



INTRODUCTION: Jude is giving a warning, and the warning is that there are certain people who have crept into the church. The connotation of the word “unawares” in verse 4 is that of a predator sneaking up on its prey. This is something very dangerous and sinister that is slipping up on God’s church. So Jude is sounding an alarm to warn us. The phrase “earnestly contend” is from the Greek word *epagonizomai* (επαγωνιζομαι, ep-ag-o-nid'-zom-ah-ee) where we get our word “agonize” from. We are to agonize for the faith.

I. THE DANGER OF APOSTASY (JUDE 3-4)

“Christ is the only true, the living way of access to God. Give up yourselves therefore to Him, with a cordial confidence, and the great work of life is done.” ~ Timothy Dwight, President of Yale University, 1814

“1) Everyone shall consider the main end of his life and studies to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life. 2) Seeking the Lord gives us wisdom, therefore, everyone shall seriously, by prayer in secret seek wisdom of Him. 3) Everyone shall so exercise himself in reading the scriptures twice daily that they may be ready to give an account of their proficiency therein both in theoretical observation of language and in logical, in practical, and in spiritual truth.” ~ Code of Conduct for Harvard University in 1636

II. A DESCRIPTION OF THE APOSTATES (JUDE 4)

A. THEIR CHARACTER: NO REVERENCE

The word “ungodly” derives from the Greek word *asebes* (ασεβης, as-eb-ace') meaning to have no reverential awe of God.

B. THEIR CONDUCT: NO RESTRAINT

The word “Lasciviousness” means unbridled lust. They do whatever pleases them.

Titus 2:11-12, “¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, ¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”

Romans 6:1-2, “¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? ² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”

C. THEIR CREED: NO RULE

The word “Lord” means that He is the total, authoritative ruler.

“Liberalism has sabotaged the bible, humanized God, deified man, minimized sin, glorified science, glamorized sex and liquorized society.” ~ Donald Womack

II Timothy 3:7, “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

III. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE APOSTATES (JUDE 5)

Jude is going to remind them of three instances where God destroyed apostates.

A. DESTRUCTION IN SPITE OF PROFESSION (JUDE 5)

When the children of Israel left the land of Egypt, they came out together under the blood of the Lamb. They went out through the Red Sea. But there was a mixed multitude. And some of them had that incredible experience, and seemed to be delivered with the rest of Israel. They had an experience, but they did not have life.

B. DESTRUCTION IN SPITE OF POSITION (JUDE 6)

These specially wicked and vile angels, who went after strange flesh, are put into a place. Peter calls this place, in the Greek tongue, Tartaros. II Peter 2:4 speaks of these angels and this is the only place where Hell is translated from the word Tartaros. It literally means the deepest abyss of Hades.

C. DESTRUCTION IN SPITE OF POSSESSIONS (JUDE 7)

Going after strange flesh is the sin of sodomy. This was a city who had heard the truth. One of the sons of Noah was still on the earth when Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed. God had even sent angels into that city to warn them of His wrath to come. But they apostasied and fell. Sodom was the richest city to live on earth.

IV. THE DEFENSE AGAINST APOSTASY

A. SUBMIT TO THE FAITH

You must be born again. See the truth of God’s Word, get it down in your heart, don’t deny the only Lord God and the Lord Jesus Christ, but instead receive Christ.

B. STUDY THE FAITH

II Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Acts 17:11, “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

C. SHOW THE FAITH

D. SHARE THE FAITH

E. STAND FOR THE FAITH

I Peter 3:15, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”

F. SUPPORT THE FAITH