

HISTORY'S WARNINGS TO THOSE WHO WOULD CHANGE THE WORD AND WORK OF GOD.

Jude 5-10

Introduction:

- A. The sins of those who have "crept in". vs. 4
 - 1. "turned the grace of our God into lasciviousness."
 - 2. "denied the only Lord God."
 - 3. "denied our Lord Jesus Christ."

- B. These saints should remember their Bible lessons and traditional stories.
 - 1. "I will therefore put you in remembrance."
 - a. memory = as a power of the mind, record of a thing.
 - 2. "though you once knew this."
 - a. You learned this once, and you know it.

I . GOD'S JUDGMENT AGAINST THOSE WHO BELIEVED NOT.

- A. "how that the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt."
 - 1. The Lord saved the people.
 - 2. Out of the land of Egypt.
 - 3. Saved by Blood, Immersed in water.
 - 4. I Cor. 10:1-4; Ex. 12:3-13; Ex. 13:21-22.

- B. "afterward destroyed them that believed not."
 - 1. Typically they were all saved. They never went back to Egyptian bondage.
 - 2. destroyed = to utterly destroy, the idea is not annihilation but ruin, to lose utterly, to be defeated in battle. I Cor. 10:5-12.

I I . GOD'S JUDGMENT AGAINST DISOBEDIENT ANGELS. VS. 6

- A. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation."
1. kept = to watch over, to keep an eye on, observe attentively.
 2. first estate = beginning, the first sphere of rule.
 3. left = to leave, to desert, to leave behind, to forsake.
 4. habitation = place of dwelling. God put the angels in a place of their own, He told them to stay there and do what He said. Some did not do what God said and left it.
 5. II Peter 2:4.
- B. "he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."
1. reserved = same as kept.
 2. everlasting = always existing, perpetual.
 3. chains = a band, a bond, a chain.
 4. darkness = the gloom of the nether world.
 5. judgment = separating, the act of carrying forth a sentence.
 6. great = physical magnitude.
 7. Rev. 20:10; Matt. 8:29.

I I I . GOD'S JUDGMENT AGAINST EVIL CITIES. VS. 7

- A. Apostasy; spreading cancer; spread to other cities.
- B. "even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner."
1. like manner = a turning, turn, direction, same mode, way.
 2. Sexual sins.

- B. "giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh."
 - 1. fornication = to be given wholly to fornication.
 - 2. strange = the other, denoting generic distinction, different.
 - 3. flesh.
 - 4. These words emphasize their bent and determination for unnatural sex acts.

- C. "are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."
 - 1. set forth = before = to be laid, set or placed; The word was used of a corpse lying in state.
 - a. Deut. 20:10.
 - 2. example = sample, The word was used in the papyrus of samples of corn or wheat.
 - 3. suffering = to hold under, to under go, as punishment or sentence.
 - 4. vengeance = right, justice, sentence.

IV. THE CHARACTER AND SINS OF THESE "CERTAIN MEN" VS. 8

- A. "likewise also these filthy dreamers."
 - 1. likewise = notwithstanding, in spite of the dreadful fate of the three groups mentioned.
 - 2. filthy dreamers = to dream. The word may indicate that in the false teachers' delusion and blindness they do not know reality. It may also stress the fact that they are dead asleep to God's judgment and are unaware of their coming doom.

- B. "defile the flesh."
 - 1. defile = to stain, to defile, moral defilement or pollution, a continual habitual action.

- C. "despise dominions."

1. despise = to set aside, to do away, to nullify, to not recognize as valid.
 2. dominions = lordship, authority, The majestic power that a lord uses in ruling.
- D. "and speak evil of dignities."
1. speak evil = slander, revile, defame.
 2. dignities = here it means angelic powers.
- E. They say things that an Archangel would not say!
1. vs. 9 "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring a railing accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee."
 2. contend = to dispute, to strive with.
 3. disputed = to speak to and for alternately, to converse with, discuss, dispute, dialogue.
 4. durst = (not) to have daring, to take heart either to do or bear anything terrible or difficult.
 5. railing = abuse, the worst kind of slander, a judgment of reproach.
 6. accusation = guilt and sentence.
 7. An archangel would not engage in a confrontation with Satan and try to execute the judgment of God against him.
 8. We had better be very careful in rebuking Satan!
 - a. II Peter 2:10-11.
- F. They speak ignorantly. vs. 10
1. "But these speak evil of those things which they know not;"
 - a. "But these men are abusive in matters of which they know nothing" (things of divine revelation)
 2. "but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves."
 - a. naturally = from or by nature.
 - b. brute = without speech, speechless, unreasoning, irrational;

- c. beasts = a living being, an animal.
- d. corrupt = to spoil, corrupt, destroy, to bring to a worse state.
- e. "The wisdom that comes from the carnal, they use as a means of corruption."

V. SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS

- A. Why does the Bible speak so strongly about these people?
 - 1. They seek to change the truth of almighty God.
 - 2. Don't fool with God's Word.
 - 3. They would lead the church astray.

- B. Is God unfair in His statements about these people?
 - 1. Does God exaggerate their sin?
 - 2. Who are they harming?

- C. Is their punishment unreasonable?
 - 1. We conjure up ideas of brutality.
 - 2. Inhumane and excessive.

- D. Isn't this the "God of the Old Testament theology?"

- E. Can any religious deviation be this serious?

