

/We will now begin the first lecture of the Book of Jude./First, here is the introduction./The author is Jesus' brother Jude./It was written around A.D. 65./It was written in Palestine.

/There were three purposes for writing this book./First, Jude wrote to call believers to be strong and fight for their faith because the threat of heresies was entering the church./Second, he wrote to send a message of warning about heretics, and also to give confidence of hope to believers.

/Third, he emphasized that Christians were to do their best so that false teachings did not enter the church.

/Chapter 1, be strong and fight./These are the main points./First, greeting and blessing. Verses 1-2./Second, contend for the faith. Verses 3-4./Third, remember God's punishment in the Old Testament. Verses 5-8.

/Fourth, the dispute between the archangel Michael and Satan. Verses 9-10./Fifth, the true nature of the false teachers. Verses 11-13./Sixth, remember the prophecy. Verses 14-19./(1) Remember Enoch's prophecy. Verses 14-16./ (2) Remember the prophecy of the apostles. Verses 17-19.

/Seventh, build yourself up. Verses 20-23./Eighth, blessings. Verses 24-25.

/We will now discuss the main point of the Book of Jude./Just as Peter wrote in his second epistle, Jude saw the need to warn the believers about apostasy and the false teachings of false teachers.

/Jude wrote that the false teachers used God's grace for lust, and how the believers were to contend for the faith./ To testify to the truth, Jude quotes seven passages from the Old Testament.

/Ultimately, Jude encourages Christians to live righteous lives in the midst of the confusion the heretics stirred up./ Then what kind of life are Christians to live?/First, they are to remember the lives of the apostles.

/Second, in verse 20, they were to live by praying in the Spirit./Third, they were to build themselves up./Fourth, they were to live lives that glorified God.

/We must live in these ways so that we do not fall to false teachers, and receive God's protection.

/Read verse 1./ Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ:

/Jude mentions three statuses of believers./James the brother of Jesus was also Jude's brother./The four brothers of Jesus of the flesh did not believe that Jesus was Savior before Jesus was crucified.

/They thought that Jesus' ministry of the gospel was his worldly success./ Yet, through the death and resurrection of Jesus they came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, and they received the

Holy Spirit with Jesus' other disciples in the upper room, and they spent the rest of their lives preaching the gospel.

/Jude called himself a servant of Jesus, and did not think highly of himself just because he was Jesus' brother./ He humbly said that he was a servant of Jesus./The three statuses of a believer is first, one who has been called by God.

/Unless God calls us with his sovereign power, no one can believe that Jesus is Lord./ When sinners are saved by God it is not because of human merit./It depends only on God's holy calling.

/Isaiah 43:1 says/God formed us, redeemed us, and called us by name./ God called people of faith in the Old Testament./He called faithful people like Abraham, Isaac, and Samuel.

/God called Saul, who was once an enemy of Jesus, and made him a servant of God./Today God calls his chosen people and makes them his children./God's calling is irrevocable./Romans 11:29.

/It would be an honor to be called by an earthly king, but to be called by the Ruler of all creation and be made His people is something to be thankful for./Second, believers received love from God the Father.

/God's calling is founded on love./God chose us before the creation of the world, and our spirits were born again so that we might believe, and all this is founded on love./Also God made us his children and gave us an eternal inheritance, which is proof of his love.

/1 John 4:16./God's love is not man's physical and selfish love./God's great love gave us his one and only Son to die for us, and this is an unconditional and sacrificial love. /God's love was demonstrated on the cross.

/God clothes us with his incredible love./Third, believers are protected by God./God called us with his sovereign works, and has clothed us with his love so that we will not be left alone in this world.

/God never takes his eyes off of us even for a moment./When there are tribulations and trials,/ our God does not sleep or slumber, but protects us.

/Even when it seems as if he has forsaken us, God has not left us, but guides us./ God keeps us believers safe even when we encounter hardships.

/God promised to protect us until we are with him in heaven./We believers have received these three incredible privileges.

/Verse 2./ Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

/This is a blessing for believers to receive God's mercy, peace, and love./ God's mercy indicates God's compassion./ God gives spiritual peace to those who believe./ God works in our lives so that we remain in the Lord's love and are guided by his love.

/Jude blesses believers who have encountered confusion stirred up by false teachers, that they would have God's help and love./We believers need God's help and love in order to overcome the temptation of sin.

/We cannot defeat sin on our own./We constantly live under the temptation of sin./However, when we recognize our limitations, and humbly go before the Lord and ask for help, God will give us strength and grace to win.

/Verse 3. /Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

/Here it tells us that we must contend earnestly for faith./This is the purpose of the epistle of Jude./Even if a believer believed in the way (doctrine) of salvation,/he will live a life of failure if he approves of lies and is deceived.

