

“Be Ready!”
Jude 14-16

Introduction:

1. This Morning, We Are Going To Continue Our Study Through:
 - The Letter Of Jude!
 - So, Please Head Back There With Me!
 - For The Last Several Weeks:
 - We Have Been Learning About The Character:
 - Of False Teachers & False Members Within The Church!
 - They Existed In The Early Church:
 - During The Time Of Jude!
 - And They Exist During Our Time As Well!
 - And We Need To Be Aware Of Them:
 - Because Of The Kind Of Influence:
 - They Can Have On Us & Others Within The Church!
2. In Verses 12-13 - Where We Were Last Week:
 - We Learned About The Kind Of Influence They Can Have:
 - Through The Use Of 5 Illustrations:
 - These People, Jude Tells Us, Are Like:
 - Hidden Rocks / Spots!
 - Water-Less Clouds!
 - Withering Trees!
 - Wild Waves!
 - And Wandering Stars!
 - But Not Only Does Jude Describe Their Character & Their Conduct:
 - He Also Describes Their Conclusion:
 - That Is, What Will Happen To Them In The End!
 - Just Like Those “Wandering Stars” In The Heavens:
 - Verse 13 - “To Whom Is Reserved The Blackness Of Darkness Forever!”
3. And So He Continues To Describe Their Conclusion / Their End:
 - In Verses 14-16, Where We Read This:
 - “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, / 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. / 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!”
 - These Verses Describe A Time Still In The Future:
 - And An Event That Is Still Coming:
 - The Final Return Of The Lord Jesus Christ!
 - And Those Who Continue To Be:
 - False Teachers & False Members In His Church:
 - Will Experience The Just Judgment Of God For Their Sins!
4. So Jude Reminds Us Here That:
 - The Lord Will Return!
 - The Lord Is Coming!
 - And We Need To Be Ready!
 - Question: Are You Ready:
 - For The Coming Of The Lord?
 - What Can We Learn About His Coming From These Verses?

* First, We See:

1. ***The Prophecy Of The Lord’s Coming!***
 - In Verse 14:
 - “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of [to] these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints!”
 - It Is Through This Prophecy, As Well As Others:
 - We Learn That The Coming Of The Lord:

- Is ***Certain!***

- How Do We Know? Because Of:
- The Word Of This Prophecy:
 - Jude Gives Us One Of The Earliest Prophecies:
 - That Describes The Final Return & The Final Judgment Of God!
 - Talk About An Early Warning System!
 - **IE:** When Tornados Are Coming, A Siren Will Sound Just Minutes Before The Danger!
Hurricanes - Days & Weeks! But When God's Judgment Is Coming, He Warns Us Over & Over & Over Again! And One Of The Earliest Warnings:
 - Is The Prophecy Of Enoch:
 - "The Seventh From Adam!"
 - Who Lived Even Before The Great Flood In Which His Great-Grandson, Noah, Was Rescued With His Family In The Ark!
 - So Even Then:
 - God Was Warning People Of His Coming, In The Distant Future, To Judge The World – And Enoch Was Not Describing The Flood!
 - And To Enoch, It Was As Certain As If It Had Already Come!
 - The Coming Of The Lord Is Certain!
 - But Are You Ready?
- The Warning Of This Prophecy:
 - Enoch Says - "Behold, The Lord Cometh With Ten Thousands Of His Saints [Holy Ones / Angels]"!
 - This Was A Well-Known Prophecy To The Jews & Christians Of That Day!
 - The Prophecy Was Passed Down & Recorded In Another Book Called The Book Of Enoch!
 - But Under The Inspiration Of The Holy Spirit:
 - Jude Confirms That This Prophecy Was, In Fact, From God!
 - But This Warning Is Not Just Found Here!
 - No, This Prophecy Is Repeated Over & Over Again!
 - Daniel Tells Us Of The Coming Of The Lord:
 - Daniel 7:9-10 - "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. / A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened!"
 - Jesus Tells Us Of His Own Coming:
 - Matthew 25:31-33 - "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory!"
- The Coming Of The Lord Is Certain!
 - And This Truth Is Nothing New!
 - From The Earliest Time, God Has Been Warning Us, Through His Prophets & Even Through His Own Son, That He Will Come To Judge Us All!
 - Are You Ready?

* But We Also See:

2. ***The Purpose For The Lord's Coming!***

- In Verse 15, Which Is Still A Part Of Enoch's Prophecy:
 - "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!"
 - This Describes The Two-Fold Purpose For The Lord's Coming:
 - To Judge & To Convict!
- His Purpose To Judge!
 - "To Execute Judgment Upon All!" – "All!"
 - What God Is Telling Us Is That:
 - Everyone Will Be At This Judgment!
 - I Will Be There!
 - You Will Be There!
 - Every Single Person Will Be There!

