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Church School Lesson: "Sustaining Our Faith" Lesson Text: Jude 17-25 - Key Text: "But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life" Jude 20-21.

**Summary of the Lesson:** 

Is your faith being weakened by the many "voices of confusion" you hear? Are you a conscious defender of the faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the face of the "voices of confusion"? Laws once trusted governing our society appear to be eroding. The alarming potential exists for our country to come under authoritarian rule very much the likes of Nazi Germany and the Third Reich, bringing with it the destruction of any semblance of what we know as democracy. What we see and hear on all levels of society speaks to the loss of our moral compass. What should unite us as a people appears to divide us. Even within the church in general, as seen in social media platforms and newspapers, credibility, and authority to speak truth in the eyes of many has fallen. Institutions are being destroyed because of ambition and greed. Yes, these are perilous times testing the Christian faith. The message in the Book of Jude was directed to the church and the people of God. It speaks of the danger posed by the infiltration of ungodly intruders and leaders. It identifies the intruders and leaders as: those who practiced an immoral lifestyle; those "who pervert the grace of God into a license for immorality" (v.4), behaving as if God would not hold them accountable; those who despised authority, spoke evil of others, and sought wealth in their greed (vv8.11); those Jude called "blemishes at your love feasts" who had nothing true or valuable to offer; like clouds "without rain" and fruitless trees. (v.12); those "who followed "their own evil desires", and though they influenced many, their words were filled with their own ambition (v.16). Jude is a message of stark warning. The troublemakers' destiny is the same as the consequence for Sodom and Gomorrah (v.7) and the devil (v.9) and promised that God would execute judgment against the "ungodly" for their "ungodly acts" (v.15). So now what? What are believers to do? How do believers live out their faith in these troubled times? He says, "remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ told you". "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." (v.18). There will be those who have no interest in authentic faith. Rather, they would ridicule accountability before God and pursue their interests for their own gain. Jude's response to the endangered church and its people then and now is also one of hope and encouragement: (1) build yourself on the most holy faith; (2) pray in the Holy Spirit; and (3) keep yourself in the love, mercy, and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. These three are means of grace and spiritual practices that will sustain our faith in troubled times. Believers build on an authentic foundation secured by the love of God, the grace of Jesus, and the communion of the Holy Spirit rather than one imagined by the mockers who stir up trouble among the people of God. Understand that the power of sincere prayer is important because it is the Holy Spirit that connects us with God's own heart. If you are a believer, then you must embrace and trust God's love and mercy for His people. We must believe that when Christ comes again, not only will He pass judgment on the ungodly, but show mercy for those who build their lives on the most holy faith and pray in the Spirit. So, don't be ". . . ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile" (Romans 1:16). Jude speaks "to those who have been called and loved by God the Father, and who are preserved by Jesus Christ" -YOU, US, WE. Let others know, both by our words and our lifestyles, that we are Christians. Don't be afraid! Amen.

Sunday Worship Webinar: https://zoom.us/i/93197056304 - Webinar ID: 931 9705 6304 -Dial in +1 (646) 931-3860 - Then dial 931 9705 6304 #

Bible Study, Meetings, Church School & Special Services - Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/99882887220 -Meeting ID: 998 8288 7220 Mobile +1 (301) 715-8592 then dial 998 8288 7220#

ANNOUNCEMENTS - "Virtual Bible Study" - Tuesdays @ 7:30p - All are Welcome!

**TODAY** – The **Youth** are asked to meet in the choir stand after the morning service, with Sister Goodman.

THIS Friday, March 8th - @ 10:00 a.m. "Celebration of Life Service for Bro. Carl Rollins" We pray for Sis. Delores Rollins and Family.

Next Sunday- March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. - INPERSON - Church School - All are Welcome.

Next Sun., March 10th "Health Day at LaMott"-Diabetes & Your Heart & Kidney Health Presentations INSERT)

Sun, March 17th - The Trustee Board will be serving dinner after the morning service DONATION.

Sun, March 24th - "Palm Sunday," also The Trustee Board will celebrate their Annual Day during the morning service. The Rev. William Gary, of Enoch Baptist Church is the guest preacher. Invite someone to church.

Tues., March 26th - Bible Study is CANCELLED.



Scripture of the Month:

Order of Service

Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

"He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler." Psalms 91:4 NKJV

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Please see INSERT

**OPENING HYMN** "What can Wash Away My Sin"

- 1) What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
- 4) This is all my hope and peace-- Nothing but the blood of Jesus! This is all my righteousness-- Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Refrain: Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

\*PRAYER

\*PRAYER RESPONSE

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Brother Robert Love - This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can have what it says I can DECLARATION have. I can do what it says I can do. Today I will be taught the word of God. My mind is alert. My heart is receptive. I'll never be the same again. In Jesus' name. Amen

\*READING OF THE WILL-Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-7 New Testament James 4: 1-7

The Gospel: John 14: 1-14

\*DECALOGUE "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Gloria Patri - "Glory Be To The Father"

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** 

\*SERMON Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor

INVITATIONAL

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THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** 

General Confession (see insert)

Communion Administered "The Lord's Supper"

**BENEDICTION** "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"



\*WORSHIPPERS Are Asked To Refrain From Entering In The Sanctuary at These Times.

Sister Delores Rollins and family on the passing of her husband Bro. Carl Rollins, Bro. Brett & Natasha Patterson and family on the passing of his brother, Bro. Bryan Patterson, Sis. Virginia Braxton, Sister of Sis. Jackie Sewell, Sis. Maggie Bullard at home healing, Family Healing and Unity, Bro. Leroy Williams, husband of Sis. Debbie Williams, Sister Lottie Chisholm's mother, Lula King, Rev., Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns, Sis. Deb Williams' Mom & Dad, those who have family members and friends who are sick and have lost loved ones. Birthdays or Anniversaries in March.



March -

Sasha Bigelow 1st Brett Patterson 16th Ahkeel Malcolm 11th

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28<sup>th</sup>