/That is why we must fight for the faith that was given to us believers once and for all./We must be militant in keeping our faith./When we fight against sin, we must fight to the point of bleeding in the fight./Paul said to fight the good fight of faith./We must also put on the full armor of God.

/Therefore, in order for us to win the spiritual battle, we must be well armed./How can we arm ourselves spiritually?/First, we must hold on to the salvation we have received.

/The "common salvation" refers to salvation received through faith in Jesus Christ./It is the way of salvation that is given to all who believe in Jesus./Everyone, male and female, old and young, is saved when they believe in Jesus.

/All are saved, whether rich or poor, if they believe in Jesus./ Heresies try to distort the way of salvation./Some heresies say that one must observe the laws even if he believes in Jesus.

/The heretics that entered the church at Galatia said that one must be circumcised in order to be saved./The Seventh Day Adventist Church insists that one must observe the Sabbath on Saturday in order to be saved.

/Catholicism teaches that one must confess one's sin, be baptized, and believe in Mary to be saved even after believing in Jesus./However, all these teachings have departed from the way of salvation that was given once and for all.

/We must hold firmly to the way of faith that God gave us once and for all./What have we received through faith in Christ?/We have been forgiven of the sins of our past, present, and future./We have become incredible children of God.

/God gives us the inheritance and glory of heaven./We receive eternal life so that we can live with him forever./We must hold on to the fundamental way of faith.

/Second, how can we fight the battle?/We must fight with all our strength for the faith that was given to us once and for all./What has been given to us once and for all?/God gave us his Word once and for all./John 1:17

/The Bible was recorded over a period of 1,500 years by more than forty people./There is no other word besides the sixty-six book of the Old and New Testaments./Second, God gave us his Spirit once and for all./Acts 10:44./We believed in Jesus and were born again through the Holy Spirit.

/The Helper Holy Spirit came once and for all 2,000 years ago./We received this Helper Spirit./Third, he gave us Christ once and for all./Hebrews 9:12/The cross of Jesus Christ gave us righteousness as the perfect atoning sacrifice.

/The event of the cross of Jesus abolished all systems and rituals of the Old Testament./Through faith in Jesus, all rituals of the Old Testament were abolished, and the way to eternal life was opened through Jesus.

/Third, how must we fight?/We must fight according to God's laws./2 Timothy 2:5/says the one competing must abide by the rules or he cannot receive the crown./This means we can only be victorious when we fight according to the word of God.

/Satan came to Jesus with God's word./However, Satan did not use Scripture correctly./ Jesus used the Scriptures properly and defeated temptation with God's word./Heretics also come with God's word.

/We must win by fighting by God's word./Heretics come with lies in order to destroy our faith./ We must fight with the truth and be victorious.

/Verse 4. /For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

/Here, it speaks of the characteristics of heretics./First, they secretly slip in among believers./Cults do not reveal their true identities and come into the church in disguise./Satan disguised himself as a serpent to tempt Eve.

/They are like wolves dressed in sheep's clothing./Cults come secretly to entice the believers./They confuse the souls of believers through false teachings./They live as slaves of sin and destroy the church.

/If the church simply allows these cults to come in, then the whole church will soon be contaminated./1 Corinthians 5:6/2 Peter 2:1/Cults always enter the church secretly in disguise.

/Cults hide their true natures when they come./The second characteristic of cults is that they turn God's grace into carnal desires./Heretics live in the flesh and commit adultery in lust and dissipation.

/They use "the name of the church," which is the instrument of God's grace./They use the name of religion for opportunity of the flesh./Some even claim that they have given birth to God's son./Others claim that their blood is pure.

/Then they make opportunities for the flesh and act obscenely./ Cults use what is holy for their gain./1 Timothy 6:5/However, God did not abolish the law./God fulfilled the law. Only the rituals of the law were abolished.

/If we received God's grace, we must observe the Bible./It is wrong to claim, "You are saved by observing the law." /It is also wrong to say, "You do not have to observe the Bible because you have received salvation."

/We who have been saved through faith in Jesus must uphold God's word through grace./ The third characteristic of heretics is that they deny Jesus./ They deny the atonement of Christ and His uniqueness./ They do not accept the guidance and the commands of the one and only God.

/Heretics live according to the ways of the world, and they are self-centered./ They live for the pleasures and desires of the flesh./They say they believe in God but they deny the living Lord./ Those who deny Jesus' uniqueness are those who are without faith and are wicked.

/Verse 5. /Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.

/Jude teaches us what happens when false teachers enter the church using three examples of destruction./We must remind and teach those who have already learned God's word./We must remember the history of destruction of the Old Testament in order to keep our faith.

