

***“The Great Danger Of Sin”***  
***Jude 5-7***

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Head Back Together To The Book Of Jude!
  - Where We Have Been Learning About:
    - Our Responsibility To:
      - “Earnestly Contend For The Faith Which Was Once Delivered Unto The Saints!”
        - Found In Verse 3!
  - And At This Time In Our Own Church:
    - We Need This Message More Than Ever!
      - Because Our Faith Continues To Be Attacked From Every Angle!
        - Not Just From Without!
          - Though It Most Certainly Is!
        - But Even From Within!
2. Last Week We Learned Why:
  - We Must “Earnestly Contend For The Faith!”
    - And That Is Because - As Jude Tells Us In Verse 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!”
  - There Are Ungodly & Wicked People:
    - Who Want To Pervert The Very Truth:
      - Of The Gospel / The Good News Of Jesus Christ!
    - And To Them & For Us:
      - Jude Gives A Very Strong Warning!
3. And This Warning Is A Warning Of Judgment!
  - God's Own Judgment Of Sin!
    - And We See God's Judgment In Three Historical Events, Which We Find In Verses 5-7:
      - And These Verses Remind Us Of The Great Danger Of Sin!
    - Jude 5-7 - “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. / 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. / Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, 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!”
      - We Must Never Forget That:
        - God Does Not Take Sin As Lightly As We Do!
      - And That Is Why Jude Is Telling Us:
        - And Reminding Us Of What Sin Can Do!
          - And What God Will Do To Sinners, If They Do Not Repent Of Their Sin & Turn To & Trust In Him!
    - Let's Look At These Events More Closely!

\* First - We See:

**1. *The Danger Of Unbelief!***

- Jude 5 - “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!”
  - The First Lesson On God's Judgment:
    - Deals With The Sin Of His Own Chosen People:
      - The Israelites!
  - For 400 Years:
    - The Children Of Israel Had Lived In & Became Slaves In The Land Of Egypt!
      - But God Remembered Them & Was Gracious To Them By Sending Moses To Lead Them To The Promised Land!
    - And When God Delivered Them:
      - He Did So With “A Mighty Hand!”
        - And With “Signs & Wonders!”
      - 10 Plagues Were Sent To Afflict Pharaoh & The Egyptians, So They Would Let God's

People Go!

- The Israelites Experienced & Enjoyed:
- The Great Privilege:
  - Of Being The People Of God!
  - They Had Been Selected:
    - To Be God's Own People!
    - Not Because Of Anything They Had Done Or Would Do!
      - But Simply Because Of God's Own Choice & Promise To Abraham!
    - But What A Privilege!
      - To Be One Of God's Chosen People!
      - And It Still Is!
  - They Had Been Saved!
    - This Verse Points Back To Their Amazing Deliverance & Redemption From Egypt!
    - The Prophet Jeremiah Described The Lord & His Salvation In Jeremiah 32:17-21 - "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee: / Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name, / Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings: / Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day; / And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror!"
  - What A Privilege!
    - God Saved Them From:
      - Slavery & Death & Destruction!
  - How Do You Think They Should They Have Responded?
    - With Thankfulness & With Gratefulness!
      - And With Greater Faith In The Lord!
    - But Instead - What Happened?
      - In The Words Of Jude 5:
        - They "Believed Not!"
      - And This Was:
  - The Great Problem:
    - They Had – They "Believed Not!"
      - After All That God Had Done For Them!
        - And Had Proven His Faithfulness To Them Over & Over Again!
    - When The Lord Promised To Give Them The Land Of Canaan:
      - Instead Of Listening To & Believing:
        - The Word Of God!
      - They Listened To & Believed:
        - The Word Of 10 Spies Who Were Afraid Of What They Saw In The Land!
    - What We Can Learn From This Is That:
      - Unbelief Is A Great Sin!
        - And It Is A Sin That Cannot Go Unpunished!
      - So We Also See:
  - The Great Punishment!
    - Jude 5 - "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!"
      - Because Of Their Sin Of Unbelief:
        - Every Single Person, Except Joshua & Caleb, Died In The Wilderness, And Were Unable To Enter The Promised Land!
      - Numbers 26:64-65 - "But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. / For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun!"
    - God Does Not Take The Sin Of Unbelief Lightly!
      - So What Is:

