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CLOUDS THEY ARE WITHOUT WATER, CARRIED ABOUT OF WINDS

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SCRIPTURE READING: **JUDE 1:12-16**

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1. BACKGROUND

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

2. INTRODUCTION

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3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

e. Clouds they are without water, carried about of winds

1. **Jude 1:12, These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;**
2. It is amazing as to how Jude gives us a vivid picture as to what is happening today, with the Bible being questioned, men and women doubting the Word of God. Men and women, whom we have much respect for, teaching the Gospel down through the years, are selling out.
3. I want to give you a quote from Dr. Billy Graham in a telecast over Southern California TV, on Saturday, May 31, 1997. "I think everybody that loves Christ, or knows Christ, **whether they are conscience of it or not**, they are members of the body of Christ. That is what God is doing today. He is calling people out of the world for His name, whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world, the Christian world, or the non-believing world. They are members of the body of Christ because they have been called by God. **They may not even know the name of Jesus**, but they know in their hearts that they need something that they don't have, and they turn to the only light that they have. **I think that they are saved and that they are going to be with us in Heaven.**" **Philippians 2:10-11, That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.** I respectfully disagree with Dr. Graham.
4. I am reminded of a couple of verses. **1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures;** I am also reminded of **Acts 4:12, Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**
5. No wonder our young people are confused. I still believe that men and women need to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. **John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

6. I do not think that anyone will get into Heaven by believing whatever they want to. I realize that this is another gospel of today, that we are all ok, we don't question what each other believes, the only thing we need to do is love each other. **Galatians 1:6, I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Galatians 1:8, But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.**
7. I want to tell you that this is the new age doctrine, the One World Church or the New World Order. According to Jude, he warns us about this, and I do not want to be a part of it.
8. I will let you evaluate the statement by Dr. Graham and see how it grips your heart. I have always had the utmost respect for Dr. Graham.
9. I truly believe that ***"These are spots in your feasts of charity,"*** is in an apostate situation. **1 Timothy 1:19, Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 20: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.**
10. I believe this is only the tip of the iceberg.
11. Jude warns us that this would happen in the last days.
12. Many are falling away; we are going cold concerning lost souls going to hell and for some reason the devil has lulled us to sleep and made us believe that everybody is fine and there are many roads to Heaven. However, Jesus reminds us in **John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 1 Timothy 2:5, For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**
13. Because of the apostate situation we have very little soul-winning going on.
14. I want to tell you that **we are responsible to share the Gospel with lost men and women.** We also need to realize that not everyone is going to be saved.
15. The hungry sheep look up to us in the pulpit to be fed. They are not being fed, not being taught the Word of God, and they are feeding themselves on junk food and garbage. **Acts 20:27-28, For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. 28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 1 Timothy 3:15, But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.**
16. I realize many times people do not want to be taught sound doctrine. **We still have a responsibility of sharing the Gospel with them.** **2 Timothy 4:3-4, For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**
17. Are these not spots in our feast of charity?
18. **clouds they are without water,** - The Word of God should fill the empty and dry soul. The Word of God is a cleansing agent as **John 15:3** tells us, **Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.**
19. We need to feed the Church of God. The way we do that is not with psychology, but with the solid Preserved Word of God. **Acts 20:28, Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**
20. We **cannot** use commentaries developed by men who are corrupt and have serious flaws and expect the saints of God to be fed.
21. As a matter of fact, I came across something that had been stated by Gail Riplinger. Her statement was, "these new versions can actually cause depression because the doctrines of the faith have been tampered with."
22. Jude gives us a picture of the apostate situation that is people who do not have the Words of Life. **clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth,**
23. The water of God, we are reminded, comes from **Ephesians 5:26, That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**
24. **trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;** - The Bible warns us of false teachers. **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.**

25. We are told how we can know them. **Matthew 7:20, Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**
26. Jude is giving us more up-to-date news than our modern newspaper. Jude lays out the apostate situation in vivid detail.
27. So many times, we can lose sight of it and miss it if we are not watching for it.
28. God is not just going to save us because we think that it's ok. The Bible makes a bone-chilling statement in **James 2:19, Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**
29. The devil and his demons know who Jesus Christ is.

f. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame.

