

Compassion For the False Teachers

Book of Jude

Discussion Questions: (Largely sourced from Deane Plew's suggestions. Many thanks, brother.)
There's so much packed in this little book. Don't spend too much time on each question.

1. What was Jude's first reason for writing this letter? What prompted him to change his mind?
2. In v.4 Jude describes ungodly persons. How does he say they came to be among believers? Compare "*long were designated for this condemnation*" in v. 4 with *those who are the called and kept* in v1. What is the difference between the two? What two things do these ungodly persons do that marks them?
3. In vv. 5-7 Jude gives three ancient illustrations of this. What are the three judgements and what did each do to bring God's judgment on themselves?
4. What does Jude say about how these people understand God and themselves in relationship to God? (vv.8-10) What SHOULD be our source for this understanding?
5. (v.9) How did Michael address the devil when arguing over the body of Moses? What does this tell you about those who think they have authority to rebuke the evil one?
6. In v 11. Jude again uses three ancient examples of how these people violate God: Caine (Gen 4), Balaam (Num 16; Rev 2:14), and Korah (Num 16). In what ways did/do they violate God?
7. (vv. 12-13) Lists the dangerous nature of these false teachers. Will they get away with this? What does Jude say about their judgment? (vv. 14-16 note the usage of "all")
8. Note vv. 17-23. What does it mean to contend for the faith? Personally, and with regard to false teachers?

Our salvation is not dependent on our righteous lives or the wealth of our knowledge. Faith in the person, work, and righteousness of Christ alone is the sufficient means of entrance into the glorious presence of the only holy God. "And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure," (1 John 3:3) waiting eagerly for that merciful day of GREAT joy. Christ is our sure hope of that day, and it is the only hope for a lost and dying world.

Close by reading vv.24-25.