

Scripture Reference: Jude

Theme: Beware of false teachers

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1	Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ	<p>Identifies the writer of this document and the writer's attitude toward Christ.</p> <p>A servant is someone who is useful to another in the performance of tasks.</p> <p>In the NAS the word servant is rendered bond-servant which is someone who has sold themselves into slavery.</p>	<p>I am a servant of Jesus. I will obey His commands. I will do the things that He wants me to do.</p>
	Brother of James	<p>Additional research shows that Jude was the brother of Jesus, the brother of James.</p> <p>This demonstrates Jude's humility</p>	<p>I want to be humbler before the Lord.</p>
	To those who have been called	<p>No one comes to God unless they are called. This is referring to Christians who are considered "The Elect"</p>	<p>I will give thanks to the Lord for calling me out of my sin to His work.</p>
	Who are loved by God the Father	<p>The Greek word here is a form of the word agape or Godly perfect love. Cf: John 3:16</p>	<p>I will give thanks to God for loving me.</p> <p>I will pass that love along to everyone that I meet so that they may get to know the God of the universe.</p>
	And kept by Jesus Christ	<p>Kept or better preserved by Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Protected, covered or hidden in Christ</p>	<p>I will give thanks to Jesus for His sacrifice on the cross that saves me.</p> <p>I will give thanks to Jesus for</p>

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		<p>To preserve something is to keep something protected anything that would cause its harm or cause it to fall out of use.</p> <p>We are kept useable by obedience to Jesus and trust in His sacrifice.</p>	<p>keeping me from the sin that so easily entangles me.</p> <p>I will pray to always be bold and useable by God.</p>
2	<p>Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance</p>	<p>God shows us kindness or forgiveness since He has all of the power over us.</p> <p>God protects us and gives us peace as we obey His doctrines.</p> <p>God gives to us in an overflowing abundance all of the fruits of the Spirit as we obey.</p>	<p>I will thank God for His mercy on me and the peace and love He has given to me.</p>
3	<p>About the salvation we share</p>	<p>Eph 4:4-6 The great gift of God in Christ Jesus that keeps us in life and will present us to the Father perfect.</p> <p>There is no distinction between believers in time.</p> <p>The ground at the foot of the cross is level.</p>	<p>I will thank God for the salvation that He has called me to.</p> <p>I will commit myself to spreading God's word to as many as He puts in my path.</p>
	<p>Urge you to contend for the faith</p>	<p>This gives the impression of fighting to win the prize, to struggle against something. I believe it is our sinful natures.</p> <p>The faith or the teachings that Jesus entrusted to us during His Earthly ministry.</p>	<p>I will run the race of live as to win the prize of my Lords blessing.</p>
	<p>That was once for all entrusted to the saints.</p>	<p>The faith or the teachings that Jesus entrusted to us during His Earthly ministry.</p>	<p>I will live up the the trust placed in my by spreading the word of God.</p> <p>I will do my best to live up to the great commission.</p>
4	<p>Certain men</p>	<p>The false prophets that had crept in.</p>	<p>I will test all things by the word of God and hold fast</p>

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			to His truth.
	Whose condemnation was written about long ago	Most of the prophets in the old testament told of false prophets and the condemnation that would come upon them.	I will keep myself from idoltry and immorality. I will set myself apart for God.
	Have secretly slipped in among you.	Stealthily worked their way into the fellowship. The false teaching was subtle and slowly violated the principles of God. Makes me think of the Seeker Sensitive movement of today where compromise is the name of the game. Beer is OK for Christians; oh a little cussing is OK... This could also relate to the way that sin enters our lives. Most Christians would resist an overt sin in their lives but the compromise of the world sneaks up on them and before they know it they are sinning.	I will be aware of the things happening around me to protoect the flock entrusted to me. I will reject sin in every form as soon as I recognize it as sin.
	They are godless men	Without God of an evil or immoral character or nature. Anti-Christ without God's influence on their lives.	I will cultivate a godly character by obedience, study, and prayer.
	Who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality	They change the infinite love, mercy, favor and goodwill shown to humankind by God into an excuse to sin. The false teachers were perverting the teachings of God through Christ into opportunities to sin. Paul deals with this subject in Romans 5:19-6:23. God condemned the nation of Israel in Isaiah,	I will live a holy life to show God correct and myself corrupt. I will teach only the truth of God as He has revealed it to me.

