriptures to their own destruction...

**Turn**

**GRK turn 3346. metati÷qhmi metatithemi, met-at-ith'-ay-mee;**  
from transfer, switch or exchange

**Lewdness**

**GRK lewdness 766. ajse÷lgeia aselgeia, as-elg'-i-a;**  
unbridle passions, carnal desires, to sin just like the world, only to “claim” religion. To do what comes to mind.

## (4) They Change Things

(4) **deny** the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

### The “Invisibles” are Alternatives

## Deny

GRK 720. ajrne+omai arneomai, *ar-neh'-om-ah-ee*;

perhaps from to alter. to contradict. To change, to put forth "different" information.

The Greek Construction of This Verse Demands This Reading...

They will **deny** the only Lord God - our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ***This is the DNA of a Cult***

### **The Opposite of Denying Him is Agreeing With Him.**

#### **Matthew 10:32-33**

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. :33 But whoever **denies** Me before men, him I will also **deny** before My Father who is in heaven.

**(Jesus isn't getting even here – He's answering their earthly prayer)**

#### **2 Peter 2:1-6**

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will **secretly bring in destructive heresies**, even **denying the Lord who bought them**, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup> And **many** (not a few) will follow their destructive ways, because of whom **the way of truth** will be spoken evil of. <sup>3</sup> By covetousness (wanting other people's things) they will exploit you with **deceptive words**; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. <sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare **the angels who sinned**, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; <sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; <sup>6</sup> and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who would desire afterward to live ungodly lives as well!

#### **2 Timothy 3:1-6**

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! <sup>6</sup> For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

What to Watch Out for...

An Air of Pride  
(A desire to gather a crowd)

Biblical Error  
(Avoiding scriptures)

Lifestyle Abuses  
(Their way of living is above the people)

Is This Shocking to Any of You?

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15**

For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

## A FAITH WORTH FIGHTING FOR

### **2.) *Hold on to the Faith***

**vv. 5-7**

**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.** <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup> 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 vengeance of eternal fire.

*Hold on to the Faith*

### **2a.) *By remembering those “Faith” moments***

**Verse 5**

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## **But I want to remind you**

### **Romans 15:4**

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

*Hold on to the Faith*

### **2b.) By heeding the warnings**

#### **Verse 6-7**

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## **History Lessons - Can Save Our Lives**

#### **Verse 6-7**

**the angels**  
who did not keep their proper domain - but left their own abode,  
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of the great day

### **FALLEN ANGELS**

**WHO DECIDED TO LEAVE HEAVEN, WENT THEIR OWN WAY  
WHICH RESULTED IN THEM BEING IMPRISONED TO THIS HOUR.**

They Chose a Dangerous Path  
And it cost them deeply

## Verse 7

**Sodom** and **Gomorrah**, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, (The Angels) having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

## Sexual immorality Unauthorized sex of any kind

### Romans 1:24-28 GNT

And so God has given those people over to do the filthy things their hearts desire, and they do shameful things with each other sexually. <sup>25</sup> They exchange the truth about God for a lie; they worship and serve nature, which God has created - instead of worshipping Him the Creator, who is to be praised forever! Amen. <sup>26</sup> Because they do this, God has given them over to abnormal passions. Like women who have perverted the natural use of their body's in a sexual way by performing unnatural acts. <sup>27</sup> In the same way the men give up the natural sexual union between a women and began burn with sexual passion for other men. Men doing shameful things with each other, and as a result they bring upon themselves (physical, emotion, spiritual) the punishment they deserve for their wrongdoing. <sup>28</sup> Because these people refuse to keep in mind the true knowledge about God, God in response to them, has given them over to their corrupted minds, so that they do the things that they know they shouldn't do.

## Verse 7

**Sodom** and **Gomorrah**,  
The Ancient San Francisco, and Amsterdam of Homosexuality

Similar manner to those of (The Angels) having given themselves over to sexual immorality went after **strange flesh**,  
(Unauthorized Flesh)

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Sexual Activity Between Two  
that God has Forbidden

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## Almighty God Said

### Leviticus 20:13

If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination before the eyes of God.... They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be upon them.*

## Jesus Said

### Matt. 19:4-5

And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning 'made them male and female,' <sup>5</sup> and said, "*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*'?"

