

The Book of **JUDE** is the next to last letter in the New Testament. It is one chapter, 25 verses, but packed with vital teaching for the church today as it is exceptionally applicable to the days we live in.

(vv1-4) Jude is translated 'Judah' in Hebrew, and 'Judas' in Greek. He set out to write a letter to the church concerning *'the common salvation'* but then was compelled by the Holy Spirit to change his subject *'...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.'* The reason the Spirit moved Jude this way was because of ungodly men who were beginning to infiltrate the church *'For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.'*

**2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5** *'Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first...'* the Greek word is 'apostasia' - a falling away, defection, apostasy; defection from the truth. **1 TIMOTHY 4:1-6** *'Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils [demons].'* This truth is spoken clearly by the Holy Spirit so we would all take heed. **2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5** *'For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.'* **2 PETER 2:1-3** *'But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies...'* **2 PETER 3:1-4** *'Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts...'* The Bible warns us of apostasy to come upon us in the last days.

(vv1-4) Jude would have preferred to talk about *'the common salvation'* shared with those who would read his letter, but because false teaching was becoming prevalent, the Holy Spirit moved in Jude to pen something completely different. This letter's subject is *'that ye should earnestly contend for the faith...'* Jude does not mince words, he totally goes after all the false men who have secretly subverted the church, and lays down instructions for us to be vigilant about in the days we live.

(v1) *'Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James...'* the author is Jude, this was a popular name in Israel. Nearly all conservative Bible scholars believe that Jude was a younger half-brother of Jesus and a brother of James, the leader in the Jerusalem church and the one who penned the letter named after him in the New Testament **MATTHEW 13:54-56; GALATIANS 1:18,19.**

(v1) *'Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ...'* The Greek word is 'doulos' - a slave, bondman, man of servile condition; one who gives himself up to another's will; devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests. Before the Crucifixion and Resurrection, Jude had denied Jesus as Messiah. **MATTHEW 13:53-58** Mary and Joseph had children after the birth of Jesus, four sons and at least two daughters. **MATTHEW 1:18-25** *'Then Joseph...did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.'*

**JOHN 7:1-9** Jesus' half-brothers did not believe He was the Messiah *'For even His brothers did not believe in Him.'* Obviously, they believed He was a real person; they grew up in the same household as Jesus did. What they did not believe was that He was the Messiah, the Son of God. This would not happen until after His resurrection.

Instead of introducing himself as Jesus' half-brother, Jude humbly wants to be known as Jesus' bond-servant. **JOHN 12:23-26** Jesus wants us to follow Him, to have His agenda directing our days, to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us.

(v1) *'...to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called...'* as God moves in our lives these truths are something to deeply meditate upon.

*'sanctified'* - the Greek word is *hagiazō* - to separate from profane things and dedicate to God; to cleanse externally; to purify by expiation. **JOHN 17:1-21** before His death, Jesus intercedes to the Father for His own. We know that Jesus is God, and Jesus tells us that we are sanctified by the Word of Truth, the Bible. **JOHN 8:12-36** *'I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I AM, ye shall die in your sins.'* Jesus claims to be the Voice of the Burning Bush (see **EXODUS 3:13,14**), we must believe that Jesus is God or we cannot be saved. Jesus promises the believer freedom from the world system, believe Him today. **PSALMS 19:7-9; 119:9-11,101-105** *'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.'*

*'preserved'* - the Greek word is *tēreō* - to attend to carefully, take care of; to guard; to keep, one in the state in which he is. **JOHN 10:28-30; 2 TIMOTHY 4:18; 1 PETER 1:5** How we need to trust Jesus with our spiritual lives every moment of everyday!

*'called'* - God alone has called us into His Kingdom. Rejoice in Him today.

**2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17** *'to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.'*; **2 TIMOTHY 1:9** *'Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.'* Praise God! Trust Jesus to keep you eternally!

