

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

EARNESTLY CONTEND AT THE END



The little book of Jude, right before the end time events of Revelation unfold, speaks of the need for earnest contenders of the faith (v. 3) who are _____ to fight for the truth of God against those who oppose it and themselves (Acts 18:6; 2 Tim. 2:25). Elijah contended against the wicked leadership of Israel, Ahab and Jezebel, feeling all alone against the great swelling words of the wicked, yet God encouraged him that he was one of many who were in this fight for God (v. 13-16; 1 Kings 19:1-18). There will always be a remnant of God's people, a minority who are actually the majority, who will get the job done. May God encourage us today in this conclusion of Jude with the bigger picture of it all!

FINAL CHARGE TO CONTENDERS – Jude 16-25

1. Remember the Sound Words of Past Contenders – v. 16-19

- Jesus and the Apostles _____ of the coming apostasy – v. 17-19; Matt. 7:15-16, 13:24-30; Acts 20:29; 2 Pet. 2:1-6.

These separate themselves by _____ with the faith (Pr. 18:1-2) =

Sensual (Ja. 3:15) =

Spiritless (Rom. 8:9) =

2. Replenish your Most Holy Faith – v. 20-21; Acts 20:32; 2 Pet. 1:5-7; Gal. 3:1-3

- Pray in **the Holy Ghost of God** – v. 20b; 2 Cor. 1:22, 5:5; Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:17-19.
- Keep yourself in **the love of God** – 21a; John 3:16; 14:15, 21; 1 Cor. 13; 1 John 4:19; Rev. 2:4.

vs...

Loving the _____ (2 Tim. 4:10) =

Loving material things (1 John 2:15-17) =

Loving _____ (2 Tim. 3:4) =

Loving pre-eminence (3 John 9) =

Loving _____ (1 Tim. 6:10) =

- Look for **the mercy of God** unto eternal life – 2, 21b; 1 Cor. 9:27; Php. 2:12, 3:14.

3. Respond Wisely when Contending – v. 22-23; Pr. 11:30

- **Of some** have _____ – v. 22; Ps. 126:5-6; Matt. 9:36, 14:14, 18:27; Mk. 1:41, 6:34.

Making a difference (Lk. 10:30-37) =

- **Others** save with _____ – v. 23; Pr. 1:7; 2 Cor. 5:11.

Hating even the garment spotted by the flesh (Ps. 97:10; Num. 20:1-12; 2 Pet. 2:8-9) =

4. Recognize your Reward – v. 24-25

- **God is able** to keep you from _____ – v. 24a; 2 Thess. 2:3; John 17:15; 2 Pet. 1:10-11.

- **God is able** to present you _____ – v. 24b; 2 Pet. 2:7; Col. 1:21-23.

- **God is able** to receive glory, majesty, dominion, and power now and _____ through you – v. 25; Eph. 3:20.