

THE BELIEVERS' TRIUMPH
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Jude 1-25

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” Jude 24, 25

Jude wrote to people who “are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ” (1). He ends his epistle by repeating this. God is “able to keep you from falling,” (sanctification), and “to present you faultless before the presence of his glory” (preservation).

Yet they must “earnestly contend for the faith” (3). Ungodly men had crept into the assembly. They were “turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (4). They would turn people away from Christ and from truth, to follow their own destructive ways.

Jude demonstrated that God is willing and able to deal with these enemies (5-7). He explained that their appearance was no surprise, but had been foretold by Enoch and Christ’s apostles (14-18). Nevertheless, their appearance called for spiritual vigilance (20-21), for they would cause some to doubt (22), and others would be consumed by their errors, just as fire consumes its victims (23).

But ultimately, vigilance to “earnestly contend” (3), to “keep yourselves in the love of God” (21), to build up one another and to pray (21), succeeds because God “is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory” (24). Therefore, He is worthy of “glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever” (25). We notice:

1. God is able to keep you from falling:

- a. By angels’ ministry to God’s people – Hebrews 1:14; I Kings 19:5; Daniel 10:13
- b. By the ministry of the Holy Spirit – John 16:8; I Peter 1:12
- c. By Scripture – John 17:17; Ephesians 5:26
- d. By Christ’s intercession – Luke 22:31, 32; 23:34-43

“He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake” (Psalm 23:3b). “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil” (Matthew 6:13a). “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:31, 32). “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (II Peter 1:3).

2. God is able to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy: by justification and the imputation of Christ’s righteousness – Romans 4:1-5:11

3. God’s worthiness to receive all glory and majesty, dominion and power now and forever is exhibited in His power and will to keep us from falling and to present us faultless in His presence.

“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: to God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever, Amen.” Romans 16:25-27