# JUDE

contending for the faith

JUDE is one chapter - 25 verses

Jude is translated Judah in Hebrew...

Judas in Greek...

**Jude 1:3** Beloved, when I gave all diligence

to write unto you of the **common**

**salvation...**

**KJV** Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, **it was needful for me** to write unto you...

**NKJV** ...**I found it necessary**...

**NASB** ...**I felt the necessity**...

**NIV** ...**I felt compelled**...

2Thess 2:3 ...a **falling away** first... [NASB  
'apostasy'/ NIV 'rebellion']

ἀποστασία **apostasía** {ap-os-tas-ee'-ah}

- apostasy:—falling away, forsake
  - defection from truth

...that in the latter times some shall depart [fall away] from the faith...

1Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh **expressly**  
[NASB 'explicitly'/NIV 'clearly']...

ῥητῶς **rhētōs** {ray-toce'}

- out-spokenly, distinctly:—expressly
  - in stated terms

**2Tim 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...

**2Pet 2:1** ...even as there shall be false teachers among you...

**2Pet 3:3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers [mockers], walking after their own lusts...

# Jude 1:3

King James Version

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

**Jude 1:1** Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James...

**Mat 13:54** When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

**Mat 13:55** "Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?"

**Mat 13:56** "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

**Gal 1:18** Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

**Gal 1:19** But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Jude 1:1 Jude, the **servant** [bond-servant] of  
Jesus Christ...

δοῦλος **doûlos** {doo'-los}

- a slave
- one who gives himself up to another's will
- devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests

Is not this the carpenter's son? is not  
His mother called Mary? and **His**  
**brethren**, James, and Joseph, and  
Simon, and Judas? And **His**  
**sisters**, are they not all with us?

## MATTHEW 1:25

**KJV** And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son... .

**NKJV** and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son...

**NASB** but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son...

**NIV** But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son...

**CSB** but did not have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son...

# Matthew 12:50

King James Version

For whosoever shall do the will of my  
Father which is in heaven, the same is  
my brother, and sister, and mother.

**Jhn 7:3** His **brethren** therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that Thy **disciples** also may see the works that Thou does.

**Jhn 7:5** For neither did His brethren believe in Him.

**Jude 1:1** Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ...

...to them that are **sanctified** by God the  
Father...

...and **preserved** in Jesus Christ...

...and **called**:

**'sanctified'** (NASB 'beloved'/NIV 'loved')

**'Hagiazō'** {hä-ge-ä'-zo}

- to separate from profane things and dedicate to God
- to cleanse externally; to purify by atonement

