

# Jude

## The Mercy & Judgement of God

“The plain truth is that false doctrine has been the chosen engine which Satan has employed in every age to stop the progress of the Gospel of Christ.” —J.C. Ryle

“Love Warns”

### Introduction

- Jude has spent the verses 5-16 warning the churches about danger that false teachers who have come in among them present.
- He transitions now to address these believers directly in order to remind them that God has spoken His Word to them to warn them of this threat as well as to empower them to contend against it.

### The Judgment of the Ungodly—Jude 17-19

<sup>17</sup> But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” <sup>19</sup> It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

### Jude’s Exhortation

- He begins by addressing them directly and reminding them of their \_\_\_\_\_.

“beloved” →

- \* This is the second time within the letter that he has referred to them in this way (1:1)

- He then calls for them to remember that the Lord has not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

“you must remember”—**μυνησκομαι (mimnēskomai)**— “To remember or recall.” The term is used here as a command.

- ⇒ The use of this term in 1:1 and 1:17 seems to indicate that Jude viewed the apostles’ teachings as bearing the same authority as the \_\_\_\_\_.

“the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ” →

Implications: (1) As Lord, Jesus exercises His \_\_\_\_\_ for the good of His people.

(2) He sent the apostles to His people as His representatives to speak His \_\_\_\_\_.

(3) Their teachings involved \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the circumstances that His people would face.

### The Apostles’ Predictions

“In the last time” — The NT conveys in numerous places that believers live in the “latter days.” (Acts 2:17; 1 Pet. 1:20)

Heb. 1:2—but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things...

- \* This in no way contradicts the certain fulfillment of the coming of the “day of the Lord” in its most complete sense.

“there will be scoffers”—**ἐμπαύκτης (empaiktēs)**— Those expressing contempt or scorn for; mockers.

- ⇒ In view here is probably mockery of God in general and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ in particular.

“following”—This term has been used by Jude two other times within the book (11 & 16) to describe the conduct of these false teachers.

“their own ungodly passions”—**ἐπιθυμία (epithymia)**—A desire for something forbidden or which is not proper; a craving or lust.

- ⇒ They mock God both through their \_\_\_\_\_ as well as through their \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Point:** The churches must be reminded of these things so as not to become \_\_\_\_\_!

## The True Condition of the False Teachers

- Jude now relates the prophecies of the apostles to “these” who have come in among the churches.

“It is these who cause divisions”—**ἀποδιορίζω (apodiorizō)**—To draw a boundary through; to mark off; to divide or separate.

⇒ They are probably classifying some (themselves and those who follow them) as “spiritual” or “\_\_\_\_\_” because of their willingness or ability to engage in sinful behavior.

- Jude therefore turns their own language and terminology against them to describe their true condition.

“worldly people”—**ψυχικός (psychikos)**— Pertaining to the life of the natural world and whatever belongs to it, in contrast to the realm of experience whose central characteristic is **πνεῦμα (pneuma)**, natural, unspiritual, worldly. One who functions bodily without being affected by the Spirit of God.

1 Cor. 2:14—The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

“devoid of the Spirit”— Literally translated as “ones not having the Spirit.”

- \* This terminology serves to explain why these people are the way that they are. They are unbelievers who cannot be guided by the Holy Spirit because He is not present within them.

⇒ This is the reason that they “\_\_\_\_\_” according to their passions and desires.

**Key Point:** These people must not be followed or given a platform to teach because they are \_\_\_\_\_!

## Living as Those Loved by God

1. We must remember the vital role that Scripture is to play in our lives.

*It establishes our \_\_\_\_\_.*

1 Pet. 2:9—But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

*It reminds us that God is \_\_\_\_\_ us.*

Matt. 28:20b—And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

*It is used by God to \_\_\_\_\_ us.*

1 Cor. 10:6—Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

2. We must remember the danger of giving unbelievers too much authority to speak into our lives.

1 John 2:15-17—<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

## Questions for Reflection

1. How does the fact that you have access to God’s Word serve to encourage your heart?
2. In what areas of your life are you prone to give unbelievers too much of a platform?