

(vv1-4) Jude starts out to write of *'the common salvation'* but the Holy Spirit moves potently upon Jude, compelling him to exhort believers to *'earnestly contend for the faith.'* False teachers and false brethren permeated the church in Jude's time, and they do the same thing today. Apostasy always leads to immorality, and we surely see that today even in so-called "Christian churches" (vv5-7) Jude gives three examples of apostasy from the Old Testament: **1. Israel 2. the angels that sinned 3. Sodom and Gomorrah**

(v8) *'Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh...'* the certain men that crept in secretly have some very dangerous characteristics: their thought life is polluted, they live in a world of sexual immorality in their minds which they then act upon in their lives **2 PETER 3:3; MATTHEW 15:19,20.**

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6 we find victory over evil thoughts in our own lives by using the supernatural weapons that God has given us: *'...and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ...'*

EPHESIANS 4:17-32 as we live in the Holy Spirit we will have victory over our fleshly nature.

(v8) *'...despise dominion [reject authority]...'* Just like the sinning angels, these pretenders reject all authority whether spiritual or civil. They deny the Bible as the final authority in all matters of faith; we see this in our world and unfortunately even among professing Christians. Many reject portions of the Word of God that they simply do not like **JUDGES 21:25; GENESIS 2:24** *'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.'* God's only sanctioned marriage is one man and woman together until death; **LEVITICUS 18:22; ROMANS 13:1,2** *'Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.'* **2 PETER 3:3,4.** Many deny the return of Jesus, His judgment to come, and the authority of the Bible.

(v8) *'...and speak evil of dignities [angelic majesties/celestial beings].'* That these are angelic beings is supported by the next verse. False teachers, apostates, reject all authority, whether God or government. Believers have no reason to listen or follow such people, yet we see that they found a captive audience in the church, so thus the Holy Spirit moves Jude to write this warning.

(v9) *'Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The*

Lord rebuke thee.' Jude, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, gives an account found nowhere else in Scripture. Michael and the Devil are two powerful and existent angelic beings, one faithful to God, and the other rebellious and against God.

TITUS 2:11-15; 3:1,2 *'speak evil of no man'* how we need the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us through this walk in Christ; God's desire is clearly stated. God's way is the way of victory **ISAIAH 55:8,9; JAMES 3:8-10.** Jude lists three notorious traits that apostates possess: **1. defile the flesh 2. despise authority 3. speak evil of dignities.**

Michael is the only archangel (chief angel) specifically called such in the Bible, he is particularly in charge of watching over the nation of Israel **DANIEL 10:10-21; 12:1** *'At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people...'*

DEUTERONOMY 34:5,6 Moses was not allowed to enter the Promised Land, he died on Mt Nebo in Moab and was secretly buried in a place not known to man. While there are some non-biblical accounts of this scene between Michael and Satan, all we know for certain is what the Holy Spirit is revealing through Jude. Satan is real, he is a fallen angel and is constantly fighting against all those who obey and follow God.

(v9) *'But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil...dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation against him...'* **2 PETER 2 (vv1-3)** there will be false teachers among us today (vv9-15) *'and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries...'* what a vivid assessment of the workers of darkness! These men and women fearlessly slander whoever or whatever they want. They do things that even the angels fear to do. How we must learn God's will for our lives by the Truth of His Word.

(v9) *'...but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you!'* Michael defers to the infinite power and sovereign authority of God. **WHAT WE MAY LEARN AND APPLY FROM THIS ACCOUNT IN GOD'S WORD:** we are never pleasing to God when we bring slanderous accusations against ANYONE, including Satan himself! Humbling words, sobering truth from God to us. Allow the Holy Spirit to work inside of you tonight: **JAMES 3:1-18; 1:17-27; COLOSSIANS 1:10; 2:6** *'As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him.'* AMEN!

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Jude 1:3 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...



**CERTAIN
PERSONS
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Jude 1:4

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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

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Jude 1:8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers
defile the flesh...

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

Matt 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil
thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications,
thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Mat 15:20 These are the things which defile a
man...

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26





Hebrews 4:16

*Let us then
approach the throne of*

GRACE

*with confidence,
so that we may receive
mercy & find grace*

*to help us in our
time of need.*



— Take —
EVERY
Thought
CAPTIVE

to the obedience of
Christ...

2 Corinthians 10:5

Eph 4:19 (Amplified Version) In their spiritual apathy they have become callous and past feeling and reckless and have abandoned themselves to unbridled sensuality, eager and greedy to indulge in every form of impurity [that their depraved desires may suggest and demand].

Eph 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

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

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Lev 18:22 'You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.

Rom 13:1 LET EVERY person be loyally subject to the governing (civil) authorities. For there is no authority except from God [by His permission, His sanction], and those that exist do so by God's appointment.

Rom 13:2 Therefore he who resists and sets himself up against the authorities resists what God has appointed and arranged [in divine order]. And those who resist will bring down judgment upon themselves [receiving the penalty due them].

2 Peter 3:3-4

[3] Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, [4] and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

Jude 1:8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, **and speak evil of dignities [angelic majesties/celestial beings].**

Jude 1:4 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.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel...the devil...

Titus 3:2 ...speak evil of no man...

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

James 3:8 But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness!

James 3:10 Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so.

3 NOTORIOUS TRAITS OF APOSTATES:

1. 'defile the flesh'
 2. 'despise authority'
 3. 'speak evil of dignities'
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Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

— Jude 1:9 (KJV)

Deuteronomy 34:5-6

So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶ And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel...dared not bring against him [the Devil] a railing [reviling] accusation...

Traits of false teachers and false brethren:

1. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness...
 2. despise government [authority]
 3. Presumptuous...self-willed
4. they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

Jude 1:9 ...but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

James 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 1:20 For the wrath of man
worketh not the righteousness of
God.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the
word, and not hearers only,
deceiving your own selves.

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**Walk in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to Him,
BEARING FRUIT
in every good work
and increasing in the
knowledge of God.**

COLOSSIANS 1:10

AS YOU
THEREFORE HAVE
RECEIVED **CHRIST**
JESUS THE LORD,
SO WALK IN HIM,
ROOTED AND
BUILT UP IN HIM
AND ESTABLISHED
IN THE **FAITH.**

COLOSSIANS 2:6,7

"Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct--as irrational animals do--will destroy them. Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion."

Jude 1:10-11

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