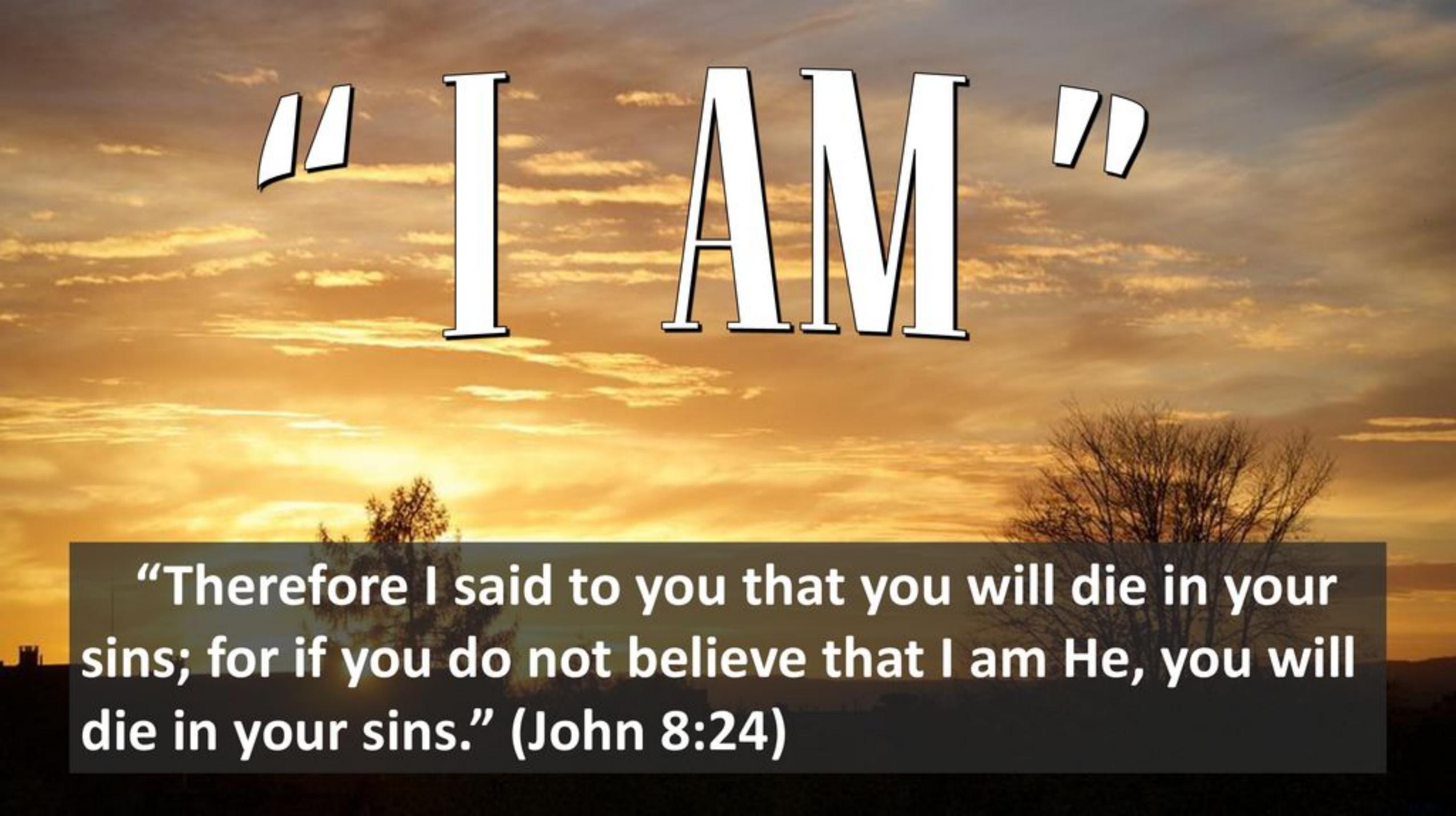
**Jhn 17:8** For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

**Jhn 17:17** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

## **Exodus 3:13-14 HCSB**

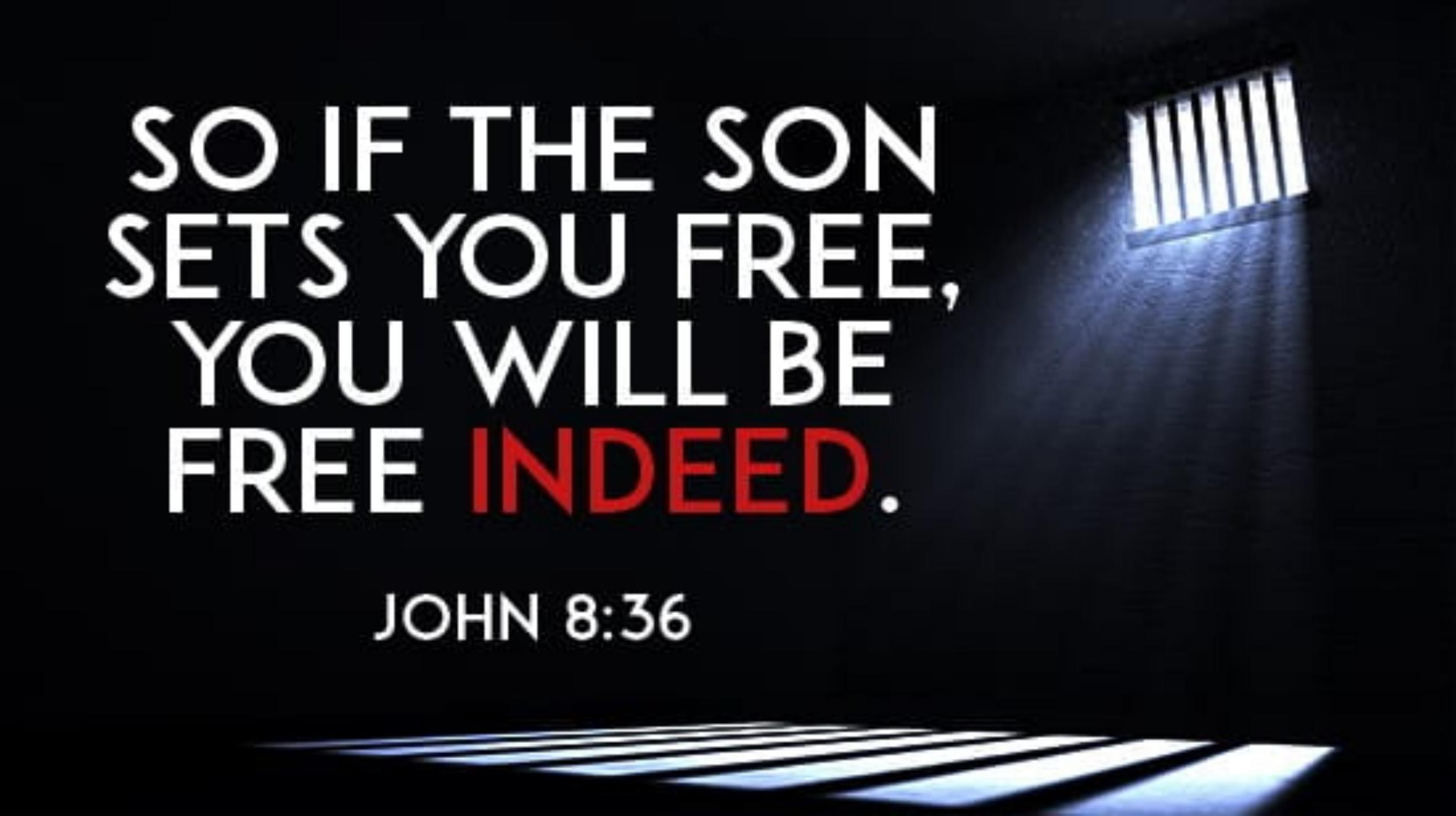
**13** Then Moses asked God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them: The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they ask me, ‘What is His name?’ what should I tell them?”

