

“What Does Perseverance Look Like in the Christian Life?”

Jude 17-22

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Introduction

The Parable of the Soils is one of the most sobering of Jesus’s parables. In the parable Jesus compares seed sown by a farmer to the word of God sown into the human heart. The condition of the soil/heart determines the growth of the seed. With a master stroke, Jesus gives a vivid picture of conditions that prevent a fruitful future. Some seeds never penetrate the soil and the birds come and take the seed away. Some seed falls into shallow soil and while there is quick growth there is no depth and consequently is scorched by the sun. Other seed falls among weeds which overcomes the growth and it chokes the growth. Only the seed sown among the good soil produces a fruitful yield.

Jesus interpreted this parable to describe the tragedy of falling away from the obedience of faith. Sometimes the cause of falling away is because of trials, persecution, or hardship. For others they are drawn away by “the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desire for other things” which enter and choke the word. (Mark 4:1-8; 14-20) This parable emphasizes that true salvation is evident by a persevering faith that brings forth spiritual fruit.

We return to the book of Jude, where he warns about apostasy from a different front. Listen to Jude’s impassioned plea: *“I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints”* (v.3). The reason we must contend is because of false teachers and their heresies. These false teachers twist God’s truth seeking to deceive and destroy the naïve. Jude gives a vital challenge on how to build up your faith in the face of many adversaries.

~ Jude vv. 17-22

I. P_____ OF THE GRACE OF GOD (3-16)

A. REBELLION AGAINST GOD ' S R_____ A_____ (5-13)

–ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS (5)

–ANGELIC WORLD (6)

–SODOM AND GOMORRAH (7)

–MICHAEL ' S EXAMPLE (9)

–CAIN (11A)

–BALAAM ' S ERROR (11B)

–KORAH ' S REBELLION (11C)

B. A WHOLE HOST OF S_____ AND D_____ (12-16)

II. P_____ IN THE GRACE OF GOD (17-22)

A. REMEMBER THE W_____ (18-19)

B. REMEMBER THE M_____ GOD HAS GIVEN (20-21)

**C. REMEMBER YOUR M_____ TO ONE ANOTHER
(22-23)**

Conclusion

How much does doctrine matter to you?

How serious do you take the warnings of God's word?

How willing are you to receive from others?

How committed are you to help others in their walk with Christ?

How diligent are you to guard your heart from falling away from the living God?