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		Jeremiah, and Ezekiel specifically. Portions of the idolatry that were being performed included immorality or all sorts. Artemis, Athena...	
	And deny Jesus Christ or only Sovereign Lord	To deny Christ is to deny the gift of God and God Himself. The false teachers were Gnostics who held that everything physical was corrupt and everything spiritual was divine therefore they were guilty of many physical improprieties because to them it did not matter.	I will not deny the Lord Jesus Christ; to whom else would I go?
5	Though you already know this	Jude wasn't telling them anything new but applying it in a different light and exhorting them to content for the faith.	I will continue to learn the whole council of God.
	The Lord delivered His people out of Egypt	In Exodus God showed His love for his people by delivering them out of the hand of Pharaoh.	I will praise God for His every blessing and providence in my life.
	But later destroyed those who did not believe	And even with such a love God did not spare those who violated His laws. No matter how much God loves each and every one of us He will not put up with immorality and prideful sin.	I will live as I believe to prove God is my Lord and Savior
6	Angles who did not keep their authority	Heavenly creatures have some authority in Heaven in God's proper plan. Lucifer was one who had considerable authority in Heaven and did not keep his place but wanted more and God reminded Him who was in charge.	I will not speak of things that I do not know. I will leave all things in God's hands to keep myself from error.
	But abandoned their own home	Lucifer chose to "rule" in hell rather than serve in Heaven whereby he abandoned his home in	I will keep the place that God has given me until He moves me.

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		heaven. In Gen 6:2-4 God talks about angels that took human wives and conceived children. God was not happy about this.	
	These he has kept in darkness	God demonstrated His authority over all things by putting Lucifer in hell until the appointed time. The angles that went with Lucifer were also sent to the darkness or out of the presence of God.	I will pray for the unsaved to come to a saving knowledge of God so they will avoid these punishments.
	Bound with everlasting chains for judgment	Their movements and activates are restricted until the time when God judges the entire creation and sets things right.	
7	In a similar way	In the same way as Lucifer and the fallen angles rebelled.	
	Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns	The towns that God destroyed in Genesis 18 and 19. Their destruction was not because of in hospitality as some would say.	I will warn sinners to flee from their sin and into the loving arms of God.
	Gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion	The men and women of Sodom and Gomorrah were very wicked practicing homosexuality and sodomy.	I will keep myself sexually pure. I will be a one-woman-man
	They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire	God rained down fire as a punishment against them.	I will show an example of a Christ changed life in order to save some.
8	In the same way	In the same type of rebellion as the previous examples.	
	These dreamers pollute their own bodies	The false teachers violate the sacred nature of the temple of their bodies in immorality.	I will keep myself sexually pure.
	Reject authority	They do not respect the authority of God or the apostles but themselves alone.	I will submit myself to the authority of God and His elected officials.

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	And slander celestial beings	<p>The false teachers were saying false or malicious statements about the angles and possibly the apostles.</p> <p>We do not know of such things so it is better to say nothing and let God be the judge.</p>	I will speak no evil thing.
9	Archangel Michael	<p>One of only two angles mentioned in the bible. A magnificent creature of God with tremendous power.</p> <p>Michael in Rev 12:7 is said to lead the angles against the devil during the war in Heaven.</p> <p>I think it prudent to be on his side. :)</p>	
	When disputing with the devil about the body of Moses	??????????	
	Did not dare bring slanderous accusation against him	Michael did not presume to take the place of Christ who is the righteous judge and the only one with the right to accuse anyone.	I will slander no one.
	But said the Lord rebuke you	<p>Michael placed Jesus Christ in His proper place when He appealed to His authority rather than his own.</p> <p>Even though Michael was sent out in the name of God to do a work he know that it was God who would accomplish this work.</p>	<p>I will leave the fight in God's hands where it belongs.</p> <p>I will leave revenge in God's hands where it is best served.</p>
10	Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand	The false teachers were very presumptuous and speak with hasty lips and show themselves fools.	I will not be presumptuous but humble in the presence of God.
	And what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals	They act by instinct as animals rather than by reason and rational thought as God would.	<p>Slow to speak and quick to listen.</p> <p>Relying on God to guide.</p>

