Jude A Warning to the Church – Bible Study – December 2013

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1. Introduction. **Jude 1, 2, 3** – Discuss from these verses:

* The Person of Jude: Who is he? **Matthew 13:55, Galatians 1:19** Note: Jude, Judah and Judas are used interchangeably in the Bible; the most common name at the time of Jesus Christ; the name of the patriarch who established the tribe of Judah
* The Purpose of Jude’s Epistle: Why did he write it? **Galatians 1:6-7**
* The Epistle of Jude is similar to Peter’s Epistles in content and style, why might that be?

2. The Enemies in the Camp

* **Jude 4** – What, who and where is the threat here? What is their doctrine?
* Compare this to **Galatians 1:8-9, 11** – We see a parallel between the other epistles like this one from Paul that warned of false teachers.
* Is the church world today very good at exposing false teachers? Discuss
* The litany of Old Testament Examples (Jude knows his Bible):
* **Jude 5** – How does this line up with modern doctrines such as “once saved, always saved? Note Jude infers a judgment against those who “no longer believe!”
* **Jude 6-8** – Note the examples of fallen angels and the sexual sin in Sodom and Gomorrah! What are the main sin issues Jude is getting at in verse 8?
* Here we have a mysterious verse: **Jude 9** – What is Jude describing? Whatever became of Moses’ body? Could this be why Jesus met him on the Mount of Transfiguration?
* **Jude 10-11** -- What is his point about Michael the archangel in Jude 9?
* Jude compares these false teachers to Cain, Balaam and Korah – What do we know about these three? What are we to learn from Jude using them as examples?
* **Jude 12-13** – What colorful language! What do these images suggest about these men?
* **Jude 14-15** – Why would Enoch’s prophecy be relevant to this discussion? Enoch lived in the days of Noah, how did Enoch escape the judgment of the flood? How is Jude suggesting that fake Christians, false prophets and tares among the wheat shall be judge? **Matthew 24:30-31, 36-39, 40-42**
* **Jude 16-19** – what does “sensual” mean in verse 19?
* **Jude 20-21** – Note the verbs here -- What tasks are the Christian’s responsibility to perform in order to escape the wrath to come?
* **Jude 22-23** – What task is implied here? **Mark 16:15**
* **Jude 24-25**

3. Questions?

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