- The Great Purpose:
  - Of This Lesson In Verse 5?
  - To Warn:
    - Those Who Have “Crept In Unawares!”
  - But Also To Remind Us:
    - Of The Privileges We Enjoy!
      - And Of The Importance Of Faith & Belief!
  - If You Are A Christian:
    - You Have Been Selected / Chosen:
      - To Be Part Of God’s Own Family!
    - And You Have Been Saved:
      - From Your Sin & Slavery To The Devil Himself!
  - How Have You Responded?
    - How Will You Respond?
      - With Thankfulness! With Worship!
    - And With Greater Faith & Belief:
      - In The One Who Has Done & Continues To Do So Much For You!
- Are You A Believer Today?
  - True Faith Is Essential In Order For You To:
    - “Earnestly Contend For The Faith!”
  - In 2 Corinthians 13:5 - Paul Tells You To “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves!”
    - Make Sure You Have A Genuine, Saving Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - Because Unbelief Is A Very Dangerous Sin!

\* Second - We See:

2. ***The Danger Of Rebellion!***

- Jude 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!”
  - The Second Lesson On God’s Judgment:
    - Deals With The Sin Of The Fallen Angels!
  - After Reading Jude 5:
    - Some Might Say - “I Would Never Do What The Children Of Israel Did!”
      - “I Would Never Turn My Back On God, After Seeing All Of The Signs & Wonders He Performed!”
      - Really?
    - Then Think Of The Angels That God Created!
      - As Spiritual Beings, They Experienced & Enjoyed:
- The Great Privilege:
  - Of Being God’s Own Servants!
    - Hebrews 1:14 Describes Them As “Ministering Spirits!”
  - What Kind Of Privileges Did The Angels Enjoy?
    - A Great Home:
      - In Heaven With God!
    - A Great Condition:
      - Of Purity & Holiness!
    - A Great Purpose:
      - Serving God!
  - How Do You Think They Should Have Responded?
    - With Thankfulness & Gratefulness!
      - And In Submission To The One Who Created Them & Gave Them All Of These Gifts!
    - But Instead - What Happened?
      - Jude 6 - “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation!”
    - And This Was:
- The Great Problem!
  - They Had – They “Left Their Own Habitation!”
    - After All That God Had Given To Them!
  - Instead Of Submitting To His Authority:

- And Joyfully Fulfilling The Incredible Role God Had Given Them!
  - They Rebelled And Followed After Their Own Lusts & Desires!
- The Rebellion Of Lucifer:
  - In Isaiah 14 Can Serve As An Example Of The Rebellion Of All Of The Fallen Angels, In Verses 12-15 - “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! / For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: / I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. / Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit!”
- Lucifer & All Of The Other Fallen Angels:
  - Actually Wanted To Leave Their Heavenly Home!
    - The Best Place They Could Be!
- What We Can Learn From These Fallen Angels Is That:
  - Rebellion Is A Great Sin!
    - And It Too Is A Sin That Cannot Go Unpunished!
  - So We Also See:
- The Great Punishment!
  - Jude 6b - “He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day!”
    - Because Of Their Sin Of Rebellion:
      - These Fallen Angels Will Experience God’s Judgment For Their Sin!
    - 2 Peter 2:4 - “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!”
  - God Does Not Take The Sin Of Rebellion Lightly!
    - Not Just The Angels Rebellion!
      - But Our Own Rebellion As Well!
    - What Is Rebellion?
      - Daniel 9:5 - “We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments!”
- The Great Purpose:
  - Of This Lesson In Verse 6?
  - To Warn:
    - Those Who Have “Crept In Unawares!”
  - But Also To Remind Us:
    - Of The Privileges We Enjoy!
      - Psalm 8:5-6 - “For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. / Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet!”
    - And Of The Importance Of Submission To The Authority Of God In Our Lives!
      - To The Role He Has Given Us!
  - How Have You Responded?
    - How Will You Respond?
      - With Thankfulness! With Worship!
    - And With Greater Submission & Service:
      - To The Lord!
- Are You Submitting Yourself To The Lord Today?
  - True Submission Is Essential In Order For You To:
    - “Earnestly Contend For The Faith!”
  - 1 Peter 5:6 - “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time!”
    - Make Sure You Are Submitting Yourself To The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - Because Rebellion Is A Very Dangerous Sin!

