

## Jude 8-15

### The pathway of worldliness is the pathway of destruction.

- I. The Heretics Described (8-10) – the pathway of destruction explained.
  - a. Rely on their dreams (v. 8a)
  - b. They defile their bodies (8a)
  - c. They reject authority (8b-10).
    - i. They reject the Lordship of Christ (8b)
    - ii. They slander celestial beings (8c-9).
- II. The Heretics Depicted (11) with 3 OT examples and 6 metaphors.
  - a. Cain (11a)
  - b. Balaam (11b)
  - c. Korah's rebellion (11c)
  - d. Six metaphors that depict the heretics (12-13)
- III. The Heretics Judged (14-16).
  - a. The Prophecy of Enoch of Judgment (v. 14)
  - b. Judgment for ungodliness (v. 15)
    - i. Definition of godliness: A love for God and a pursuit of Christlike holiness and an enjoyment of God in such a way that the world and the things of this world begin to seem stranger and stranger. It is a cleansing of the mind by which we can see the beauty of Christ all the more clearly and be satisfied in Him and whereby we can present a compelling vision of him to the perishing world.
    - ii. Definition of worldliness: Jude calls these men worldly (v. 19). C. J. Mahaney: "Worldliness is a love for this fallen world. It's loving the values and pursuits of this world that stand opposed to God. More specifically, it is to gratify and exalt oneself to the exclusion of God. It rejects God's rule and replaces it with our own. It exalts our opinions above God's truth. It elevates our sinful desires for the things of this fallen world above God's commands and promises."