

Jude – The Results of Apostasy Jude 5-19

Introduction:

I. There have always been those who disobeyed God (Jd. 5-11).

- A. Notice how many examples Jude cites to refer to a falling away (7 total).
 1. Those returning from Egypt (Jd. 5)
 - a. God had delivered them from the land of Egypt.
 - b. They were no longer slaves of Pharaoh.
 - c. However, they quickly began to complain against Moses and God, saying that it would have been better to live in Egypt as slaves than to die in the wilderness as free people (Ex. 16).
 - d. I Cor. 10:5-11 - But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. {6} Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. {7} And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” {8} Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; {9} nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; {10} nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. {11} Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
 2. The Angels who disobeyed (Jd. 6)
 - a. These angels, as created beings, had an opportunity to live forever with God.
 - b. However, some (those to whom Jude refers) did not keep their home in heaven; and were cast out.
 - c. To these, God will punish with an eternal hell.
 - 1) Mt. 25:41 - Then He will also say to those on the left hand, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”
 - 2) II Pet. 2:4 - For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.
 - d. The warning for us is that if angels can fall, so can we.
 3. Sodom and Gomorrah (Jd. 7)
 - a. In Gen. 19, Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of their wickedness.
 - 1) There were given “over to sexual immorality.”
 - 2) They had “gone after strange flesh” (homosexuality).
 - b. Incidentally, the “cities around them” are Admah and Zeboiim (Deut. 29:23).

- c. Jude uses Sodom and Gomorrah as an example for us to remain faithful so that we do not meet this kind of destruction.
 - 1) They had suffered “the vengeance of eternal fire.”
 - 2) **II Pet. 2:6** - and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;
 - 4. Those living today (**Jd. 8-10**)
 - a. Jude begins this verse with the word “likewise.”
 - 1) Just as there were those in the Old Testament that fell from God, there are those today that fall away from God.
 - 2) Jude wanted his readers to understand that it is still possible to fall away from God.
 - b. Jude directly mentions three types of sin.
 - 1) Those who “defile the flesh.”
 - 2) Those who “reject authority.”
 - 3) Those who “speak evil of dignitaries.”
 - c. Jude gives us the example of Michael the archangel on how to respond to others (**Jd. 9-10**).
 - 1) Michael was contending with Satan about the body of Moses.
 - 2) Even as Michael argues with Satan, he does not bring an accusation against him.
 - 3) The only thing that Michael says is, “The Lord rebuke you!”
 - 4) Even though Satan was quick to bring an accusation against Michael, Michael refused to do the same to Satan.
 - 5. Cain (**Jd. 11**)
 - a. Cain killed his brother because the sacrifice that Abel offered was better than his own.
 - b. **I Jn. 3:11-12** - For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, { 12 } not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.
 - 6. Balaam (**Jd. 11**)
 - a. It was Balaam who tried to prophesy against Israel for money (**Num. 22-24**).
 - b. Instead of cursing Israel, Balaam would bless the people of God when he opened his mouth (four times total).
 - 7. Those that perished in Korah (**Jd. 11**)
 - a. In **Num. 16**, there is a great rebellion against Moses.
 - b. Again, we have an example of someone speaking evil of one that God had appointed.
- B. The main point is that if it happened in the Old Testament and in the lifetime of Jude, it can happen to us today.
- 1. We must be extremely careful that we do not fall away today.

2. If we do, we must understand that the punishment is great.

II. Jude gives us a description and a judgment that is coming to these false teachers (Jd. 12-15).

- A. Notice the descriptive words that Jude uses to describe these false teachers (Jd. 12-13).
 1. Notice these descriptions.
 - a. They “are spots in your love feasts.”
 - 1) “They feast with you without fear.”
 - 2) They are not afraid because they know that no punishment is coming to them.
 - 3) They are in it only to serve themselves.
 - b. “They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds.”
 - c. “Late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots.”
 - d. “Raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame.”
 - e. “Wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”
 2. These are not very favorable words to use to describe false teachers.
 - a. They indicate the lack of hope for them.
 - b. There is no real purpose or meaning to them.
- B. Notice what Enoch says about these false teachers (Jd. 14-15).
 1. We read of Enoch in Gen. 5:21-24.
 - a. When Enoch was 365 years old, God took him up to heaven (he did not die).
 - b. Here, Jude refers to something that Enoch prophesied about, even though we do not have a book that was written by Enoch today.
 2. Notice the prophecy of Enoch.
 - a. The basic idea is that God is going to bring judgment on all that live ungodly.
 - b. God is going to execute His judgment on these false teachers.
- C. Today, we have a description of false teachers and their upcoming punishments.
 1. I Tim. 6:3-5 - If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, {4} he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, {5} useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.
 2. Phil. 3:18-19 - For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: {19} whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-- who set their mind on earthly things.

III. Jude warns us that there are going to be more false teachers to come (Jd. 16-19).

- A. Jude says that there are going to be more false prophets.
 - 1. These false prophets were even predicted by the apostles of Christ.
 - 2. There has always been a warning of false teachers.
- B. Notice the warnings about the false teachers that were to come.
 - 1. Peter
 - a. **II Pet. 2:1-3** - But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. {2} And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. {3} By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.
 - b. Throughout the rest of **II Pet. 2**, Peter talks about the destruction of these false teachers.
 - 2. Paul
 - a. **I Tim. 4:1-3** - Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, {2} speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, {3} forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
 - b. **II Tim. 4:1-4** - I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: {2} Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. {3} For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; {4} and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.
 - 3. Christ Himself
 - a. **Mt. 7:15** - Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
- C. False teachers are coming, even today.
 - 1. Because of this we need to be prepared to face them.
 - 2. We must be observant of their ways so that we do not fall to them.

Conclusion: