



Lesson 5 - Jude v11-16

We have already learned of the judgment and the character of these certain men who have crept into the church. This week we are going to be looking at the behavior of these men. Jude gives some wonderful allusions to show us how these men behave. I hope to stretch you a little in this lesson, don't get frightened, it is just baby steps, but I hope you will find it different, fun and most of all give you a greater understanding of the text. As you probably have been noticing Jude has been giving us examples in groups of threes. The first group was Israel, fallen angels and Sodom and Gomorrah. The second group included these men who defile the flesh, reject authority and revile angelic majesties. Now we have three more examples, this time of Cain, Balaam and Korah. We have much to learn so let's get started.

Day 1

- A. What a interesting start to this section "Woe to them". We need to find out for certain what this Woe to them entails. Look up the Greek form of the word "Woe", it is Strong's #3759 number, then record what you find here. Then look up the following references and describe what you believe is waiting for these people: Matt. 18:7; 23:13-16; 26:24
- B. These men are described as having "gone the way of Cain". Look up Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 11:4; I John 3:12 to better understand what this phrase means. After explain why Cain's sacrifice was unacceptable. Was it what he brought, was it his attitude, was it rebellion against God in some way, or it all of the above?

Eager Beaver: How did God punish Cain. Read the Genesis 4 account again and determine all the ramifications of the punishment that God meted out and record them. Do you see any similarities between Cain's punishment and the punishment of those in Hebrews 6:4-8?

- C. Look at what the text says these men do: "for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam". Unfortunately unless you read some of this story, you are not going to understand what sin these men are rushing into headlong. Read the following passages just to familiarize yourself with the story of Balaam: Numbers 22 - the whole chapter (the negotiations for money that Balaam has with Balak continue through chapter 24, if you wanted more information.) Then also read 2 Peter 2:15; Revelation 2:14. I know that is a lot of reading, but after you read discuss what it is that Balaam was willing to do and what made him willing?
- D. Korah is the last illustration of the personal behavior of these men who are apostates. Look up the following verses to discover Korah's sin: Numbers 16:1-33. After you have read this passage, discuss what was Korah's terrible sin and why do you believe that God took such a drastic course of action?

- E. Think through the example of Cain, Balaam, and Korah. Do you see any of their sin in your life? Is there anyone that you look up to and maybe spend time with, that possess these characteristics? Ask the Lord to give you wisdom to discern and root out these sins from your life and the lives of your family.

Eager Beaver: A. What progression do you see in the scope of sin, going from Cain, to Balaam and then to Korah? Think through each situation and to see what their motivation was, who all was affected, and what they hoped to accomplish. Do you see progression in your sin? See James 1:13-16.

B. Describe the ways you believe that false teachers and apostates, in the church, for pay rush headlong into the "error of Balaam", today? Be very specific.

Day 2

- A. One of the descriptions of "these men" is that they are "hidden reefs" in your love feasts. The early church met often to share and encourage one another, and when they did they ate meals together, called love feasts. Do some research and describe what you learn about a reef and what damage it can do if it is hidden? How would a "hidden reef" do damage in a church?
- B. With what attitude do these men come in and assemble with the believers?
- C. Verse 12 refers to nature to illustrate these empty men. First Jude mentions "clouds without water, carried along by winds". What would a farmer, or any drought ridden area, hope that that clouds are carrying? So then, as a comparison, what do those who are false teachers or apostates that have crept into our churches have in common with the clouds without water?
- D. Autumn is the usual time for harvest. If you ever lived by apple orchards, it is a wonderful time of the year, you have missed the smell of ripening apples is in the air. Why are the fruit trees in verse 12, doubly dead? How can this be true of an apostate person in your church?
- E. Look up 2 Peter 2:1-2, and record what you learn and discuss what God has awaiting for those who are false teachers that are, in the church?

Day 3

- A. In Verse 13 we have a rather disturbing scene, wild waves casting up foam, stars wandering instead of staying in their fixed orbit. Here is your "FUN" assignment. I would like you to do some research on the descriptions in this verse. Then, either draw a picture to show what that description is talking about, or write a poem or short, short story. If you pick a picture or a poem, it most definitely does not need to be professional, just so it helps to clarify what Jude wants to tell us.

The first time I was asked to do this, I was not happy (God had to work on my heart), but I have to say this sometimes ends up being the most helpful and interesting question you will do, especially during our time of sharing. Thanks in advance for your efforts.

Day 4

- A. What most interesting information do we learn from verse 14? See Genesis 5:22-24
- B. Enoch prophesied saying "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones." Start by reading the different translations that you have on your text sheet. The Lord came with His holy ones, when and where did He come, in this text? Deut. 33:2

When will He come with His holy ones again see Matthew 16:27; 25:31, 2 Thess. 1:6-8; Rev. 19:11-16?

- C. List all the things that verse 15 states that the Lord is coming to do?
- D. What things do we absolutely know about the judgment of God? Look up the following passages and record what you learn? Psalms 9:7-8; 98:9; I Cor. 4:5 and Rev. 20:11-15

Day 5

- A. Using the scripture sheet that you have been given look up what each text states for the following words from verse 16: grumblers, fault, lusts, arrogantly, and advantage. Write below the words used for each below.

Grumblers	Fault	Lusts	Arrogantly	Advantage

- B. Now take these words that you have learned and write a paragraph restating verse 16, making it applicable for how false teachers would be guilty of this, in our world today. (this example could be part of this restatement: I see preachers on TV stating in very bombastic speeches, that they are little gods and that the historical church has not recognized all the God wants you to have, because you are all little gods too) , That is the sort of nonsense that we hear, and of course I didn't use all the words, but just a few to give you an idea.

Please spend time examining your heart this week from the truths you have learned. Is there any grumbling in your heart toward things that the Lord has allowed to come in your life? Perhaps a loved one that is gone, financial struggles, a difficult marriage, or wayward children. Look at the context of where God puts the grumblers in verse 16. Do you flatter people or show some more attention than others, for what you might gain? Are you a bragger or a boaster, adding little facts in your conversations to enhance your image to others? God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. Confess your sin to your heavenly father and ask for prayer from someone you trust, who will faithfully pray for you and hold you accountable.

My Dear Ones; Eph. 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

To Him be glory forever and forever