

- I) V12-13 INTRO: These are spots in your love feasts while they feast with you
Jude has spoken of false teachers that were infiltrating the church (V4)
- II) At the core of their error was the perversion **of the grace of God**
They were transforming God's grace into **a license to sin**
- III) This is something that the Apostle Paul often spoke about
He had been accused of using grace to excuse a life of sin, and he responded
Ro 6:1-2 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? **By no means!** We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?
- IV) In **this** small letter Jude is very clear in his description of these teachers
They are ungodly, licentious, deniers, dreamers who defile the flesh, rebellious, blasphemers, ignorant, brute beasts, corrupt, spiritual murderers, greedy, morally blemished, gluttons, self-serving, empty, fruitless, destructive, and unstable
- V) By today's standards of Christian faith, Jude seems mean spirited
In fact, he is being clear about these men because they are undermining faith
- VI) In our last study, Jude declared three things about these false teachers
They have gone **the way** of Cain, ran greedily in **the error** of Balaam for profit, and have perished in **the rebellion** of Korah
They are faithless, unloving, spiritual murderers, greedy, and rebellious
- VII) In these verses Jude continues his warning concerning these men
V12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear
- VIII) Jude begins by giving us descriptions of these men
- IX) **First:** These are **spots** (hidden reefs) in your **love feasts**
They are unrighteous, morally defiled men who will cause your feasts to **wreck**
They **gorge** themselves at the love feasts without any sense of **conviction**
- X) **Love feasts** were communal meals that the believers would celebrate together
It was a meal that fostered fellowship and ministered to the less fortunate
Ac 2:42 They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, in the **breaking of bread**, and in prayers

- I) They are destroying the fabric of loving fellowship
This is because they are **servicing only themselves**
They do not care for others, lacking in love and sacrifice

- II) Sadly, this selfish behavior was in other churches and Paul had to deal with it
1 Co 11:17-22 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame **those who have nothing**? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

- III) **Second**: They **serve** (literally, feed, shepherd, tend to) **only themselves**
They take advantage of believers because of their self-centered lusts
Is 56:11 They are dogs with mighty appetites; **they never have enough**. They are shepherds who lack understanding; they all turn to **their own** way, they seek **their own** gain
The neither feared God nor cared about people

- IV) **Third**: They are **clouds** without water
They **look** like they can quench spiritual thirst, but are unstable and transient
Rain represents God's grace: They appear to have grace, but are empty

- V) They are clouds, carried about by the winds (of false doctrine)
This is why Paul spoke of the need for bible teaching, and its result
Eph 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by **every wind of teaching** and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

- VI) **Fourth**: They are late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead pulled up by the roots
They are trees that bear no fruit because they are dead and can't produce it
They are not rooted and grounded in Jesus, having no life and producing no fruit

- VII) V13 They are raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame (degradation)

- I) **Fifth:** They are destructive, unstable, restless, untamed, and shamefully lustful
Their fruit is **foam** that quickly disappears
Is 57:20-21 But the wicked are like **the tossing sea**, which cannot rest, whose **waves** cast up mire and mud. "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."
- II) **Sixth:** They are **wandering stars** for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness
They are like comets, providing no guidance for navigation and untrustworthy
Blackness of darkness: They are eternally doomed
- III) Jesus gave what is called the Parable of the talents: 5, 2, 1 talent distributed
Mt. 25:30 Throw that worthless servant outside, **into the darkness**, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- IV) V14 Enoch the seventh from Adam **prophesied** about these men also saying
Enoch is mentioned in Genesis and Hebrews, and was regarded as a prophet
Gen 5:21-24 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.
And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away
- V) There is no mention **in scripture of** such a prophecy
What it shows is this prophecy was inspired and handed down through tradition
- VI) V15 The Lord comes to execute judgment on all to convict all who are ungodly
Jude used two words **4 times** in this verse: **All**, and **ungodly**
Ungodly: Lack of reverence towards God: impiety; outrageous wickedness
Point: God will surely judge those who reject Him
- VII) V15 God will execute judgment on all to convict all who are **ungodly**
Ungodly **deeds:** Expressions of their labor and their enterprise
Their **ungodly way:** Their overall lifestyle; their way of life
Ungodly **sinner:** Pre-eminently sinful, and wicked; stained with vices or crimes
- VIII) He is pointing out that when God judges, no one **will not escape**
Heb 12:25 See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from Him who warns us from heaven?

- I) V16 To **execute judgment** (at the 2nd Coming) which occurs after the Tribulation
This is revealed in Rev 19:11-21
At this time Jesus delivers all who have trusted Him, brings spiritual revival to Israel and the world, re-establishes the Kingdom of David (who will rule under Jesus), and will rule for 1,000 years
- II) This judgment is divided into His judgment of Israel, and His judgment of Gentiles
The judgment of Israel: During the Tribulation, many Jews will die
Zech. 13:8 It shall come to pass, that in all the land, says the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.
- III) The survivors will be delivered by Jesus at His return
After this, all Israel will be regathered from the entire world
Ezek 39:28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.
- IV) These survivors will be judged
Ezek 20:35-38 I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, says the Lord GOD. And **I will cause you to pass under the rod**, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you **the rebels**, and them that transgress against Me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and you shall know that I am the LORD.
- V) **Not all who survive** will enter the kingdom because some are unsaved
Ro 9:6-8 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.
Ro 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob
- VI) There is also judgement of the Gentiles, called the judgment of sheep and goats
This is recorded in Mt 25:31-36

- I) V16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts
He continues to identify the traits of the false teachers
- II) **Grumblers**: One who discontentedly complains against God
Complainers: Discontented, constantly expressing a grievance; faultfinders
This speaks of their constant critical attitude of these false teachers
- III) Walking according to their own lusts (V19)
They live according to their own fleshly passions and evil inclinations
- IV) V16 The mouth great **swelling words**
This speaks of immoderate, or arrogant empty preaching and claims
2 Pe 2:18 For they mouth *empty, boastful words* and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error
- V) V16 Flattering people to gain advantage
They literally honor people for the sake of their own personal advantage
Jas 2:1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.
- VI) V17 But you beloved **remember the words** which were spoken before by the
How are they going to be protected from these false teachers?
Remember the words which were spoken before by the Apostles
- VII) Clinging to what they have been taught safeguards them from the enemy's lies
2 Pe 3:2 That you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior:
Eph. 4:14 says by being taught: We will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.
- VIII) Their protection lies in their clinging to God's Word
This is how the Lord would protect them from the lies of the false teachers
Ac 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.