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### 3. ***The Danger Of Immorality!***

- Jude 7 - “Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, 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.”
  - The Third Lesson On God’s Judgment:
    - Deals With The Well Known Sins Of Sodom & Gomorrah & Their Destruction!

- But Did You Know That The People Of Those Cities:
  - Experienced & Enjoyed, At First:
- The Great Privilege:
  - Of Living Where They Did?
    - Genesis 13:10 - “And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar!”
    - Before Their Destruction, The Region In Which They Lived Was “Even As The Garden Of The LORD!”
  - We Have No Ideal How Beautiful That Place Once Was!
    - Because All We Have To Show For It Now Is The Dead Sea & The Wilderness Around It!
    - But It Would Have Been Beautiful, Lush, Fertile, And Productive!
  - How Should They Should Have Responded?
    - With Thankfulness & Gratefulness!
      - And A Desire To Live For & Please The One Who Gave Them All Of These Good Things!
    - But Instead - What Did They Do?
      - Genesis 13:13 - “But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly!”
      - They Wanted To Live To For & To Please Themselves!
    - And Jude 7a - “Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh!”
    - And This Was:
- The Great Problem!
  - They Had – They Gave Themselves Over:
    - To Their Own Lusts!
      - And Pursued After Immoral Pleasures & Sexual Sins!
      - Including Homosexuality! “Going After Strange / Other Flesh!”
  - Instead Of Pursuing Holiness:
    - They Pursued After Sin:
      - With All Of Their Hearts!
  - Isn’t This What We See Going On:
    - In Our Own Nation Today?
      - Especially With The Recent Ruling By The Supreme Court?
  - What We Can Learn From This Is That:
    - Immorality & Homosexuality Are Great Sins!
    - And They Are Sins That Cannot Go Unpunished!
  - God Himself Judges This Sin:
    - And Tells Us Of What He Will Do To Those Who Remain In This Sin! We See:
- The Great Punishment:
  - Jude 7b - “Are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire!”
  - Genesis 19:24-25 - “Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; / And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground!”
  - Why Did God Do This?
    - Because They Were “Giving Themselves Over To Fornication, And Going After Strange Flesh!”
  - God Does Not Take The Sins Of Immorality & Homosexuality Lightly!
    - So What Is:
- The Great Purpose:
  - Of This Lesson In Verse 7?
  - To Warn:
    - Those Who Have “Crept In Unawares!”
  - But Also To Remind Us:
    - Of The Importance Of Pursuing After Righteousness & Holiness!
- Are You Pursuing After Holiness In Your Life Today?
  - This Too Is Essential In Order For You To:
    - “Earnestly Contend For The Faith!”
  - Matthew 5:6 - “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled!”

- Make Sure You Are Giving Yourself Over To God's Desires & Not Your Own!
- Because Immorality Is A Very Dangerous Sin!

**Conclusion:**

1. These Three Lessons Show Us:
  - The Great Danger Of Sin!
    - The Sin Of Unbelief!
    - The Sin Of Rebellion!
    - The Sin Of Immorality!
  - The Reason These Sins Are So Dangerous:
    - Is Because They All End Up In The Same Way:
      - The Just Judgment Of God!
2. The Only Way Anyone Can Avoid God's Judgment:
  - And Can Even Break Free From The Bondage:
    - Of These Sins:
      - Is Through The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - Have You Come To Him?
    - And If So - Are You Living For Him?
      - Out Of Thankfulness For All The Great Privileges He Has Given You!

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