

Hey Jude; Part3 – Fight the Good Fight (vs.17-23)

1. The Last Days Will Be Extremely Difficult (vs.17-19)

- A. What are the Last Days? _____
1. Difficult = demonic/savage days, word describes 2 demoniac's nature ***2Tim3:1; 2Pe3:1-3**
 2. Difficulty will escalate to Jesus' return ***2Tim3:2-5,13; Lk21:7-9,34-36**
- B. "You, beloved, ought to remember" (Jude17) **Why is it important we remember this was promised?*
1. We see, again, that God's Word is true (Jesus told ahead, so when came they would believe)
 2. So we know and understand what God is doing in these difficult days! ***2Pe3:3-9**
*He is keeping present heavens, earth, and apostates reserved for judgment/hell
*He is still seeking and saving the lost! *vs.8-9
 3. So we have a strategy to fight for the faith, knowing trials, persecution, apostates will escalate

2. Jude's Strategy to Fight for the Faith in the Last Days (vs.20-23)

- A. God _____ you and will keep you! (Jude vs.1-2,17,20) *motivation to fight – **2Cor5:14; 1Jn4:18,19**
- B. _____ yourselves up on God's Word (vs.20) *the gospel, whole teaching of Bible – Gk. a command
1. **Eph4:11-16; Acts20:29-32; 2Tim3:16-17** – built up, _____ on the Word of God
 2. Not just reading the Bible but _____ the God of the Bible and what He teaches
 3. Know the Gospel; be able to share it and _____ it
- C. _____ in the Holy Spirit (vs.20) ***Eph6:18; Col4:2** – *courageously persistent*
***to pray in the Spirit, we must walk by the Spirit and be controlled by Him** (Gal5:16; Eph5:18)
- D. _____ yourselves in the love of God (vs.21) *Jesus taught us how to do this – **John15:10**
*Obedience to God = love and trust, see Dan6:23...**Faith ignites** _____!
- E. _____ anxiously (vs.21) = eagerly anticipate Christ's return; takes our eyes off worldly things, **1Jn3:3**
*This was Paul's heart's desire, to see Him! ***Phil1:21-25**
- F. Have _____ on the doubters/confused (vs.22) *some will be weak and struggle; they've bought into worldly ways, false teachers, easy believism, and live worldly; NOT grounded in faith and the Word
- G. _____ the perishing headed for a fiery hell (vs.23) ***snatching**; Gk. seizing, taking by force
1. Remember Moses and Aaron from Korah's rebellion...Numb16, stood between life and death; we stand between heaven and hell to snatch people from the fire!
 2. We are on a _____ mission to the lost all around us AND the lost in our midst!
 3. Notice: have mercy on some w/ fear, hating even garment polluted by flesh...**see Gal.6:1**
***Fear** – awareness that getting too close could taint us; like, polluted garment = _____

***Trying** to rescue spiritual terrorists can be dangerous, be alert! **Rom16:17-18**
 4. Rescue orphans and widows in their distress *(**Ja1:27**) ***Love ignites** _____!