

Sound The Alarm

Jude 5-11

- As we saw last week The book of Jude was originally meant to encourage the saints in their faith, but something more pressing cropped up that threatened to cripple the credibility of the church, and that same thing that was attacking the early church is still alive and prevalent today. Which is why its so important for us to pay close attention to everything that the book of Jude although short in words and detail its mighty in its call to arms.

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- **V5** last week Jude says men have crept in looking like believers, talking like believers, acting like believers but in reality they are not believers. As they have turned the grace of God into a free pass to practice sin and they deny that Jesus Christ is God having the final word and authority over our life. Every cult and deception starts and ends with what they have to say about Jesus, when He is not enough you know that they are peddling a counterfeit gospel.
- Jude is going to use three examples of those who were extremely privileged and yet refused to follow the Lord and therefore God dealt with them severely. The first example is Israel- Paul > **1Cor 10:1-7** reminds his readers of all that Israel did despite all that God had done for them, and he says these things are our examples, the good ones follow, the bad ones avoid.
- So Jude points to **Num 14** when God delivered Israel out of slavery in Egypt and went out of Egypt without any intended delays and came to a place called Kadesh Barnea, where the people refused to trust God and go into the promised land. Because of their unbelief and disobedience the entire adult generation who left Egypt except for Caleb and Joshua died in the wilderness being unable to enter into the promise land.
- **Ps 95:10-11** give us further understanding about those who doubted and rejected God at Kadesh Barnea as they paid a bigger price than just not entering into the promise land, they also received the judgment of God. The Lord says that **“He swore in His wrath, that they shall not enter My rest”**. **1Thess 5:9-** says **“God has not appointed His people to wrath”**. Anything that deals with God’s wrath is for God’s enemies not His children.
- **V6** The second example were angels who sinned, and now are imprisoned awaiting a future day of judgment. There is considerable debate the identity of these particular angels, but we only have two places in the Bible where angels sinned > **1. Original sin > Is 14:12-14, Rev 12:4, 2. The sin of the sons of God** described in **Gen 6:1-2**. The original sin everyone agrees on, but the **Gen 6:1-4** passage is a controversy all on its own.
- It says that men began to multiply on the earth and as daughters were born to them the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful and took wives for themselves, and afterward giants were born out of these unholy unions.

- Why many believe that this is what Jude is referring to is his language in saying “**they didn’t keep their proper domain and left their own abode**”. The offense was connected with sexual sin and we know this because Jude links it with Sodom and Gomorrah, we’ll get to that in a moment. But this unnatural union prompted God to uniquely imprison the angels who sinned in this way reserving them in everlasting chains of darkness until the judgment of the great day, that’s when God throws the Devil and his angels into the lake of fire.
- **V7-8 the third example Sodom and Gomorrah**, Jude brings up Genesis 19, and if you thought somehow God is accepting of homosexual behavior look how the judgment of these two cities is described. He says they had been given over to sexual immorality having gone after flesh, just as the angels left their natural station of creation, so did those who practiced homosexuality, God did not create us to practice whatever we feel like doing.
- As bad as Sodom and Gomorrah being destroyed with fire from heaven, that wasn’t the end of their torment, as they also are suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Jude links the false teachers to these horrible events of rebellion, willfulness, and sexual immorality, calling them dreamers – meaning they live in a state of delusion, refusing to believe that God will judge them for what they are doing > **2 Tim 3:13**- says they deceive and are being deceived.
- They also reject authority as they only recognize self as the only real authority in their lives, people do this all the time with the Bible, by choosing to only believe certain passages that agree with their own beliefs, they do it with lifestyle, choosing to make their own rules about how they are going to live, or what they are going to submit to. Their rejection is connected to how they had no problem speaking evil of dignitaries, those who hold leadership positions, they will destroy a leader’s reputations and won’t blink an eye.
- **V9-11** Jude gives an example bringing up a situation between Michael the Archangel and the devil, for after Moses died the Lord hid his body, knowing that if Satan found it he would cause people to be worshipping him. The devil demands to know where it is and he’s railing on Michael and all that is holy and Michael simply says to him “**The Lord rebuke you**”. This is a great example of the scripture in **Eph 4:26-27**- be angry but don’t sin giving place to the devil, when you get out of control its no longer the spirit but the flesh that comes out.
- **V10-11** not only do they use their tongues to display their rebellion against God but also in their actions, Jude calls them brute beasts, as they will physically try and intimidate you. Once their words fail to manipulate you into their deception they have no problem using brute force. Jude says these whom he’s warning the church about follow three known sinful characters ways > **Cain was unrepentant**, instead of doing things God way, he got jealous of his brother and murdered him, and then lied about it, it’s the way unrepentance.
- Baalam is **the way of greed**, he will do anything to make a profit, after being told that he couldn’t curse Israel even if they paid him, instead of going home he taught Balak how to get Israel to harm themselves, by sending women into the camp, and causing a stumbling block the **way of Korah was position**, he rebelled against Moses so that he could take his place.