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	These are the very things that destroy them.	This very thing is their undoing. They will give into their passions and live uncontrolled lives; this is not God's way.	I will live a controlled and pious life.
11	Woe to them	A serious affliction or misfortune will befall them because they do not do the things of God.	I will pray that God will keep me from sin.
	They have taken the way of Cain	The way of Cain was anger and uncontrolled rejection of God's provision. Cain's way ended up in murder and eternal punishment.	I will live a controlled and pious life.
	They have rushed for profit into Balaam's error	Balaam was asked to pronounce a curse on the people of Israel. God told him not to do it but he did it anyway. These false teachers are doing the same. Disobeying God and his commands.	I will obey God even if it costs me all.
	They have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion	The family of Korah tried to usurp the authority of Moses and Aaron and said that the whole nation of Israel was holy. Pride and a self inflated ego will kill you.	I will not attempt to usurp God's authority or the authority of God's elect.
12	These men are blemishes at your love feasts	They were a flaw that spoiled the appearance of the assembly of the righteous. Psalm 1 says that the wicked should not be found among the righteous. The NASB renders the word blemishes as hidden reefs; this denotes a hidden hazard that could sink the ship of your life.	I will warn those about to wreck on the reef to change course.
	Eating without the slightest	They did not even care	I will serve other first and

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	qualm	that they were out of place in the assembly of the righteous.	myself last. I will develop an attitude of servitude.
	Shepherds who feed only themselves	The false teachers were only focused on themselves. A shepherd's responsibility was to lead the sheep to food and protect them. These false teachers were doing neither.	I will lead my sheep in the right way and to the good food. I will steer them away from the brown grass to the green grass.
	They are clouds without rain	Useless for what are clouds without rain for the ground.	I will serve God so that my life counts.
	Blown along by the wind	Not stable but easily moved.	I will stand firm on God's word and in His laws.
	Autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted – twice dead.	Worthless no fruit and no root dead in both the sense of usefulness and in the sense of existence.	I will be ready to bear fruit as God gives the increase. I will plant, water or harvest at the Lords direction.
13	They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame	When the waves of the ocean foam the foam is full of nasty stuff and dirty.	I will keep myself from shame by living according to the law of God.
	Wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever	Gives the sense of asteroids that are out of orbit and destined to collide with something or be sucked into a black hole and eliminated.	I will stay in my proper place and be satisfied with what God has given me. I will wait on God for every good thing and not try to take them for myself through my own power.
14	Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones	Enoch prophesied this in a non-canonical book the book of Enoch. The only mention of this is in Jude and so it is best to consider this a mystery that God has not yet revealed to us.	I will pray to be one of God's men on the day of battle.
15	To judge everyone. and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way	Jesus Christ will judge everyone and convict the ungodly.	I will pray to be standing in front of the Mercy seat and not in front of the Judgement seat.
	And of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."	Be careful what comes out of your mouth for with the same lips you praise your father in heaven and curse	I will keep my speech salted with humility and my words few that I might not sin.

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		your brother.	I will be an encourager.
16	These men are grumblers and faultfinders	<p>The false teachers were very contentious people who sewed dissention among the brothers.</p> <p>God desires just the opposite of this but for us to encourage and exhort each other.</p>	I will accept the things that God gives me and not grumble against Him or His decisions.
	They follow their own desires	<p>They do not respect and obey the ways of God and go after their evil desires.</p> <p>God calls us to a different standard of righteousness. We are to deny ourselves and think of others better than ourselves.</p>	<p>I will die to myself and live for God.</p> <p>I will despise my own desires and love God's will for my life.</p>
	They boast about themselves	<p>Pride and boasting are at the top of God's list. For by pride Satan fell from heaven.</p> <p>If we are to boast we should only boast in God and His Son Christ Jesus.</p>	I will not boast in myself but only in the gifts that God and given me and in the God who gave them.
	And flatter others for their own advantage	<p>The world says that we should stroke people to get what we want out of life.</p> <p>Oh what a contrast is the divine will.</p>	I will not flatter for advantage but encourage in the spirit of love.
17	Remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold	God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit revealed many things to the apostles in order to warn, instruct, and encourage the believers.	I will pray that God the Holy Spirit will teach me and reveal things to me by the will of God.
18	In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires	Since the Lord is longsuffering and delays that none will perish; many men will say, and are saying, that Jesus will never come back it was just a made up story. They say we should just do whatever we want for there is no God.	I will pray that all men will come to a saving knowledge of God before He comes back.

