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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**FOR THERE ARE CERTAIN MEN CREPT IN UNAWARES...
DENYING THE ONLY LORD GOD, AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

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SCRIPTURE READING: JUDE 1:1-9

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1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the Evening message of August 21, 2022

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. As we approach this small **Epistle of Jude**, it is a dynamic Epistle.
- b. Jude deals with the subject of apostasy as we have previously stated.
- c. As we look and analyze **Jude 1:3**, we see Jude intended to write on another subject. **Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**
- d. From this, our analysis would tell us Jude intended to write on some great doctrine of the common salvation; however, the Spirit of God changed the subject to reveal apostasy in the last days.
- e. One of the first things that Jude deals with is the assurance of the believer's salvation. **Jude 1:2, Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. 2 Timothy 1:12, For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.**
- f. If we do not have the absolute assurance of our salvation, we are no good for God, especially in time of apostasy.
- g. Jude also deals with the theme of apostasy.
 1. He reflects on the occurrences and inceptions of apostasy.
 2. He gives us several examples of apostasy as he goes to the angels who kept not their first estate and Israel's unbelief.
 3. He also identifies the modern teachers of apostasy.
 4. In addition, he describes the modern-day apostasy.
 5. Believers must be on the lookout for these apostate conditions and find Scriptural ways to deal with them.
 6. Believers are warned that the day of apostasy will surely come. **2 Thessalonians 2:3, Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**
- h. Jude tells us about the last days and Jesus will come back and sit on the Throne of David to rule and reign initially for a thousand years.
- i. I am really excited to get into this Epistle and find out what God has for us.
- j. This morning we will consider the first 9 verses.
- k. We found that Jude dealt with the assurance of the believer's salvation before going into the apostate situation.
- l. We also found that the theme was changed to apostasy rather than the common salvation.

- m. We noted some occurrences of apostasy and the inception of apostasy as we dealt with certain men crept in unawares. We looked at Israel in unbelief in the wilderness and they were destroyed because of it. We will give you six examples of apostasy in these messages.
- n. We will speak a little bit about the angels that rebelled and kept not their first estate and as a result they are bound in chains. We deal with Sodom and Gomorrah and the sexual sin that was prominent.
- o. We will identify in **verse 8** modern apostate teachers. In addition to that we looked at the examples of Cain, Balaam and Core.
- p. Today, we want to deal with several additional subjects. Since there is such an attack on the Word of God, I want to start off with several verses, and then I am going to give you some bone-chilling statistics that are absolutely frightening.
- q. **Psalms 119:161, Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.** The Preserved Word of God is so important to us.
- r. **1 Samuel 9:27, And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.**
- s. **Acts 13:48, And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.**
- t. These verses come from the Preserved Word of God, which is something we need to feed our soul.
- u. I could not help to notice some bone-chilling statistics. I am sure that it is much worse now. The Christian news – New Haven, Missouri on July 28, 2003, pointed out some things that absolutely disturbed me. Concerning our young people; at Chesswood we tend to focus on our youth, however, I wish we were more consistent and faithful in getting them in church, but we are doing whatever we can with the resources we have. Look at these statistics; they were taken from evangelical Christian youth that are supposed to be saved and born again. A question was asked about absolute truth. In 1991 52% of those kids asked, said there was no absolute truth. In 1994 62% said there is no absolute truth. In 1999 it had risen to 89%, and in 2002 it was up to 91%.
- v. I realize that we live in some dark days, but that is absolutely astounding! I have friends that have told me that in trying to instruct their young people from the Bible, that is has been said, "Oh well, it doesn't matter too much because there are things in the Bible that are not accurate." **Proverbs 30:5-6, Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6: Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.**
- w. I must caution you and tell you that God has not left an imperfect Word in the land. He has inspired the Word of God and preserved it for every generation. **Deuteronomy 4:2, Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.**
- x. Several Sundays we attempted to point out the flaws that are in the new versions; the doctrinal shift we are seeing. This seems to be disturbing to very few born-again believers. We took the Preserved Word of God and showed you how accurate it is, where it came from and how we got our English Bible. **Isaiah 55:8-9, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**
- y. This morning we are going to continue to explore the subject of apostasy because it is a raging storm. It is worse than any tornado, hurricane or earthquake. It catches so many believers by surprise and they are swept up into new modern versions and don't even realize that the doctrines of the faith are being eroded until there be very little foundation left. **Proverbs 22:28, Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set. Psalms 11:3, If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?**
- z. These verses we are going to consider speak of modern apostasy. You will find this described in very vivid and graphic details, frightening, and very dramatic.
- x. Today, let's look at the **Book of Jude** and get several points to the message.

