

Jude 12-25 – 19 October 2025

“Earnestly Contend For The Faith: Pt 2 of 2”

Introduction

*Jude’s intention in writing was superseded by the H.S. as he was prompted to encourage them to *earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to us*

*Jude didn’t want to speak against these men, but was prompted to – important to be led of the Spirit

*There are selfish, ungodly people speaking in the name of Jesus that should be marked & avoided

*In vss 1-11, Jude provided the 1st 2 of 6 ways that we should be earnestly contending for the true faith

***In vss 4-7 - We don’t waste our resources on ourselves as the false converts do**

***In vss 8-11 - We don’t war against authorities & powers**

In this 2nd session, we’ll see the 3rd thru 6th ways we should be earnestly contending for the true faith

#3 – We don't wear a false front, as those hypocrites do (Vs 12-16)

Read Vs 12-13

1. They promise a lot but give little
2. They look big, impressive but they're really just bloated & weak
 - a. Read II Tim 3:5, 7-9 – They have a form of godliness but have no lasting fruit b/c they deny the very power of God to save souls
 - b. There're so-called churches everywhere that have a giant bloated following
3. ***They have no fruit b/c they have no root***
 - a. They haven't received the Word & have only themselves to speak of
 - b. No fruit of souls b/c they seek to gain for self, instead of giving the bloody cross
4. Only the Lake of Fire awaits them; Jesus called Gehenna Outer Darkness; the absence of God
 - a. We discuss this in the next two verses

Read Vs 14-15

1. Pseudepigraphal book of Enoch in circulation today wasn't in circulation until 200s AD
 - a. The book wasn't written by Enoch, but by many authors from 300-100 BC
 - b. Even if the Book of Enoch we have today was the original; simply quoting from a source doesn't make that whole source document inspired by God or true
 - i. Paul quoted Greek poets, doesn't make their texts part of the Bible
2. To the point being made; God had long declared that He WILL come & judge all those doing ungodliness
 - a. Our Lord's 2nd coming will do just that
 - b. Read Isa 61:1-2 – Jesus came as sacrificial lamb the 1st time, but the 2nd time as the Lion

Read Vs 16

1. They say anything to look good & get ahead

2. They both find fault & complain while also flattering, whatever will help them get ahead
 - a. Gossip & flattery: 2 sides of a single coin
 - i. Gossip is saying behind someone's back what you would never say to their face
 - ii. Flattery is saying to someone's face what you would never say behind their back
3. Let us not be seen as hypocrites

#4 – We wist what we were taught (Vs 17-19)

Intro

1. To *wist* is to know – we hold onto what the Lord gave us in His Word
2. Certainly Jesus asked us to remember His ways
 - a. John 15-16 – We're to remember, when we act like Him, the world will treat us like Him
3. Paul asked us to remember Jesus' teachings
 - a. Read Act 20:35 – Be givers not takers; now doesn't that go with today's message

4. Angel at Jesus' tomb told women to remember
 - a. Read Luke 24:6-7 – remembering is to have the mind to believe it and follow it

Read Vs 17-19

1. We're told here to remember, Jesus expected this to happen, that child-like 'leaders' would arise
 - a. Mockers, that is a scoffer, one who ridicules you
 - b. Read Isa 3:1-4 – God gives what we want
2. Jesus anticipated band-wagon jumpers coming along for their own gain (Read Acts 19:13-18)
 - a. Some get away with it for a time before judgement
3. Remember or expect as you look around the so-called church that you will find some led by spiritual children or even the unregenerated
 - a. This helps us not accept all but discern what's good and what's harmful

#5 – We weave our life together with God (Vs 20-21)

Read Vs 20-21

1. We're to build our lives & our faith, on all that the Trinity has to offer
 - a. The Holy Spirit is our avenue for energy
 - b. The Father is our source of loving stability
 - c. Jesus is our forgiveness that brings us life
2. This is a proactive life of living as a child of our good King
3. (Read) Matt 7:24-25 tells us about this building
 - a. What is the Rock that we build on?
 - i. Christ (see Matt 16:18)
 - b. What are the winds that come?
 - i. Read Eph 4:11-14 – bad teaching
4. The Lord has given us the Church structure to help us grow up into complete people; fully able to serve & glorify Jesus Christ

#6 – We witness smartly to warn others (Vs 22-25)

Read Vs 22-23

1. We're to witness smartly to warn others of these false pastors & teachers
2. We need to cultivate our approach for different people
 - a. Some are sensitive & some are hard-headed
 - b. Give law to the proud & grace to the humble
3. 'Not even wanting our clothes to be soiled'
 - a. Clothes represent our outward righteousness
 - b. In other words, we even want to avoid the appearance we're involved with these false teachings

Read Vs 24-25

1. Our wise Savior God gives us so much better than we deserve
 - a. Read Lam 3:22 & Eph 3:20

2. If we've come to Jesus for forgiveness at His cross; He's granted us righteousness, God sees us as faultless

Conclusion

How are we doing contending for the faith? Are we contending at school, at work, in our friend groups?

Let's not live like this ungodly pseudo-Christians

1. **We don't waste our resources on ourselves**
2. **We don't war against the authorities God has placed over us**
3. **We don't wear a false front like a hypocrite**
4. **We wist what we were taught by Jesus**
5. **We weave our life together with the Lord**
6. **We witness smartly to warn others**

The contention rages. Are you prepared to defend yourself? Just let the Lion of God's Word loose