**14** God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”



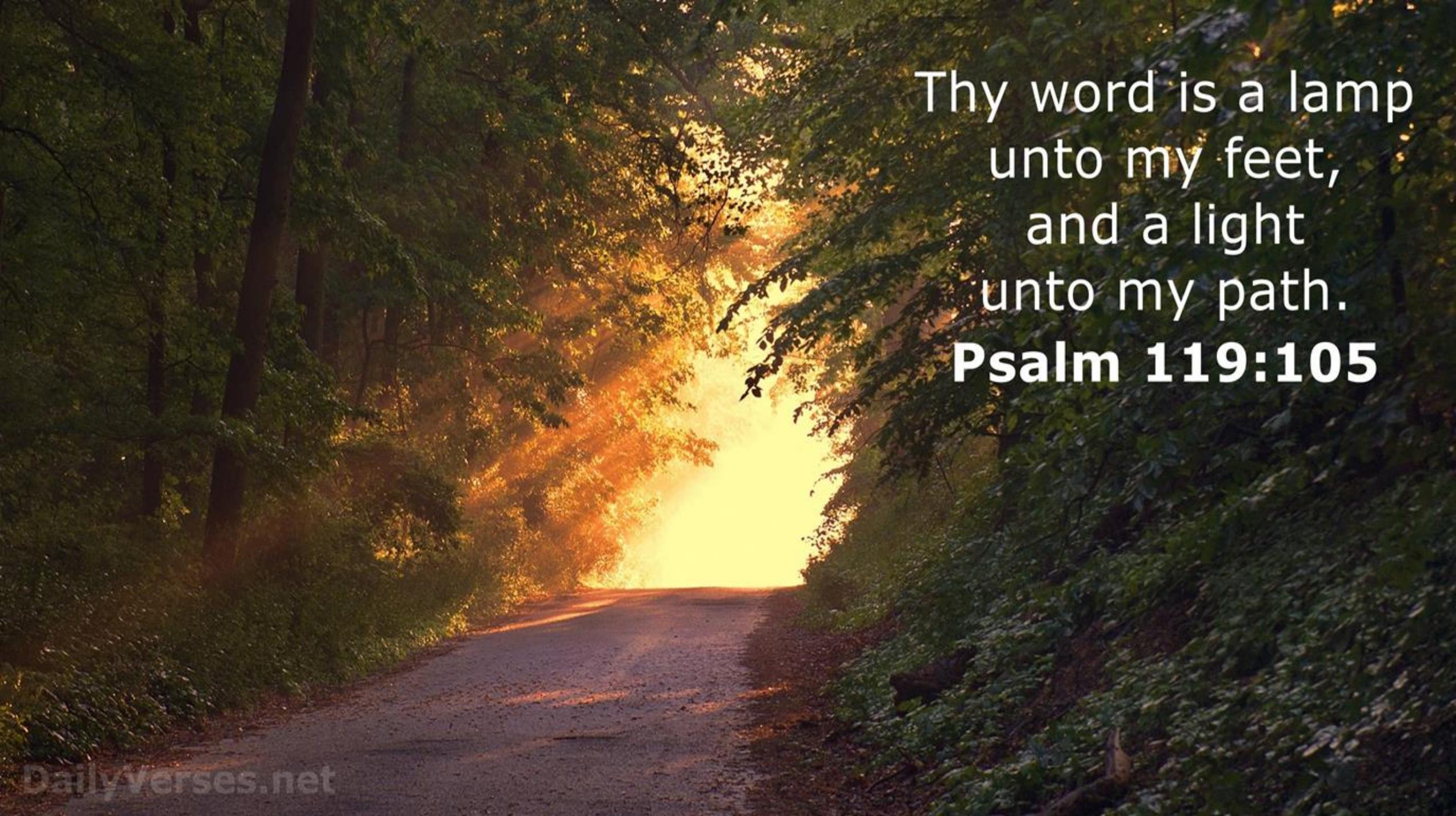
**"I AM"**

**“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” (John 8:24)**



SO IF THE SON  
SETS YOU FREE,  
YOU WILL BE  
FREE **INDEED.**

JOHN 8:36



Thy word is a lamp  
unto my feet,  
and a light  
unto my path.  
**Psalm 119:105**

JUDE 1:1 '...**preserved** in Jesus Christ...'

**'tēreō'** {tay-ray-o}

- to attend to carefully, take care of
  - to guard
- to keep, one in the state in which he is

**Jhn 10:28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

**Jhn 10:29** My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

**Jhn 10:30** "I and My Father are one."

**2Tim 4:18** And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

**1Pet 1:5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Jude 1:1** Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and **called:**



***“He called you by our gospel  
for the obtaining of the glory  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
(2 Thessalonians 2:14)***

Who hath saved us, and  
called us with an holy  
calling, not according to  
our works, but according  
to his own purpose and  
grace, which was given us  
in Christ Jesus before the  
world began,  
2 Timothy 1:9 KJV

## **Jude 1:1-2 KJV**

**Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,  
to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and  
preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:  
Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.**

