

THE LOST MAY BE SAVED BUT
THE SAVED CANNOT BE LOST

Jude 22-25

Introduction:

[Most neglected book of the New Testament.]

- A. We now know the wickedness of these apostates.
 - 1. "certain men crept in unawares." vs. 4
 - 2. "these filthy dreamers." vs. 8
 - 3. "these speak evil of those things which they know not." vs. 10

- B. The kind of mistakes they made.
 - 1. "gone the way of Cain."
 - 2. "ran greedily after the error of Balaam."
 - 3. "perished in the gainsaying of Core."

- C. How shall we, the church, treat these people?
 - 1. Obviously, don't join them.
 - 2. We do consider them to be lost.
 - 3. They are not simply in religious error.

I . WE ARE TO HAVE COMPASSION
TOWARD THEM. VS. 22

- A. "and of some have compassion, making a difference."
 - 1. compassion = to show mercy, to have the desire of relieving the miserable, to show kindness by beneficent or help.
 - a. "blessed are the merciful..."
 - b. Some will be "saved." All Will Not!

- B. "making a difference."
 - 1. difference = to separate through-out, or one from another, to make a distinction.
 - 2. Make a difference in those who show interest.

I I . WE ARE TO "SAVE" THEM. VS. 23

- A. "and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire."
1. save = to make sound, to rescue.
 2. fear = fear, terror, fright.
 3. pulling = to seize, to snatch.
 - a. vs. 7 Lot and his daughters, Gen. 19:15,16
 - b. Put the fear of God in them.
- B. "hating even the garments spotted by the flesh."
1. Zechariah 3:1-5.
 2. spotted = to stain, to defile.
 3. God can make anything pure, He can cleanse the most vile.

I I I . THOSE WHO ARE SAVED WILL BE KEPT. VS. 24

- A. "now unto him that is able to keep you from falling."
1. able = to the one who is able = He who has inherent power of every kind.
 2. keep = to guard, to protect.
 3. falling = without falling, without stumbling, The word is used of a sure-footed horse that does not stumble. A good man who does not have moral lapses.
 4. Sin and stumbling are not the same.
 5. Psalm 37:23.
- B. "and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."
1. present = to place, to present.
 2. faultless = without blame.
 3. Exceeding joy = exaltation.

I V . THE KEEPER OF OUR SOULS.

- A. "to the only wise God our Saviour."
 - 1. only = alone, without others.
 - 2. wise =
 - 3. God is the only wise God! He is the only God!
Monotheism.

- B. "be glory and majesty, dominion, and power."
 - 1. glory = the unfolded fulness of divine power. Philo
 - 2. majesty = greatness.
 - 3. dominion = strength, power in action.
 - 4. power = delegated authority, liberty, or authority to do anything.

