

(vv1-9) God wants us to control our tongues and defer to Him in all matters: **1 PETER 3:8-12; 2:1-10** we are a blessing as we speak of Jesus and praise Him before men. The apostates, the *'certain men'* from v4, are filthy dreamers, ungodly men, who secretly slithered into the church in Jude's time just as they do today.

(v10) *'But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.'* The *'certain men'* have traits that will accompany apostates wherever they go. The archangel Michael, though dealing with Satan himself, and possessing a far greater and complete spiritual knowledge, dared not speak out in slanderous judgment. But the *'certain men'* do not hesitate to speak judgment on matters they know nothing about. While they claim superior knowledge to others, as *'brute beasts'* they are entirely barren of true knowledge.

1 CORINTHIANS 2 (vv1-5) *'And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.'* What a disparity between Paul and the ungodly men Jude is speaking of (vv6-8) in the life of Jesus there were many Jewish apostates that claimed superior spiritual knowledge yet totally acted as brute beasts **MATTHEW 12:14; 27:1; JOHN 5:18; 11:53 (vv9-13)** this is speaking of the man (woman) who is born-again (v14) *'the natural man'* the Greek word is *'psuchikos'* – **belonging to the soul; the man (woman) living under the control of fleshly passions.** Unsaved people cannot discern the things of the Holy Spirit (v15) *'he that is spiritual'* the Greek word is *'pneumatikos'* – **this man (woman) lives under the control of the Holy Spirit; he (she) has the mind of Christ.** **JOHN 17:8; COLOSSIANS 1:9; ROMANS 8:13**

(v11) *'Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.'* The ungodly men that secretly crept in were sexually impure, despised authority, slandered anyone they wanted to, acted as brute beasts though they claimed to be teachers and leaders. *'Woe to them!'* these ungodly men and women are eternally condemned. Those that Jude wrote of, as well as the unrepentant apostates that are alive today and continue with all of these evil traits.

God puts before us three examples of Old Testament men who led others to destruction; from which we need to apply to our lives:

1. *'the way of Cain'*
2. *'the error of Balaam'*
3. *'the rebellion of Korah'*

Apostates always lead people to the edge of a cliff, then right over it to their destruction. God continually warns of them in His Word.

#1. 'the way of Cain' - GENESIS 4:1-8 Abel brought a blood sacrifice; Cain brought the works of his hands of the cursed earth. **HEBREWS 11:4; ROMANS 10:3** Abel offered by faith; both boys were taught that without the shedding of blood there was no remission of sins **ROMANS 10:17; GENESIS 3:7-21**. It is only by the shed blood of Jesus that one can be saved. The way of Cain is to blaspheme God by trying to add to His completed salvation. Cain knew God, he did not deny His existence, he was not an atheist; however he came to God his own way, not the way of faith. God did not receive his offering. **MATTHEW 7:13,14** Jesus is the only way to heaven, apostates deny this truth.

#2. 'the error of Balaam' - Balaam's desire was to become personally wealthy by making a business out of his service to God. Balaam, the Old Testament prophet, was hired by Israel's enemies to curse God's people. God warned Balaam not to do that: **NUMBERS 22:9-12** *'And God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."* Balaam was greedy for reward, so instead of cursing Israel, he devised a scheme to lure them into sin with the daughters of Moab **NUMBERS 25:1-3; 31:14-16; REVELATION 2:14** *'the doctrine of Balaam.'* Even today Christianity is plagued with the sin of making it a profitable venture, and Jude warns us of false teachers attempting to do just that **MATTHEW 6:19,20; COLOSSIANS 2:2,3; HEBREWS 11:24-26**

#3. 'the rebellion of Korah' - NUMBERS 16:1-34 Korah led an insurrection against God's appointed leaders. God judged Korah, and He will judge apostates that are here today and beyond for this.

APPLICATION IN OUR LIVES:

'the way of Cain' – trying to please God in our own way, not the way of faith **ROMANS 3:28**. We are saved only by faith in Jesus, not by works.

'the error of Balaam for profit' – greed; using your spiritual giftedness for profit is certainly against the will of God. **HEBREWS 13:5; 1 TIMOTHY 6:6** God wants us to be content and trust Him with our resources.

'the rebellion of Korah' – we must not rebel against Godly leaders who are anointed by God **TITUS 3:1,2** *'Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.'*


Apostates reveal their evilness by the fruit of their lives. **For us: walk in Jesus, obey His Word!**

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Jude 1:2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Jude 1:3 ...and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith...

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(vv5-7) 3 EXAMPLES OF APOSTASY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

v5 the people of Israel

v6 the angels who sinned

v7 Sodom & Gomorrah

Jude 1:10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jude 1:8 Likewise also **these filthy dreamers** defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Jude 1:4 For there are **certain men** crept in unawares...ungodly men...

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1Cor 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

Mat 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy [kill] Him.

Mat 27:1 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.

Jhn 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Jhn 11:53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

1Cor 2:14 ...the **natural** man... (NIV 'person without the Spirit')

'psuchikos'

- belonging to the soul
- the man (woman) living under the control of fleshly passions

1Cor 2:15 But he that is **spiritual**... [NIV
'person with the Spirit']

Pneumatikos

- this man (woman) lives under the control of the Holy Spirit
 - he (she) has the mind of Christ

John 17:8

King James Version

For I have given unto them the words
which thou gavest me; and they have
received them, and have known surely
that I came out from thee, and they have
believed that thou didst send me.

