

JUDE'S GRAND DOXOLOGY

Jude 25

INTRODUCTION

- In his brief epistle, Jude has had to plunge into some dark and polluted depths as he describes the apostates – these lascivious, filthy dreamers; their evil character and works; and their final end – the blackness of darkness forever
- As we read and study these realities, we might find them disturbing and harrowing
- But Jude does not end his epistle on this note
- He first gives some encouragement and exhortation in vv.20-23, and closes by turning our gaze to heaven and the God of glory, giving us one of the most beautiful doxologies in all of Scripture
- He turns our attention away from the unholiness of the apostates to God most holy; from their darkness to His light; from these brute beasts to the majestic and glorious King of heaven
- Jude sets us an example that every situation, every activity, every communication, should be crowned with praise to God's glory (1 Corinthians 10:31)

I. THE PREMINENCE OF GOD ADORED

A. He is the only *wise* God (Romans 16:27; 1 Timothy 1:17)

1. God's wisdom is His intelligence manifested by using the perfect means to accomplish His perfect purposes
 - a. It is seen in His creation (Psalm 104:24; Jeremiah 10:12)
 - b. It is seen in His providence (Psalm 33:10-11; Romans 8:28)

- c. It is seen in His work of redemption (Romans 11:33; Ephesians 3:10)
 2. He only has wisdom
 - a. Man's wisdom is bestowed from God in measure (Proverbs 2:6; James 1:5)
 - b. But God is wise in His essence and without limit (Job 36:5; Daniel 2:20)
 - c. Man's "wisdom" is foolishness with God (1 Corinthians 1:19-21; 3:19)
 3. Jesus Christ is "the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:24)
- B. God our Saviour
1. It is in His work of salvation that the fullness of God's character and work are expressed.
 2. Besides Him there is no Saviour (Isaiah 43:11)

II. A PAEAN OF GLORY ACCLAIMED

- A. Meditation upon God's wisdom and salvation constrains us to praise Him
- B. One way we praise God is by ascribing glory to him (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)
- C. Each of these ascriptions should be considered not only generally, but also with personal application
- D. Glory – *doxa*
 1. This is the brilliant radiance of God
 2. It expresses all that He is in His Being and in His nature, character, power and acts

3. Does all that I do, say and think glorify God? (cf. Galatians 1:24)

E. Majesty – *megalosune*

1. His dignity, pre-eminence, greatness and splendour as the Supreme Monarch of the universe
2. This word signifies that God is greater than all and is used only of God the Father (Hebrews 1:3; 8:1)
3. Is God pre-eminent in my life? (Matthew 6:33)

F. Dominion – *kratos*

1. This describes God's sovereign rule and governing of all things without limit (cf. Isaiah 9:7)
2. Does His dominion encompass my whole being – body, soul and spirit?

G. Power – *exousia*

1. This is God's authority and right to rule (Matthew 28:18)
2. Am I yielded to Him so that His power rests upon me? (2 Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 3:20)

III. HIS PERPETUAL GLORY AMENED

A. Both now

1. This present life must be devoted to ascribing glory to God

B. And ever

1. The privilege of the redeemed will be to magnify and worship God for eternity (Ephesians 3:21)
2. The saints will cast their crowns at Jesus' feet, that He alone receives all glory (Revelation 4:10-11)

C. Amen

1. Certainly, truly, surely, so let it be
2. This word is universally understood in every language
3. It represents an *assent* to what has been said, a *desire* that it may be so, and *confidence* that it shall be (Nehemiah 8:6; Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 14:16)

CONCLUSION

1. The warnings and exhortations Jude gives in his epistle are needed more today than ever
2. To neglect them is to leave ourselves open to the infiltration of these “certain men” who “creep in unawares”
3. It is one thing to acknowledge God as *the* Saviour, but can I say, “God *my* Saviour”? (Luke 1:46-47)
4. All the ungodly, who rob God of His glory, detract from His majesty, despise His dominion, deny His power, will be eternally confounded in hell
5. But the beloved of God shall render grateful worship to their Saviour before His throne for all eternity
6. Amen!