



## Lesson 6 – Jude v17 -23

*In this section, Jude gives exhortation to believers who are reading this letter by informing them of the “words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ”. He wants them to respond appropriately to “those who have crept in the church”? Let’s look at the practical plan of action as to how all believers should respond to such circumstances.*

### Day 1

- A. Do you notice a change in tone anywhere in this section? If so, in what verses?
- B. What is the exhortation given in verse 17 and how do the following verses help us understand the importance of this command? (Ephesians 2:18-20; Hebrews 2:1-4 and 2 Peter 3:1-2)
- C. What specifically are believers to remember from the Apostle’s Words according to verse 18? How was this similar to what Jesus told the disciples (later to be Apostles) in Matthew 23:1-28?

## Day 2

- A. What four characteristics does Jude use to describe these men in verses 18-19? How are they described in Isaiah 5:18-21 and 2 Peter 3:3-4?
- B. How was mockery displayed in Matthew 27:27-31?
- C. What is the ultimate motivation according to Jude 12-16; 2 Peter 2:3 and 3:3 and Matthew 27:35?
- D. What might someone in our church look like who fits the description of verses 18-19? In other words, what types of things does this person do or say that might tip you off to the danger in his/her heart?

### Day 3

- A. In this section there are four commands given to the believers in order to combat the evil men in their midst. The first of the four commands may not be obvious to some. It is described by three participles (“ing” actions). Fill in the chart below

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\_\_\_\_\_ (ing) \_\_\_\_\_;

(YOU) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (ing) \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: The three actions that are listed under the main verb are happening at the same time the main verb is happening. For example, if a firemen pulled you out of a burning house and said, "Taking slow breaths; sitting down; Keep yourself in this car waiting until the paramedics help you with your injury". The main command of the injured person is to keep herself in the car all the while accomplishing these three things.*

- B. In the original language, there is a sense of urgency and action that coincides with this main command. Is this word “keep” used anywhere else in Jude? If so, in what verses?
- C. Who is doing the keeping each time the word is used?
- D. What other idea is prominent according to Jesus and the apostles for someone to keep themselves in the love of God? (See John 15:4-11 and I John 2:3-6)
- E. Can you think of a word picture for this idea? If not, further the illustration in the NOTE above.

## Day 4

- A. Now we are going to focus on the three ways/actions that the main command is kept. The first is “building yourselves up on the most holy faith”. To discover what exactly you are to be doing, look up the following words and record their meanings below: building (Strong's #G2026), holy (Strong's #G40).
- B. Now look up these texts that talk about the faith that we, Christians, are to be building up: Jude 1:3;Philippians 1:27;Galatians 1:6-8; Acts 2:14;22-24 and I Timothy 6:2-5,12. Record what you learn.
- C. The second way to keep ourselves in the love of God is to do what a true believer can do: “pray in the Holy Spirit”. To formulate what this means see Romans 8:26-27, Ephesians 6:18 and John 16:5-15. If you still have questions listen to a message by John MacArthur <http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/65-13/survival-strategy-for-apostate-times-part-2>
- D. The last of the three actions that support keeping yourself in the love of God is “waiting anxiously for the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. How would waiting anxiously for the mercy of Christ help us to keep ourselves in God’s love? List 5 truths about what will happen at the return of Christ? How can this affect your day to day priorities and choices?
- E. Which of these three actions do you need to apply most to your life this week? How will you do that?

## Day 5

- A. Now come the three rapid-fire commands. The first is to “have mercy on some who are doubting”. Why might there be people doubting in the church based on the rest of the letter? Look up what it means to have mercy in Webster’s Revised Unabridged Dictionary (1913 + 1828), and then explain how you would demonstrate this command with someone you know who is struggling with doubt.
- B. The next command in verse 23 is to “save others, snatching them out of the fire”. The word “fire” is to “snatch from danger or destruction”. What does the phrase “out of” tell you where these people already are? Look up the following verses to see what warning we should give to those we are endeavoring to save: 2 John 7-10.
- C. Sin is a very corrupting force, so while we are doing the work of mercy and salvation, we need to be very careful of its deceitful effects. As believers, we are to hate the things the Lord hates and love the things that bring glory, honor and pleasure to the Lord. The fleshly lusts and desires of the world pollute our lives and the lives of those around us. Our hate is not only of sin, but the pollution it brings. Look up the following verses that instruct us on how we are to keep ourselves from the pollution of the world: Proverbs 4:20-23 and Deut 4:9.
- D. If any of you are in need of saving faith through the Lord Jesus Christ, surrender your life to Christ and put your trust in Him as your Savior and Lord. Today is the day of salvation. If you have any questions, find a Bible study leader or a pastor who will be glad to take you through the scriptures. If you are confident of your salvation, please list three people in which you will commit to praying for saving faith.
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*Beloved Ones, we only have two more verses to go in this wonderful book of Jude. I pray that you have gained much insight into those men who creep into the church, and are not believers. Ask your heavenly Father to give you discernment so that you will not be deceived in any way. Please commit to praying for the salvation of many.*