We have not ceased to pray for you,
asking that you may be filled with the
knowledge of his will in all spiritual
wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:9 ESV

Romans 8:13

[13] for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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...have run greedily in the **error of**
Balaam for profit...

...and perished in the **rebellion of**
Korah.



#1) For they have gone in the **way of Cain**...

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

**So then faith comes by
hearing, and hearing by
the word of God.**

—Romans 10:17



Jesus said, "Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

- Matthew 7:13-14 -



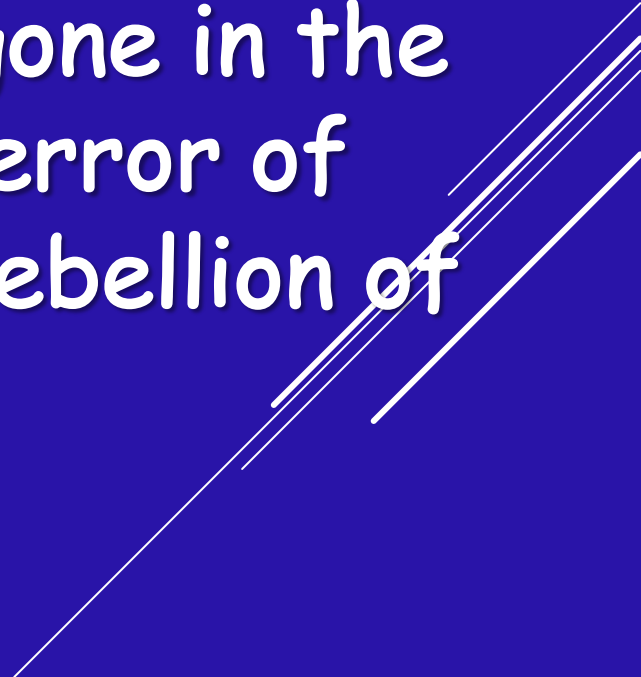
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#2) ...have run greedily in the **error of Balaam** for profit...

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Num 22:12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

Jude 1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

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Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV)

COLOSSIANS 2:2-3

“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Heavenly Rewards

Hebrews 11: 24-26

²⁴ “By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ ***He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.***”

JUDE 1:11 (#3) ...and perished in the
gainsaying [rebellion] of Korah.

'the way of Cain'

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'the rebellion of Korah'

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Romans 3:28

King James Version

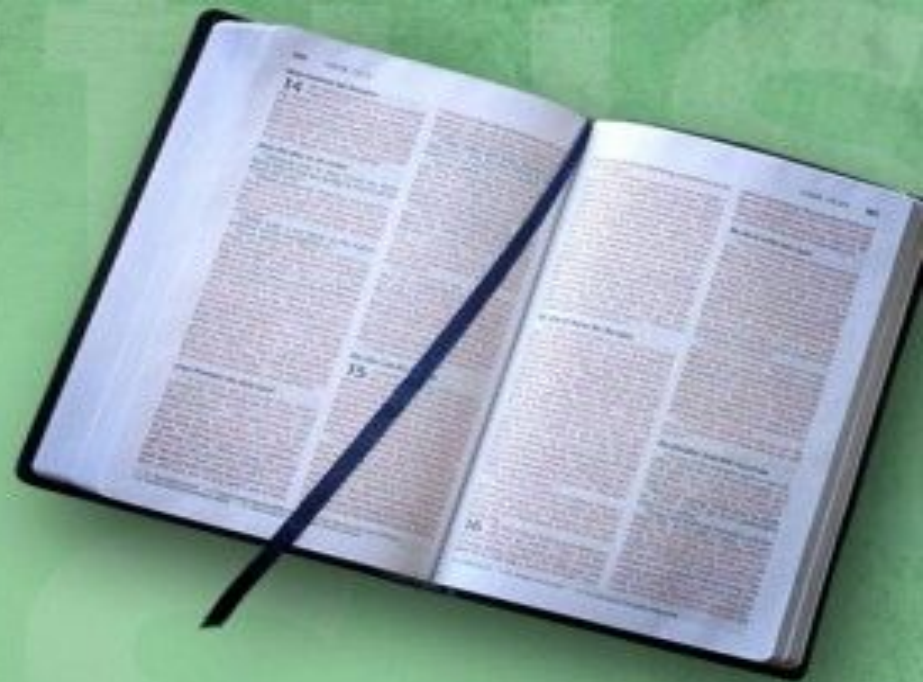
Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Heb 13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

1Timothy 6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

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Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.



Titus 3:1-2

Then said Jesus unto his disciples,
If any man will come after me, let him
deny himself, and take up his cross,
and follow me.

Matthew 16:24 (KJV)

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Jude 1:12-13

- 12 These are **blemishes on** your **love feasts**,
as they feast with you without fear,
looking after themselves;
waterless clouds, swept along by winds;
fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead,
uprooted;
- 13 **wild waves** of the sea,
casting up the foam of their own shame;
wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter
darkness has been reserved forever.

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