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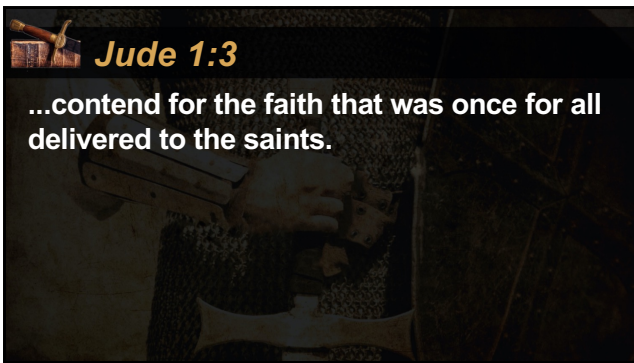
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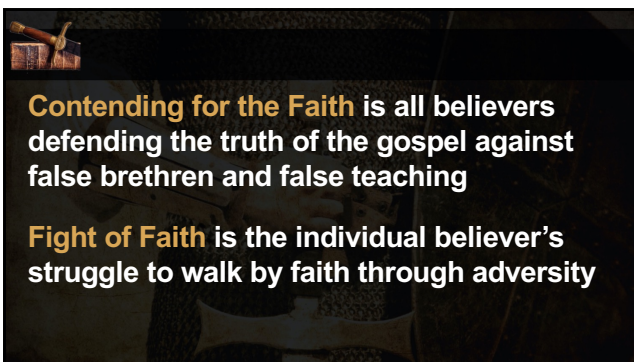
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**Contending for the Faith**

1. Gospel brings conflict and controversy
2. Know how to articulate your convictions
3. Memorize the Apostles Creed
4. Passions are doors for false teaching
5. Recognize the fruit of false teachers

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**Contending for the Faith**

6. Maintain divine tension in biblical truths
7. Aware of corrupting influence of sin

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**Corruption of a Culture**

1. Israel's **complaining** was corrupting
2. Angels **rebellion** was corrupting
3. Sodom's **sensuality** was corrupting

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**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
 Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary;

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**Apostles Creed**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to hell.  
 The third day he rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended to heaven and is seated at the  
 right hand of God the Father almighty.  
 From there he will come to judge the living  
 and the dead.

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**Apostles Creed**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**Jude 1**

**1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.**

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**Jude 1**

**3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.**

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**Jude 1**

**4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.**

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**Jude 1**

5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

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**Jude 1**

8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

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**Qualities of False Teachers**

1. Misuse of spiritual gifts (dreams)
2. Defile their bodies sexually
3. Reject Authority
4. Blaspheme glorious ones "Angels"

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**Jude 1**

9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

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**Archangel**

The only named angels mentioned in the Bible are Michael (Rev. 12:7), Gabriel (Luke 1:19). Michael is the only one named archangel "leading angel".

**Duties:** lead the other ranks of angels. It appears they engage in spiritual combat.

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**Satan Is Not God's Equal**

If the devil has an opposite, it certainly isn't God. It is Michael the archangel – another high ranking angelic being.

**Not omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent...**

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**Other Types of Angels**

**Cherubim:** Angels associated with holiness and guarding against sin. Cherubim were placed at the entrance of the Garden of Eden after man sinned and on the Ark of the Covenant (**Exodus 25:18**).

**Seraphim:** Six-winged angels who sing God's praises without ceasing (**Isaiah 6:2-7**).

**Principalities and Powers:** Other ranks of angels, fallen or not fallen, in the Bible.

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**Deuteronomy 34:5-6**

**5** 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 one knows the place of his burial to this day.

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**Theories About the Conflict**

1. Satan wanted Moses' body to lead Israel astray into idolatry.
2. Satan wanted to desecrate the body of Moses, and claimed a right to it because Moses had murdered an Egyptian.
3. Moses appeared with Elijah at the transfiguration and likely one of the two witnesses in Revelation 11.

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**How to Dispute with Authority?**

The main point of this passage isn't **why** Michael disputed with the devil, but **how** he disputed with the devil. The Archangel Michael was respectful of Satan's authority even in his fallen condition.

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**Jude 1**

10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

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**Blasphemy**

the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God. the act of claiming the attributes of a deity.

-Merriam Webster Dictionary

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**Blaspheme**

Greek *blasphēméō*, blas-fay-meh'-o; from G989; to vilify; specially, to speak impiously, defame, rail on, revile, speak evil.

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**Jude 1**

11 Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.

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**Cain and Abel**

Each of the sons of Adam and Eve brought an offering to the Lord. Cain (being a farmer) brought an offering from his harvest. Abel (being a shepherd) brought an offering from his flocks. God accepted Abel's offering, but He rejected Cain's sacrifice.

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**Genesis 4:4-7**

4 ...And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

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**Genesis 4:4-7**

6 The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

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**1 John 3:12**

12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

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**The Way of Cain**

The way of Cain is dead religion without faith which leads to frustration with God and hatred toward the truly godly. The way of Cain leads to a lifetime of wandering without the presence of God. Cain still had many children, built cities and appeared to prosper.

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**Three Stories of Rebellion**

1. Walked in the way of Cain
2. Abandoned to Balaam's error

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**Balaam's Error**

Balak, king of Moab, hires Balaam to curse the Israelites, but every time he tries, Balaam instead blesses them. Later Balaam counsels Balak to send Moabite and Midianite women into the camp of Israel to seduce the men and invite them to the sacrifices of their god (Numbers 25:1-2; 31:16). Balaam's instruction included getting the Israelites to commit idolatry and sexual immorality.

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 **Revelation 2:14**

14 But I have a few things against you [Church of Pergamum]: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.

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 **Lessons from Balaam**

<b>Way</b> 2 Pet 2:15	...They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing
<b>Teaching</b> Rev 2:14	...Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.

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 **Balaam's Error**

Balaam's error is teaching abuse of Christian liberty to pursue idolatry (greed) and sexual promiscuity. He used God-given giftings to sell out God and His people for money.

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**Ephesians 5:5**

5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous [greedy] (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

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**Three Stories of Rebellion**

1. Walked in the way of Cain
2. Abandoned to Balaam's error
3. Perished in Korah's rebellion.

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**Numbers 16:1-2**

Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men. 2 And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men.

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**Numbers 16:3**

3 They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?”

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**Korah’s Rebellion**

There is a divine tension between God-given authority and individual freedom. The Lord chooses his delegated authority and sets boundaries on individual freedom.

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**Numbers 16:29-32**

29 If these men die as all men die, or if they are visited by the fate of all mankind, then the Lord has not sent me. 30 But if the Lord creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the Lord.”

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**Numbers 16:29-32**

31 And as soon as he had finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart. 32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods.

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**Rebellion Knows No Bounds**

These three men came from quite different backgrounds: Cain was a farmer, Balaam was a prophet, and Korah was a leader in Israel. Apostasy [rebellion] is never confined to one group of people. "There are apostates in the pulpit, in the palace, and in the poorhouse." -Dr. S. Maxwell Coder

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**Jude 1:3**

...contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

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