

The Letter From Jude

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Jude 8-15

Judgment Upon the Ungodly

Intro: Like all good preachers, Jude gives examples of those who exhibited the disobedience he described in the preceding verses: the disobedient at Kadesh-Barnea, the angels who abandoned their proper place, and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. He brings this behavior into the present time and explains their judgment.

I. Imagination of Ungodly Desires

- A. Philippians 4:8: Dwell on praise worthy thoughts
- B. These ungodly people claim divine insight into the practice of lawless deeds (1. defiling the flesh, 2. Rejecting authority, 3. Reviling angelic majesties)
- C. Like unreasoning animals, they are led by their emotions (instinct)

II. Despising Dominions (Rejecting Rightful Authority)

- A. Even though Satan is destined for the Lake of Fire, his judgment is delayed and he still possesses authority and power relinquished to him by Adam
- B. Even Michael, the highest Archangel, respected Lucifer's place of authority on earth
- C. This is the clearest example of submission to, and respect for, authority. Three examples Manifest this rejection of authority and rebellion: (1. Cain, 2. Balaam, 3. Korah—who rebelled against Moses & Aaron, Numbers 16)

III. The Deception of These Ungodly Teachers and Influencers

- A. They are like hidden reefs (buried rocks) in your love feasts
- B. Their only concern is for themselves
- C. They are like clouds without water carried along by the wind
- D. They are like autumn trees without fruit, uprooted and dead
- E. Like wild waves of the sea casting up their shame like foam
- F. Wandering stars for whom black darkness has been reserved forever

IV. The Judgment of the Flood—God brought judgment upon wicked people in the flood, just as He will always judge those who are lustful, rebellious, and arrogant.

Conc: Are you content with the place God has given you? Are you willing to follow spiritual leaders? Do you recognize the deception and sins of antinomianism (lawlessness)?