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		<p>God in Revelations puts this statement to rest. The Holy Spirit in our hearts confirms God's revelation.</p>	
19	<p>These are men who divide you,</p>	<p>Scoffers will always divide those who listen to them. For some will be lead astray by them and their persuasive words.</p>	<p>I will work for unity and against division as it lines up with God's will and law.</p>
	<p>Who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit</p>	<p>Their natural instincts or human wisdom will not comprehend spiritual things. They do only things that they know.</p> <p>The wisdom of God seems foolishness to the world.</p>	<p>I will pray for God's Spirit to keep me on the narrow path.</p>
20	<p>Build yourselves up in your most holy faith</p>	<p>Learn, test and confirm all that God reveals to you that your faith may be strengthened.</p> <p>James shows the progression of the christian life through the building up of your faith.</p>	<p>I will endeavor to pass each test that God gives me so I will be perfect on the day He calls me home.</p>
	<p>And pray in the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>We as Christians are suppose to pray to the Father, in the name of the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>For the Holy Spirit interceeds for you with groans...</p>	<p>I will follow the proper pattern and function of prayer.</p>
21	<p>Keep yourself in God's love</p>	<p>Obey God and submit to His will and you will continue in fellowship with Him.</p>	<p>I will obey God.</p>
	<p>As you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life</p>	<p>The mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ is His covering our sin with His blood on the day of judgement so that we will not be judged but forgiven and rewarded.</p> <p>Forgiven for our sins and rewarded with eternal life in the presence of God.</p>	<p>I will actively wait for God's return and try to take as many to heaven with me as I can.</p> <p>I understand that there is plenty of room in heaven.</p>

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		Waiting in this context is not sitting still but actively waiting for Christ by doing the will of God.	
22	Be merciful to those who doubt	Mercy to those who doubt would be to convince them of their error and show them the whole council of God to salvation.	I will be ready with an answer for the faith that lies within me. I will study apologetics to be a strong witness for Christ.
23	Snatch others from the fire and save them;	Snatching someone from the fire is leading someone to salvation in the 11 th hour. For example going to nursing homes and evangelising. Going to hospitals and evangelising the dieing patients.	I will be ready with an answer for the faith that lies within me.
	To show others mercy,	Evangelism in God's plan is dynamic it is focused on the needs of the person. Some need convincing, some need to see the love of God, some need to see their sin throught the 10 commandments. In Isaiah 61 God gives us the perscription for witnessing.	I will be ready with an answer for the faith that lies within me. I will follow God's perscription for witnessing as found in Isaiah 61.
	mixed with fear	Fear in this context is probably better stated awe of the wonder of our Lord Jesus Christ and the awesome plan of the Father that gives us the ability to approach the throne of Grace and talk to the God of the universe.	I will live in holy reverence of God and give Him the respect that He deserves.
	Hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh	Shun the world's system and the things of it. Anything that is sin to God we should run from in holy fear. Yes there are times to battle the sin and this we	I will flee from sin and corruption by the world.

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		should do with the armor of God on us but remembering that it is God's battle.	
24	To Him who is able to keep you from falling	It is God who fights the battle; it is God who deals with our flesh; it is God who takes care of Satan and his minions; it is God who keeps you from falling. God will prop you up even when you fall if you claim 1 John 1:9.	I will rely on God for every step that I take. I will fall on my face before Him when I sin and thank Him for forgiving me.
	And to present you before His glorious presence	On that day when He raptures his church He will present us to His Father as His bride. pure and Holy in Christ.	I know that I am not worthy to be set before God except for Jesus. I will rely only on Jesus Christ to see His work completed in me.
	Without flaw	Pure and Holy in Christ. Christ's blood sacrifice on the cross cleanses us so that we appear as if we have never sinned.	I will rely only on Jesus Christ to see His work completed in me.
	And with great joy	He will be proud to present us to His Father because we are hidden in His righteousness. We will be so full of Joy I imagine that we will not be able to stop sobbing or singing or shouting Holy, Holy. Holy is the Lord.	I will thank Him for all of the joy in my life and any joy that I might be able to bring into another's life.
25	To the only God our savior be glory	There is only 1 God and no other. He has saved His people to His glory. We are little more than servants of a great master.	I will give God all of the glory for every good and perfect thing.
	Majesty	His title as King and an attribute of His character	
	Power	God is Omnipotent	
	And authority	All power and authority is His. Who can call Him into court or challenge Him? Lucifer tried that and look where he ended up.	

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	Through Jesus Christ our Lord	God the Father chooses to accomplish His perfect will through Jesus Christ and so for a special.	
	Before all ages	A reference to the preexistent Christ.	
	Now and forevermore!	The everlasting nature of God. The fact that He is outside of time and space.	
	Amen.	May it be!	