/The history of the Old Testament is a like a mirror to us who live in the end of times./1 Corinthians 10:11/The first example mentioned is when the Israelites perished in the wilderness./ The Israelites who came out of Egypt wandered through the wilderness for forty years.

/They perished after forty years in the wilderness because of their unbelief./With the exception of Joshua and Caleb, only those who were under twenty years of age when they left Egypt entered the land of Canaan./ God showed them great miracles through Moses.

/The people of Israel saw the ten plagues of Egypt./They also saw the Red Sea split into two by the power of God./They also saw bitter water turn to sweet water./They also saw manna come from heaven and ate it.

/They also saw God lead them with pillars of fire and cloud./Then how could they perish after seeing all these miracles?/It was because they did not completely believe in God's power.

/Paul sent a letter to the church at Corinth./He said that the Israelites perished in the wilderness because of four sins./Idolatry, /sexual immorality, /grumbling, /and the sin of testing God.

/Verse 6. /And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-- these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

/This verse talks about the punishment for angels that abandoned their positions./Satan was once an angel that God created./ When the angel left his position of authority, God punished him./The angel was banished from heaven and became Satan.

/It also says that for these angels who left their positions, “He has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.” /The angel became corrupted because he became arrogant. /The angel could have remained in his special position.

/Yet, the angel forsook this special privilege and did not serve God./The angel was punished because he left his position and chased after the throne of God. /There is the place of God. /There are places for angels and believers.

/Each creation has its own place./Each person has his given position./If we ignore our positions and leave our places, God will punish us./There was a group led by Korah that rebelled against Moses.

/They perished because they left their positions and fought against Moses./Aaron and Hur also had their places./They were punished by God for slandering Moses./We must faithfully guard the positions God has given us.

/Faith is keeping the assigned position in life whether it is favorable or not./We may think we are free when we leave our places./However, we will face spiritual darkness and be under God’s wrath./If we leave our places, we must then live outside of God’s protection.

/Verse 7. /In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

/This passage reminds us that in the times of Sodom and Gomorrah the people perished because of their adultery./They perished in God’s fire from heaven because they committed the sin of homosexuality./Genesis 19:24

/Sodom and Gomorrah were fertile lands like the Garden of Eden./However, the people of Sodom and Gomorrah forsook God’s grace./They committed all kinds of sins./They were so wicked that not ten righteous people were found among them.

/The Lord prophesied that when He returns, it will be like the times of Sodom and Gomorrah./Luke 17:26-30/Sexual corruption is the greatest sin./Today, the punishment of God will come upon those who live in debauchery.

/Verse 8. /In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings.

/Here it speaks of the wickedness of heretics./They rely on their dreams and pollute the flesh./They reject God's authority, and blaspheme his glory./They seek to fulfill their purpose with greed.

/They live in the flesh and in the world, and as a result they despise God's authority and glory./These heretics secretly come into the church./They spread false teachings./They corrupt people's souls, and bring illness through their fleshly and worldly ways.

/They seek self-glory and ignore the authority of the church that God has established./They resist and ignore the authority given to those who are called to preach the gospel./Thus, they will be punished.

/Verses 9-10. /But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals-- these are the very things that destroy them.

/Here it speaks of a dispute between the archangel Michael and Satan./The duty of the archangel Michael was to protect God's chosen people./When a believer fought with Satan, the archangel Michael came and helped the believer./Daniel 12:1

/When Moses died God sent Michael to get rid of his body because the people might make his body their idol./God gave this command before the people perished as a result of idolatry.

/At that time, Satan went to hinder Michael's job./Moses' body could not be found because Michael had removed it./Deuteronomy 34:6/The archangel in order to lift up the authority of God said, "The Lord rebuke you."

/Even though he was an archangel, he kept to his position and lifted up God's authority./Michael acted only to uphold God's works./Even the archangel did not interfere with God's authority, but heretics stand in the way of God's glory.

/This is because they do not know the glory of God./They think they have higher knowledge./However, they will be destroyed by the false knowledge they have.

/Heretics are like irrational animals that know God instinctively./There are those who live by their instincts./There are those who live without reason.

/Then there are those who live by faith in humble obedience to the Lord./However, heretics live according to what they feel instinctively./Heretics praise themselves and live self-centered lives like irrational animals.

/They go against God's word by spreading false knowledge./They lead believers into the way of destruction./Therefore, they will not escape the wrath and punishment of God.

/We must hold on to the truth and God's word of the Bible./We must resist any teachings that goes against the Bible./We must understand the truth of the Lord through the works of the Holy Spirit, and we will follow the truth.

/Here we will conclude the first lecture on Jude./Thank you.