- And At This Coming:
 - The Lord Will Make A Judgment About:
 - Who Belongs To Him:
 - Through Faith!
 - And Who Does Not Belong To Him:
 - Through Unbelief!
 - Jesus Himself Describes This Judgment:
 - In Matthew 25:32-33 - “And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: / And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left!”
 - This “Separation” Is Part Of God’s Judgment!
 - But Are You Ready?
 - The Lord Will Tell Those Who Are His Sheep:
 - Matthew 25:34 - “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!”
 - But The Lord Will Tell Those Who Do Not Belong To Him:
 - The Goats - Matthew 25:41 - “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels!”
 - Are You Ready For This Final Judgment Of God?
 - Do You Belong To Him?
 - Are You One Of His Sheep?
 - How Can You Know?
 - 1 John 5:11-13 - “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. / He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. / These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God!”
 - Make Sure You Are Ready For The Lord’s Coming!
 - Because If You Are Not, We Also See:
- Purpose To Convict!
 - “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!”
 - The Judge Of The Earth Will Put All Of Those Who Remain In Their Sin On Trial:
 - And Will Convict Them & Convince Them Of Their Crimes Against Him!
 - And They Will Have No Defense!
 - The Evidence Will Be Presented:
 - And Cannot Be Refuted!
 - Because God Knows All & Has Seen It All & Has Even Recorded It All!
 - We Must Know That:
 - IE: Nothing Is Said Or Done “Off The Record!”
 - Even Before The Internet & The Death Of Privacy, Everything Was & Still Is Recorded By The Lord!
 - And Those Who Are Not Ready:
 - By Turning From Their Sin & Turning To The Lord Jesus By Faith:
 - Will Be Guilty As Charged!
 - And With: “No Ground To Appeal!” (Hiebert)
 - Are You Ready?
 - What Will God Convict These People Of?
 - Convict: Ungodly Worship!
 - The Word For “Ungodly” Is Found Here:
 - Four Times In This One Verse!
 - And It Describes, Initially, Who They Are Apart From God!
 - They Are The “Ungodly Among Them”:
 - Or The “Godless Ones!”
 - They Have Lived Their Lives “Without God In This World!”
 - According To Romans 1:25, They Are The Ones Who: “Changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen!”
 - And This Is Where It All Starts!

- The Heart! Anything But True Worship From A Regenerated Heart Through Christ Jesus Is Ungodliness!
 - And “The Lord Knoweth Them That Are His!” (2 Timothy 2:19)
- Convict: Ungodly Works!
 - “Of All Their Ungodly Deeds Which They Have Ungodly Committed!”
 - Again - Everything They Have Done:
 - Apart From God!
 - The Works They Have Done:
 - And Even They Way In Which They Were Done!
 - An Ungodly Heart:
 - Will Taint / Contaminate All That Is Done & Said!
 - Isaiah 64:6 - “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away!”
- Convict: Ungodly Words!
 - “And Of All Their Hard Speeches Which Ungodly Sinners Have Spoken Against Him!”
 - Offending God With Their Words!
 - **IE:** How Many Claim To Not Know Or Believe In God, But They Speak His Name All The Time! And In Doing So, They Are Judging & Condemning Themselves!
 - Exodus 20:7 - “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain!”
 - Matthew 12:36-37 - “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. / For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned!”
- When A Person Appears Before God By Themselves:
 - There Can Be No Defense!
 - Their Worship / Their Works / Their Words:
 - Will All Reveal Their Guilt!
 - This Prophecy Describes:
 - The Great White Throne Judgment!
 - Which Is Also Found In:
 - Revelation 20:11-15 - “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. / And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. / And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. / And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. / And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire!”
 - Are You Ready For This Judgment?
 - Will Your Name Be Found In The Book Of Life?
- “Every Human Being Must Stand Before The Judge! The Righteous Will Be Acquitted Through The Redeeming Work Of Christ! But The Wicked Will [Be Convicted Of Their Crimes Against Their Creator]!” (Simon Kistemaker)
 - The Only Way To Be Ready When The Lord Comes:
 - Is To Found In Jesus Christ!
 - His Forgiveness Alone:
 - Will Wipe Away Your Guilt!
 - His Righteousness Alone:
 - Will Give You Life!
 - Be Sure You Are Ready!
 - Otherwise, You Will Experience:

3. ***The Problem At The Lord’s Coming!***

- Verse 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!”
 - Jude Further Describes The Crimes Of The Ungodly Ones:
 - Who Will Be Judged At the Lord’s Coming!
 - What Does Their Ungodliness Look Like?

- Sin Of Murmuring:
 - “They Are Murmurers!”
 - Someone Who Grumbles About Things That Are Not Going His Way! Muttering Under The Breath!
 - Not Content With The Circumstances They Are In!
 - Shows An Ungodly Heart!
 - Murmuring Is A Sin That Will Be Judged!
- Sin Of Complaining:
 - “Complainers!”
 - To Find Fault / To Blame:
 - Others & Especially God For What They Are Going Through!
 - Again - Shows An Ungodly Heart!
 - Complaining Is A Sin That Will Be Judged!
- Sin Of Carnality:
 - They Are: “Walking After Their Own Lusts!”
 - All They Care About Are Their Own Wants & Desires!
 - Even When They Are Contrary To The Will & Purpose Of God For Their Lives!
 - Carnality Is A Sin That Must Be Judged!
 - Romans 8:7-8 - “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. / So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God!”
- Sin Of Pride:
 - “And Their Mouth Speaketh Great Swelling Words!”
 - Or Extravagant, Boastful Words!
 - They Puff Themselves Up In Their Pride!
 - Like Psalm 12:4 - “Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?”
 - Pride Also Is A Sin:
 - That Will Be Judged At The Last Day!
- Sin Of Flattery:
 - “Having Men’s Persons In Admiration Because Of Advantage!”
 - They Puff Others Up With Their Words:
 - In Order To Benefit Themselves!
 - Again - All Done For Themselves!
 - This Kind Of Flattery Is Also A Sin That Will Be Judged!
- These Sins Seem So Common To Us – Don’t They?
 - But They Are Not To Be Taken Lightly!
 - Because At The Lord’s Coming:
 - They Will Be Judged In Those Who Have Not Received Forgiveness Through Faith In The Lord Jesus!
 - But Even If You Have Been Saved From Your Sin:
 - You Are To Avoid These Kinds Of Sins In Your Own Life!
 - Because It Also Shows What Is The Will And Pleasure Of The Lord!
- So Be Ready!

Conclusion:

- 1 The Lord Is Coming!
- 1 John 1:28 - “And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming!”
 - Are You Ready?

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