

Jude – Strive for The Faith Series

Part 4: Jude 10-25

JUDE - Overview

Jude calls believers to **contend earnestly for the faith** because ungodly people have crept in unnoticed and are turning the grace of God into an excuse for immorality. Jude reminds believers of God’s past judgments, exposes the character of false teachers, and urges the faithful to remember the apostles’ warnings, build themselves up in the faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, keep themselves in the love of God, and show mercy while rescuing others from the fire.

There are 3 main parts to Jude:

1: Contend for the faith. 2: Warning and judgment of ungodly intruders. 3: Remember, build up, keep, rescue, and remain in God’s mercy.

1. **Contend for the faith** extends from 1:1-4. Jude addresses those called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ. He urges them to contend earnestly for the faith once for all handed down to the saints because certain ungodly people have slipped in unnoticed and are perverting grace into a license for sin.
2. **Warning and judgment of ungodly intruders** extends from 1:5-16. Jude recalls God’s judgments on Israel, angels who sinned, and Sodom and Gomorrah. He then exposes the false teachers as ungodly, immoral, rebellious, greedy, and destructive, comparing them to Cain, Balaam, and Korah and describing their coming judgment.
3. **Remember, build up, keep, rescue, and remain** extends from 1:17-25. Believers are to remember the apostles’ warnings, build themselves up in the faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, keep themselves in God’s love, and wait for the mercy of Jesus Christ. They are also to show mercy and rescue those being drawn toward destruction, while giving glory to God who is able to keep them from stumbling.

OVERVIEW CHART

FOCUS	CONTEND FOR THE FAITH		WARNING AND JUDGMENT		REMEMBER, BUILD UP, KEEP, RESCUE, AND REMAIN IN GOD’S MERCY			
REF:	Jude 1:1–4		Jude 1:5-16		Jude 1:17–25			
DIVISION	Called, beloved, kept	Contend for the faith	Past judgments recalled	Ungodly intruders exposed	Remember the apostles’ warnings	Build up, pray, keep yourselves	Show mercy and rescue	God able to keep and present us
REF:	1:1-2	1:3-4	1:5-7	1:8-16	1:17-19	1:20-21	1:22-23	1:24-25
TOPICS	God’s calling, love, and keeping power		Unbelief, rebellious angels, Sodom and Gomorrah, judgment		Scoffers, worldly-minded people, divisions			
PLACE	Not stated in Jude. The letter is addressed to those who are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ (1:1).							

Jude 1:10-11 But these men revile the **things** which they do not understand; and the **things** which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by **these things** they are destroyed.

2 Peter 2:12-13 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where **they have no knowledge**, will in the **destruction** of those creatures also be **destroyed**, 13 suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, **reveling in their deceptions**, as **they carouse with you**,

Jude 11 Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

1 John 3:15 tells us that hatred towards a brother is equal to murder, which was the end result for his brother Able.

Jude 12 **These are the men** who are **hidden** reefs in your love feasts **when they feast with you** without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; **13** wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, **for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.**

2 Peter 2:17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, **for whom the black darkness has been reserved.**

14 It was also about **these men that Enoch**, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “**Behold, the Lord came** with many thousands of His holy ones,

15 to execute judgment upon **all**, and to convict **all the ungodly** of **all** their **ungodly deeds** which they have done in an **ungodly way**, and of **all** the harsh things which **ungodly sinners** have spoken against Him.”

16 These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they **speak arrogantly, flattering people** for the sake of gaining an advantage.

17 But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

This term in Greek is in the IMPERATIVE mood-it is a direct command or exhortation.

2 Peter 3:1-2 This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of **reminder**, 2 **that you should remember** the words **spoken** beforehand by **the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.**

Our points of reference should be right here:

1. The holy Prophets

2. The commandments of The Lord and Savior

3. and that what was spoken by The Apostles.

Hebrews 12:4-5 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; 5 **and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,** "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by Him;

Jude 18 that they were saying to you, "In the last time **there will be mockers,** following after their own **ungodly lusts.**"

2 Peter 3:3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,

Jude 19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting; **23** save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

IF God is able to do something, does this mean necessarily that HE WILL do it?

God's ability to DO does not necessitate a GUARANTEE that He will do it.

This Jude 24 is often wrongly presented as an "unconditional promise of perseverance and eternal security".

Matthew 9:27-29 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus *said to them, "Do you believe **that I am able** to do this?" They *said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 29 **Then He touched their eyes**, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith."

Important to note here, their healing was subject to their response in this particular record.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Now this I say, **he who sows** sparingly **will also reap** sparingly, and **he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully**.

7 Each one **must do** just as he has purposed in his heart, not **grudgingly** or **under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

James 2:14-17 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," **and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?** 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, **is dead, being by itself.**

Jude 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Prayer Song: He is Able

