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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD

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SCRIPTURE READING: **JUDE 1:17-25**

Jude 1:21, **Keep yourselves in the love of God,** looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1. BACKGROUND

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

2. INTRODUCTION

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3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

i. **But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles.**

1. **Jude 1:17, But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;**
2. Jude turns away from a situation of apostasy. He tells us how to cope with the apostasy.
3. One of the first things we must do is to remember the Words. **Matthew 4:4, But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**
4. Jude turns the page on us now. I used to have a good friend named Pete Garrett and as I would teach the Bible study, he would tell me you just turned a corner on me.
5. Jude turned the corner on us and says, **remember ye the words.**
6. Some would tell us that our Bible is imperfect, but God tells us to continue steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine. **Acts 2:42, And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**
7. All the way through the Word of God we are to remember the very WORDS of God. It is not about trying to get the thought of God; we need the very Words of God.
8. I want to hear from God, I want Him to tell me how to discern apostasy that comes in the side door. I want Him to give me warning. From the **Book of Jude**, we have this warning.
9. I can remember several apostles who have impacted my life. Peter was one, and Paul when he was converted on the road to Damascus realizing he had been persecuting our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Acts 9:5, And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.** **Acts 9:15, But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:** **Acts 9:18, And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.**
10. When we come to a point that we know God speaks to our heart, the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth. **John 16:13, Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

j. **How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time.**

1. **Jude 1:18-19, How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time,** who should walk

- after their own ungodly lusts. 19: These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.**
2. We have so many people in the world who profess to know Jesus as Saviour. As indicated before, the lingo is changing. It is not about the Lord Jesus Christ and salvation; it is about our own works getting us to Heaven. **Galatians 2:21, I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**
 3. Jude defines this apostate situation in effect, "Remember what the apostles said to you."
 4. They told us that there would be mockers in the last days; they told us that we should test the Spirit with the Spirit.
 5. **mockers... who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.** – God is not a part of their being. They pray and go do exactly what they want to do; they do not regard God.
 6. **These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.** – If a man does not have the Spirit of God, he is none of His. **Romans 8:9, But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**
 7. **Acts 19:1-7, And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2: He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3: And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4: Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5: When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6: And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7: And all the men were about twelve.**
 8. Apostates do not have the Spirit of God; they are not indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This classifies them as natural 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.**
 9. In the aforementioned verses in **Acts** Paul asks, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** Their response is **We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.**
 10. We must understand that men and women cannot go on the basis of their own spirit.
 11. We must be transparent. **1 Thessalonians 5:23, And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
 12. Contrary to popular belief, man does have a soul, spirit, and body.
 13. Jude lays this all out for us. He says **These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.**
 14. A man that is operating on his own does not realize there is no spark of divinity in us. **Romans 8:5-6, For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6: For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**
 15. If we say that we have fellowship with the Lord, and walk in darkness, we do not the truth. **1 John 1:6, If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**
 16. We must also understand **Romans 8:7, Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**
 17. You cannot bring the old flesh under subjection unless you are obedient to God. Reformation will not do the job. **Romans 8:8, So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**
 18. There are mighty men of God spending much time in prayer not realizing they are embarking upon a mission to change the Word of God, which is something that God has forbidden man to do.
 19. The Holy Spirit is there to help us and to guide us into all truth.
 20. He is our Comforter; He is not only our helper – He is our comforter.
 21. **Galatians 5:17, For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.** The old nature must be brought under subjection. The only way that can be done is by feeding the new

nature with the Preserved Word of God.

22. We are reminded in **1 Corinthians 15:45, And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.** – this is the Lord Jesus Christ.
23. There is massive contrast between the first Adam and the last Adam, and we must not allow a substitution of the second Adam by words that have been changed: the One, the Spirit, the Christ.
24. This is new age terminology but not God's terminology from His Preserved Word.
25. If we are living, we need to be producing for God. **Galatians 5:22-23, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23: Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**
26. **Psalms 139:14, I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.**
27. We are made in the image of God.
28. Jude gives us the icing on the cake.

k. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith.

1. **Jude 1:20, But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,**
2. He is talking to believers now. We are to build up ourselves. How do we do that? We study the Preserved Word of God.
3. It is not just one book; we are to study the entire Word of God.
4. We are to be students of the Word. **2 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**
5. This is something that is very foreign to believers; they don't like to study God's Word, rightly divided. It is sad to say, sometimes unbelievers are more apt to study the Bible than the born-again Christians.
6. The Book we are studying is the Word of God. **2 Peter 1:20, Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**
7. **building up yourselves on your most holy faith,** - This is one of many things he lays out. Let's examine.
8. **praying in the Holy Ghost,** - as we pray, we pray believing.
Ephesians 6:18, Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
9. We are not to hand God a grocery list; we are to approach Him with pray and thanksgiving.
Hebrews 4:16, Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Philipians 4:6, Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
10. As we are praying in the Holy Spirit; **Romans 8:26, Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**
11. God knows exactly what we have need of. The disciples had it right when they asked the Lord to teach them to pray. Prayer needs to be more a part of our lives.

l. Keep yourselves in the love of God.

1. **Jude 1:21, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.**
2. We must recognize that God loves us, but He also expects us to be obedient.
3. He expects us to watch our place and not get in the place of God.
4. As a pastor, some of the actions that I take, I try to take the actions that Jesus would take. I do not want to put myself in a position where I am trying to play God.
5. **looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.** – I do not want God's justice; I want His mercy and grace.
6. I realize that my salvation is only in the Lord Jesus Christ and none other.

m. And of some have compassion.

1. **Jude 1:22, And of some have compassion, making a difference:**

2. Once we know our place, we are to have compassion. We are to love the sinner but hate the sin.
3. We are to try to get men and women, boys and girls to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

n. And others save with fear.

1. **Jude 1:23, And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.**
2. **And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire;** - Refers to the hopeless sinner out there without Christ.
3. No, we do not need to compromise, but we do need to share the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
4. **Zechariah 3:2, And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?**
5. The Lord will rebuke those who need to be rebuked.
6. **hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.** – We are not to love the world. **1 John 2:15, Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**
7. We must watch our testimony and realize that we represent the Lord Jesus Christ in everything we do.

o. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling.

1. **Jude 1:24-25, Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25: To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.**
2. This is something that has been used at the close of services sometimes.
3. **Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling** – This is the Lord Jesus Christ. Not the one, not the Christ, not the Spirit.
4. **present you faultless**– unless we are faultless, we will never get to Heaven. **before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy**
5. **To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.** – In these apostate days, the children of God need to stand firm. We are to stand firm on the Preserved Word of God and in our faith.
6. We are not to be tossed to and fro. We must know what we believe and why we believe it.

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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