1. **Jude 1:13, Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.**
2. We have looked at the Word of God many times before and we know that in **Ephesians 4:14, That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**
3. The Word of God is indeed perfect. There is a perfect Word in the land, doctrinally perfect without any flaws whatsoever. **When we add anything to perfection the end result is imperfection.**
4. Some would pick on a couple of things concerning spelling errors in the King James 1611; however, our main focus should be **sound doctrine.**
5. The Living Word is sitting at the right hand of the Father.
6. We are **Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame;** - we are attempting to do just what we want to any way we want to do it. This spells apostasy, my friend.
7. Men and women are literally changing the Preserved Word of God and giving us the opposite of what God has said on many cases.
8. There is no hell anymore; there is Gehenna, Sheol, and Hades. **The Preserved Word of God still says Hell. Luke 16:23, And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**
9. There is also a place where there is blackness and darkness and men and women who do not accept the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour are going to go there. I believe that from the bottom of my heart. **There is a literal hell and literal Heaven.**
10. **We can only get to Heaven if we have the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Romans 3:22, Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:**

g. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these.

1. **Jude 1:14-15, And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15: To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.**
2. When we look at the prophesy of Enoch, found in the Old Testament in **Genesis 5** we have the record of Enoch, but we have nothing of the prophesy of Enoch.
3. It is not a common name, so we know that the man Jude is referring to is the Enoch of that period.
4. If you recall, Enoch walked with God. The remarkable thing about him is that he was taken. He was a type of the Rapture of the Church. **Genesis 5:24, And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.**
5. **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,** - the purpose of the Lord coming with His saints is **To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed,**
6. The Preserved Word of God is very emphatic that everyone will bow to the Lord Jesus Christ. We will either bow to Him in this life or we will bow to Him in the life to come. **Romans 14:11, For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Philippians 2:10, That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;**

7. Enoch prophesied of this and Jude records it.
8. If you recall, Enoch was removed prior to the flood. He did not have to go through the flood. Likewise, the True Church will be removed just prior to the Tribulation Period.
9. It is amazing how God has providentially provided for His bride – the Church.
10. It is also interesting to see that Enoch had this knowledge and was able to prophesy about it.
11. I truly believe **2 Peter 1:21, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**
12. I not only believe that the originals were inspired, but I also believe that God has inspired His Word that I hold today.
13. I also believe that God preserved it for **ALL** generations. **Psalms 12:6-7, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**
14. I will leave this world believing that the Lord Jesus Christ has indeed giving me the Preserved Word of God, not a counterfeit. He vividly states in **Jude 1:17, But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; Acts 2:42, And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**
15. He is coming **To execute judgment upon all**, - few want to accept that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Judge.
16. In the modern versions, we have removed Jehovah from the Old Testament, and the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament for the most part.
17. Jehovah was the name of God in the Old Testament and Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the Judge. **John 5:22, For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:**
18. It does not make any difference what men and women think; the prophesy of Enoch deals with the judgment of the organized Church and total apostasy and with the Rapture of the Church.

h. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts.

1. **Jude 1:16, These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.**
2. Jude gives us five identification marks of apostasy.
3. **murmurers, complainers**, - Even in our Church we have dissatisfied folks not talking care of their own business but concerned about someone else's business.
4. We should not come to church to look at the actions of other people. We need to come to church in order to take in the Spiritual food for ourselves.
5. **complainers**, - Discontent and never satisfied people. **2 Timothy 3:7, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**
6. When people come to Christ, all of this will change.
7. When we truly get people in the Church who are saved and born again, much of the discontent will go away. As a matter of fact, all of it will go away when we bring our body under subjection. **1 Corinthians 1:10, Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**
8. **walking after their own lusts**; - Their desire is to mold everybody to be like they are. We do not consider God when we are taking care of other people's business. Jesus Christ must be the head of the Church.
9. **their mouth speaketh great swelling words**, - The first thing people say when they get a little disturbed is they want to be taken off the roll. None of us have arrived, none of us are worthy. When we truly analyze and look at our self in the mirror, we will find that none of us has the advantage over anyone else.
10. **having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.** – I believe that this is one of the greatest fallacies concerning the new versions. Instead of asking the Holy Spirit what the true Word of God is, we go to men and ask them. Why don't we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts? **James 2:1-4, My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. 2: For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; 3: And ye have respect**

to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: 4: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

11. We want to be the judge and the jury. None of us are God. It does not make any difference the status of the pastor or teacher, none of us have been set aside to tamper or change the Word of God in any way, shape or form.
12. We must not be impressed with credentials by scholars and men; it is the heart that counts and that is what God is all about.
13. Jude is laying it out in vivid detail for us.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know Jesus Christ as you 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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