3. TWO POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- a. **For there are certain men crept in unawares... denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**
 - 1. **Jude 1:1-4, Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: 2: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. 3: Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common**

salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4: For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The Scriptures instruct us that these men are ungodly and turn the grace of God into lasciviousness and deny the Lord God and Jesus Christ. This reminds me of the blatant disbelief of Westcott and Hort, the fathers of the modern bible versions. They have both become famous for being able to deny Scriptural truth and still be upheld by fundamental Christianity as Biblical authorities! Both Westcott and Hort failed to accept the basic Bible doctrines which we hold so dear and vital to our fundamental faith.
3. Paul wrote to us about false apostles and false teachers in **2 Corinthians 11:13-15, For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14: And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15: Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**
4. The Apostle Paul puts us in remembrance of this as he talks about apostasy in Ephesus. **Acts 20:29-31, For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30: Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31: Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**
5. In **2 Timothy 3:5-6** Paul tells Timothy, **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6: For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,**
6. We need to be very careful of any ministry that is operating independent of the local Church.
7. It is my belief that God has ordained the local Church to oversee all faucets of the ministry.
8. He has specifically assigned the local Church the mission to edify the body of Christ, work the ministry and to strengthen the saints. **Ephesians 4:12, For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**
9. Any ministry that is operating should be part of a Bible believing local Church.
10. Ministries that are operating independent of the local Church should be watched very closely. We need to be careful of our support of such ministries.
11. The final test of any movement and its teaching of doctrine must not deny the Deity of Christ, the humanity of Jesus Christ, the Preserved Word of God and justification by faith. **1 John 4:1-3, Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2: Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.**
12. There are many facets that will come through the side door. **John 10:1, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.**
13. Peter warns us of those in **2 Peter 2:1, But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**
14. Paul writes in **Galatians 2:4, And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:**
15. This is a direct warning **against** legalism.
16. We must not allow legalism to enter the Church in any way, shape, or form.
17. It is ungodly men who turned the grace of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only true God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.
18. They are by nature ungodly men. **1 Corinthians 2:14, But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**
19. These ungodly men do two things: They distort and turn the grace of God into lasciviousness. They deny the Deity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

20. "Ungodly men" means they leave God out of their lives.
21. It is important for those of us who teach and preach the Word of God to not leave God out of our lives.
22. Certainly, there is no way that any man or woman on Earth can be perfect in the flesh. But we must reflect that God is a part of our lives. We must stand in the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. By His blood properly applied to our hearts we can appease an angry God. **Psalms 7:11, God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.**
23. Lasciviousness is an important word; and means doing as you please.
24. Jude talks about the sensibility of others in **Jude 1:4, For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**
25. In other words, they do as they please.
26. **Galatians 5:13, For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.** This is a guard that God gives us in Scripture.
27. Gross immorality in our day is very prevalent, and we must be very careful that we do not allow it to overtake us in that we do not discern what is happening.
28. In Jude's day, the apostasy was Gnosticism; the body was essentially evil, and all matter was evil, and the Spirit alone was good.
29. The conclusion drawn from this was it didn't matter what a man did with his body, he was free to satisfy the lust of his body, free to practice blatant immorality, shameless sin, arrogantly to flaunt that sin publicly.
30. This is a perversion of God's grace.
31. The guard should be our love for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **John 14:15, If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

b. I will therefore put you in remembrance.

