

# Jude 07 - Belief is Not Enough

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# Prologue: 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)

# Prologue: 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!

# Second Example: Judgment on Those Who Believed-Sinned

- ▶ Jude's second example of False Teachers' characteristics are *fallen* angels
  - ▶ Christ created angels before Creation (Col 1:15-20)
- ▶ Angels have **One** guiding mission: Serve {Deacon} those to be Saved (Ac 6:1-7; He 1:14)
  - ▶ Satan, highest of all angels, resented Christ's position as Son to the Father (He 1:5-7)
  - ▶ Satan hated the plan to create Man in God's image; i.e., to be above him (He 1:8-13)
  - ▶ Satan rebelled; one-third of angels followed him becoming fallen angels: Demons (Is 14:12-17; Ez 28:11-19; Re 12:4a)
- ▶ The Angels *first* estate, duty, is to serve Salvation; all else is secondary (Ph 2:3-11)
  - ▶ Angels believe because they have seen Father and Son: Spirits (Jn 4:23-24; Ja 2:19)
  - ▶ Demons sought *freedom* for themselves rather than eternal service to Man
  - ▶ Demons rejected because they rejected Truth; "Not Fair!" (Ro 1:18-28; 1Jo 2:22-23; 2Jo 7-9)

# Judgment: Eternal Fire

- ▶ Fires of judgment prepared, past tense, for Satan and Demons (Mt 25:41)
- ▶ Judged immediately but sentence delayed due to Satan's objections\*
  - ▶ Christ creates angels who sin, Christ creates Man who sins; i.e., Christ creates sin (Ja 1:13-17)
  - ▶ Christ's Truth a lie; i.e., unrighteous to judge: Enslave all to Him (Ps 51:3-4; Ro 3:1-4)
  - ▶ Christ's unfair as sin's unrighteousness highlights His righteousness; i.e., is necessary to understand salvation; except, sinners still reject salvation (Ro 3:5-18)
  - ▶ I believe Dispensational Eschatology shows each of Satan's objections proven false and all sinners shown worthy of their judgment by their works (Re 20)
- ▶ Christ did not pay for Demons' salvation; spirit does not die, only flesh (He 2:14-17)
  - ▶ Demons unredeemable (Mt 8:28-29)
  - ▶ Angels who did not rebel cannot sin; they remain in Truth: Election (1Ti 6:21)

# Sin's Hallmark: Increasing Lack of Control

- ▶ Self-Control is a *fruit* of the Spirit; hence, increasing sinfulness shows greater lack of Control; especially at certain periods of history (Ga 5:22-23)
  - ▶ Pre-Law: Cain's descendants in nearly complete Control of earth, their violence increases dramatically; hence, Noah's Cataclysm (Ge 4:23-24; 6:5-8)
  - ▶ Law: Christ's First Advent sees increase in demon possession as they oppose Him and His Gospel (Mt 8:28-34)
  - ▶ Post-Law: Satan and Demons thrown out of Heaven and know their time is short; hence, they are increasing in violence as Spirit is restrained (2Th 2:3-12; Re 12:7-12)
  - ▶ Millennial Kingdom: Satan bound for nearly entire period; yet, when he is released, he incites rejection of Truth and rebellion against service, encircles Jerusalem (Re 20:1-3, 7-10)
  - ▶ Satan-Demons work behind scenes of history inciting rebellion (Da 10:13, 20; Mt 4:8-10)

# Out of Control Demons: *Chained* in Darkness

- ▶ Sinners who die go to Sheol-Hades-Hell; Demons do not die, no bodies, hence they must be restrained until The Time (Lk 16:22-26)
  - ▶ Demons whom Satan cannot control are *chained* in Hell {ταρταρώω, tartarōō} until the time of their release: Great Tribulation (Lk 8:26-33; 2Pe 2:4)
  - ▶ Since they did not want to serve Man, they gladly torment Man who embraces sin (Re 9:1-11)
- ▶ Christians cannot be indwelt by Demons as they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Ro 8:9-11)
  - ▶ Demons lie to ignorant Christians fooling them to believe The Lie and join the Lost; Christ disciplines or removes them (1Co 11:27-32; Ep 5:6-17; 1Th 5:19; 2Th 2:9-12)
  - ▶ Thus, Bible urges Christians to study to be approved and practice discernment to avoid the ever-changing winds of Satanic doctrines (Ep 4:11-14; He 5:11-14)

# Angels are Created: Nothing Special

- ▶ Bible clearly speaks that angels are created beings who do not possess any inherently special powers except as required for the mission {Charisma}
  - ▶ Even Job's lost friends knew omniscient God counted His angels as finite and thus capable of foolishness like Man; hence, fallen angels (Job 4:18-19; 15:15-16)
  - ▶ Satan pictured as disrespectful to God as he *accuses* Job of sin and God of bribing Job to believe; he was wrong on both counts showing his ignorance (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7)
  - ▶ Demons and angels are not to be worshipped; Angels refuse worship (Col 2:18-19; Re 22:8-9)
- ▶ Lost Man worships Satan though trying to be as gods: The Lie (Ge 3:5)
  - ▶ Satan cares *nothing* for Man except to debase people showing his utter contempt for those Christ created to be adopted sons of the Father via Christ (Ga 3:25-4:7)
  - ▶ Satan's goal is not to save you from God but to enslave you to spite God; he cares not how many are condemned as long as he escapes his judgment



# Truth Corrupted: The Goal

- ▶ Belief in facts, like belief in God's existence, does not save
  - ▶ Belief in existence, not belief in Truth; Worldview: Satan-World-Flesh (Ro 1:18-28; Ja 4:1-4)
  - ▶ Your behavior reveals your true beliefs despite your efforts to hide them, even from yourself (Mt 6:22-23; 7:21-23)
  - ▶ Though saved you can enter eternity future with the stench of Fire on you, so close was Your danger (Jude 22-23)
- ▶ Salvation recognizes the Truth
  - ▶ Salvation is only of Christ, God's sinless sacrifice, paying for your sin (Ge 22:8; Ep 5:1-2)
  - ▶ We do everything we can to hinder our salvation and growth (Ro 8:5-8)
  - ▶ False Teachers lead astray when you believe them over the Bible (Ro 1:17; 3:20)