## The Apostles Said

### Romans 1:26-27 GNT

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*God has set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

## A FAITH WORTH FIGHTING FOR

### 3.) *Resist the enemies of the Faith*

**vv. 8-13**

Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. <sup>9</sup> Yet Michael the archangel, in 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!" <sup>10</sup>

But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; <sup>13</sup> raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

In a Religious Context  
– They Mock and Attack Powers that are Greater than themselves

A Religious Minister is not Above the Law!  
A Christian is Not Above the Law!

*Resist the enemies of the Faith*

**3a.) by judging them according to scripture**

**Verse 8-11**

Likewise also these “dreamers” **defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.** <sup>9</sup> Yet Michael the archangel, in 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!” <sup>10</sup> But these **speak evil of whatever they do not know;** and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things **they corrupt themselves.** <sup>11</sup> Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, (murder) have run **greedily** in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the **rebellion** of Korah.

**Matthew 7:1**

“Judge not, that you be not judged

**kri÷nw krino, kree´-no;**

do not condemn them or destinate them. Determine their outcome

“Not Condemning” but “Inspecting”

**Matthew 7:15-16**

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits.

**These “dreamers”**

This is the key word here. Meaning that they regard themselves above everyone else. As untouchable, god-like. It is the root meaning found in Genesis 3...

### Genesis 3:5

When Satan said to Eve; **For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God...**

### Verse 9

Yet Michael the archangel, in 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!"

## Why Would Satan Want The Body of Moses? This is - Eerie Information

*Some Scholars Believe that in Keeping with the Context of Jude, Satan would have used Moses body to either create a shine of idolatry or that the body itself would have been somehow used by Satan to speak false doctrine.*

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## Regardless, The Point is

– All Authority is from God, even Satan's Authority and we should respect that.

### Verse 11

Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain...

## They Performed Unacceptable "Religious" Acts

Cain offered an offering to God that came from his own efforts rather than faith.

### Galatians 2:16

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Have run **greedily** in the error of Balaam for profit,  
and perished in the **rebellion** of Korah.

## Balaam = Financial Profit

Using the Ministry for Money

Balaam is a Perfect Old Testament Example of these Men.

He had a Position but used to indulge his flesh.

## Korah = Self Appointed Position

Using a Spiritual Setting to Promote Yourself, Korah DISAGREED WITH GOD  
CHOICE TO HAVE MOSES LEAD AND HE REBELLED AGAINST THAT...

*Resist the enemies of the Faith*

**3b.) By avoiding their poison**

**Verse 12**

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, **twice dead**, pulled up by the roots;

**The Image is Graphic**

It is a festive gather, people are shining with the love of God and the Joy of the Lord.

Everyone looks and sounds wonderful – it is a great moment!

Until we put on our special sunglasses – they have X-Ray vision. And we see someone sitting at the table and their flesh is rotten grey, there are flies hovering over them, they are dripping with poison, but their at the table – and no one can see...

**These are spots in your love feasts**

The Judas Example is Perfect

**Matthew 26:21-22**

Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”  
<sup>22</sup> And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?”

**John 13:2**

And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s *son*, to betray Him,

“Their Lives in the end generate nothing of lasting value.  
They eventually drift away, leaving behind them a wake of broken people and ruined lives.”

**“Twice dead”**

They are dead in sin and dead to spiritual life

# Dead (spiritually) and still dying (physically)

*Resist the enemies of the Faith*

**3c.) By considering their end**

## **Verse 13**

raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame;  
wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

## **THE PERSONAL APPLICATION**

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11 CEV**

Don't you know that evil people won't have a share in the blessings of God's kingdom? Don't fool yourselves! No one who is immoral or worships idols or is unfaithful in marriage or is a sexual pervert or one who acts like a homosexual :**10** none of these will share in God's heaven. Neither will any thief or greedy person or an addict or anyone who curses and cheats others. :**11** But such were some of you, you used to be just like that. But now the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of God's Spirit have washed you and made you brand new - holy and now acceptable to God!!!