



“The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell.” - William Booth

INTRODUCTION: An apostate is someone who has received the truth, has rejected the truth and now ridicules the truth. In verse 8, we find another description of these apostates. Here they are called “filthy dreamers.” When he talks about dreamers, he’s talking about a vision, a conjecture, or an imagination.

In Jude there is a contrast given in verses 3 and 8. On the one hand there is what the Bible refers to as “the faith.” On the other hand are the dreams of men.

Deuteronomy 13:1-5, “¹ If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, ² And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; ³ Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. ⁵ And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.”

Here, in Deuteronomy 13, Moses was warning them to earnestly contend for the faith; to stand against these filthy dreamers. Don’t let these men with their visions and dreams take you away from the Word of God. So these filthy dreams can be defined as subjective religion that is not conformed to the Word of God, not controlled by the Word of God and not confirmed in the Word of God.

I. APOSTATES DEFILE THE FLESH (JUDE 8)

In the previous verse Jude talks about Sodom and Gomorrah giving themselves to strange flesh and fornication. And when he describes the apostate in verse 8, he starts with the word “likewise.”

An apostate has seared his conscience through deliberate rejection of Christ. The Bible teaches that he is likened unto a sow that was taken from the mire and washed, but then he goes back, or like a dog that returns to his own vomit. The Bible teaches that his latter end is worse than his first. He is worse off than if he never heard the Gospel.

II. APOSTATES DESPISE THE FATHER (JUDE 8, 25)

These are not deniers of God outside of the church; they are deniers of God inside of the church. These are people who despise dominion, who sit on church pews and who teach in seminaries and Bible colleges.

III. APOSTATES DISGRACE THE FAITHFUL (JUDE 8)

The word “Dignity” is from the Greek word **doxa** (δοξα, dox'-ah) where we get the word “Doxology” from. It means dignity, glory, honour, praise, worship.

It is believed that what Jude is mentioning specifically is a group of apostates who were ridiculing the doctrine of angels.

II Peter 2:10-11, “¹⁰ But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. ¹¹ Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.”

In vs. 9, Jude was showing that Michael, the great archangel in Heaven, spoke more respectfully toward the Devil than these apostates speak about almighty God.

CONCLUSION: You will find over and over again that when a man hears the truth and rejects the truth, he will then ridicule the truth as he gives himself over to the flesh, despises the authority of God, and in his tongue and in his mouth he begins to speak blasphemous things. It is a terrible, horrible, ungodly thing that happens in the life of an apostate. The Bible calls these apostates “filthy dreamers”.