1. **Jude 1:5-9, I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6: And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7: Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8: Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. 9: Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.**
2. Jude takes us back to history and gives us six examples of apostasy in the past.
3. Three of these examples involve groups and the other involves individuals.
4. Let's focus on the word apostasy again. It simply means to remove, withdrawal, depart, or to go away.
5. The Bible tells us in the last days many shall depart from the faith. **1 Timothy 4:1, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**
6. In **Luke 18:8, I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**
7. Of course, we understand there are true born-again believers; the Bride of Christ on Earth at this very moment, Christ is preparing a place for us. **John 14:1-3, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**
8. I truly believe at the time of the Rapture when the true Church is removed from this earth, total apostasy will ensue.
9. This total apostasy will not come until the true Church is removed and the Tribulation Period begins to run its course.
10. Regardless of how innocent it might be, God must judge apostasy.

11. Let's look at three devastating examples of unbelief and apostasy the Lord Jesus Christ, through Jude, gives us.
12. Israel in the wilderness and their unbelief at Kadesh-Barnea.
 - a. They refused to enter the Promised Land. They sent out spies and came back with two different reports.
 - b. One was a positive report given by Caleb and Joshua.
 - c. The other report was negative so the Lord said in **Numbers 14:31, But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.**
 - d. We must understand God made good His promise concerning the land. With the exception of Joshua and Caleb there was a new generation of Israelites that did cross the Jordan River and entered the Promise Land.
 - e. The Generation who had apostatized and departed from the faith was destroyed in the wilderness.
13. The angels who kept not their first estate.
 - a. God created angels with a free will.
 - b. Angels do not reproduce as humans do and therefore, they do not inherit a sinful nature.
 - c. Each angel created by God will be judged in the future. **Jude 1:6, And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.** Also in **1 Corinthians 6:3, Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?**
 - d. It appears angels might be divided in two categories.
 - e. The group who rebelled; the Bible says they are reserved in everlasting chains, incarcerated, and have no freedom of movement. **2 Peter 2:4, For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;**
 - f. The fallen angels are apparently with Satan seem to have movement. **Revelation 12:9, And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**
14. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah and their gross sexual immorality.
 - a. This sin represents defilement of the flesh; God warns us He has judged this sin in the past.
 - b. This should be a warning for our generation.
 - c. If it has been judged in the past, it will be judged in the future.
15. Jude gives us four points of identification for apostate teachers.
 - a. **They are filthy dreamers.** They will not face up to reality. The Word of God is forever settled in Heaven. **Psalm 119:89, For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.**
 - b. **They defile the flesh.** This directly involves abnormal immorality. This specifically addresses the morality in our day which says, "whatever makes one feel good do it." It is not new; it is the same old sin God has told us He would judge.
 - c. **They despise dominion.** They reject authority. God is and has absolute authority over the universe and all that is contained therein; He has given us the Word of God and the Holy Spirit who enlightens and guides us into all truth.
 - d. **They speak evil of dignities.** God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are not given their rightful place. **1 John 5:7, For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.** There was a poll taken from seven hundred preachers with the following results:
 1. Forty-eight percent denied the complete inspiration of the Bible.
 2. Twenty-four percent rejected the atonement.
 3. Twelve percent rejected the resurrection of the body.
 4. Twenty-seven percent did not believe Christ will return to judge the quick and the dead.
 - e. This alone tells us why there is so little Gospel being proclaimed from the pulpit.
 - f. My Bible still says in **2 Timothy 4:2, Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**
16. Michael teaches us a valuable lesson in **Jude 1:9, Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a**

railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

17. He respected the office and position of Lucifer; in that he had been created the highest being although he had rebelled against God. Today, as we read the modern versions, the word "Lucifer" has been eliminated and substituted it with "morning star." In the King James 1611, Jesus is the "bright and morning star" not Lucifer. **Revelation 22:16, I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**
18. What a remarkable and valuable lesson for us today.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?
- b. If you do not, today needs to be your day of salvation.
- c. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- d. **Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
- e. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

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