

Jude 06 - Judgment Begins at Home

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Prologue: Only One Faith Justified Live by Faith

- ▶ Throughout the Bible there has only been **One Faith** (Hab 2:4; Ro 1:17; Ga 3:11)
 - ▶ Pre-Law: Job saved by repentance-faith apart from religious rituals (Job 1:1-5; 42:1-6)
 - ▶ Law: David wrote repentance-faith apart from Temple rituals (Ps 51:16-17; 10:1-4; Ga 3:16-18)
 - ▶ Post-Law: Repentance by faith in Christ alone {Solas}: Salvation (Ro 10:8-11, 17)
- ▶ God did not cast away His people, Jews; He fulfills His promises (Ro 11:1, 5-6, 25-29)
 - ▶ Jews promised to be priests, but not Aaronic; fulfilled in Millennial Kingdom (Ge 34:13-17, 25-29; Ex 19:5-6; Is 62:6-7; Ze 14:16-21)
 - ▶ They will be part of the New Covenant body (Ze 12:10; 1Co 12:12-27; Re 21:1-7, 22-25)
- ▶ This is the One, shared, common, faith of Jude; in Christ, **all the *called-out ones*** and the Spirit say, “Come,” to all who will walk by faith, not rituals (Re 22:16-17)
 - ▶ There are always those who divide the One Faith; Jude is redirected to Warn us of them

Prologue: Following the Bible - Your Praxis Identifies Your Condition

- ▶ Our study follows Jude's, and thus God's, template using Scripture
 - ▶ We will look at the general praxis of False Teachers: Sensuality
 - ▶ Looking and naming past and current examples detracts from understanding the praxis which does not vary regardless of age (Ec 1:9-11)
 - ▶ Naming groups or leaders detracts from understanding praxis and is of little value as the outward *trappings* change to keep people confused
 - ▶ Our study will avoid this trap which creates confusion and conflicts (1Ti 6:20; 2Ti 2:15-17; Tit 3:9-11)
- ▶ False Teachers guided by their Flesh and demonic *wisdom* (Ja 3:14-16)
 - ▶ False Teachers' praxis proves the Bible true; this is how they reveal themselves worthy of God's, not yours, judgment {Condemnation vs discernment} (1Jo 2:18-20)
- ▶ Their One message: Deny Christ as Master {Despotase} and Lord (1Jo 2:22-23)
 - ▶ If Christ not Lord, then there is no salvation; He is the lynchpin (Jn 1:29-30; Ro 3:21-24)

Referencing Certain People: Displaying Their Hubris

- ▶ For this lesson Jude always refers to *Certain People, Lost False Teachers*
 - ▶ Who change the grace of God into Sensuality
 - ▶ Who deny Christ as Lord and Master
- ▶ Law of Identity: Define Sensuality {ἀσέλγεια, aselgeia}
 - ▶ Sensuality includes more than just lust of the Flesh and Lust of the Eye
 - ▶ Sensuality is morality opposed to God's Morality defined by the Ten Words (Ex 20:1-17)
 - ▶ Flows from their Sin Nature which is asebeia, ungodly; true of all Lost (Ro 1:18-28)
- ▶ Why are False Teachers especially anathema?
 - ▶ They know the Bible; it does not avail them life and they deny Truth to others (Mt 23:1-36)

First Example: Judgment Begins with His People (1Pe 4:17-18)

- ▶ Judgment begins with those who know Truth {Attack from within}
 - ▶ This example presupposes False Teachers know the Bible
- ▶ Notice, Jude says Jesus visibly led the people out of Egypt
 - ▶ Consistent with John who wrote, no one has seen the Father at any time (Jn 1:18)
 - ▶ Jesus *saved* His people through miracles even against Pharaoh's chariots
 - ▶ But, when the people disbelieved Him, He judged them and only two people left the wilderness to enter Canaan: Joshua and Caleb; everyone else died (Nu 14:26-35; 26:63-65)
- ▶ Jesus holds them strictly accountable as they saw His miracles; no excuse
 - ▶ Pillar of Cloud {Day} and Fire {Night}
 - ▶ Parting of Sea of Reeds; they passed over dry ground; but not Pharaoh's army

Jews Rejection of Christ Foreshadow Their Future

- ▶ Jews rejection of Jesus in the Wilderness haunted their history and foreshadowed their rejection of Messiah
- ▶ Psalms testified to the Jews unfaithfulness; especially in the Wilderness (Ps 106:13-23)
 - ▶ People followed sensuality of their flesh when they rejected manna and demanded meat; again, picture of rejecting Christ later in their history (Jo 6:30-51)
 - ▶ People rejected God's choice of Moses to lead them; earth swallowed the core rebels, and their families; Lost always rebel against God's leadership (Nu 16)
 - ▶ They exchanged their Savior for a metal calf, a picture of all sinners; i.e., brute unreasoning beasts (Ps 73:21-22)
- ▶ God tries to *reason* with them like people, but they demand to be treated as unreasonable beasts - This is the mind of Sinners {Evolution} (Is 1:18)

Jews Who Disbelieved Rejected from His Rest

- ▶ Nearly every Jew *saved* from Egypt died in the Wilderness because they did not believe in Jesus {Exception: Moses and Aaron - Disobedience} (He 3:12-19)
 - ▶ Jesus held every adult responsible, 20 years old and upward, for their unbelief
 - ▶ Their children grew up, remained in rebellion as taught by their parents but were allowed to enter Canaan
 - ▶ Hebrews warns everyone to not reject Jesus for there is no other hope
- ▶ Hebrews then applies this warning to People in this Dispensation, First Fruits, lest they also do not enter His Rest, Salvation, due to unbelief (He 4:1-11)
 - ▶ Bible warns Jesus holds people accountable, judgment is coming (2Co 5:10)
 - ▶ God does not desire the people's death, everyone accountable for unbelief (Ez 18:23)
 - ▶ Therefore, he pleads for people to believe based on Bible: only Truth (He 4:12-13)

Jude Confirms John and Paul: False Teachers in Church

- ▶ Jude writes that these False Teachers knew the Scriptures, its lessons and were in the Church (1Jo 2:18-23)
 - ▶ They held positions of authority masquerading as people of God; i.e., Teachers
 - ▶ Their teaching was off the mark, skewed from the Truth to justify their rebellion and foster rebellion in others
 - ▶ Since they reject Jesus, as do all Lost; they are known as antichrists
- ▶ These people have the *appearance* of eusebeia, godliness, but deny God's power just as those in the Wilderness; they cannot hide from mature (2Ti 3:1-9)
 - ▶ Ever learning they never come to the knowledge of the Truth
 - ▶ They love self, opposite of humility; hence, elevate self over all others
 - ▶ They are brutal, do not care for your soul; just like their father, Satan (Jn 8:44)

Unbelief Basis for Judgment

- ▶ Lost seek to live by works thinking thoughts, words and deeds will decide their fate; as if there is a fate to be decided {Scales of Ma'at}
 - ▶ There is only **one** criterion for salvation, eternal life: Belief
 - ▶ Christ can help your unbelief, weakened faith (Mk 9:24)
 - ▶ Lost will give an account for their unbelief; they see Christ as Lord (Ph 2:9-11; Re 20:11-15)
- ▶ Today, This Day, is the time to believe (He 4:7-11; Re 3:20)
 - ▶ Do not harden your hearts because of family, culture, philosophies or grievances
 - ▶ Rebellion against earthly authorities are warnings of rebellion against God
- ▶ Think the angels were less accountable? In our next lesson discover they were more accountable!