

Epistle of Jude: *Contending for the Faith*

Study 4: Christ's warning to the ungodly

READ Jude 11-16 and LISTEN to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Big idea: Since Christ has purchased a people, a bride, for Himself, those who oppose her will be condemned.

1. James 3:1 says, “*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*” Why will teachers be judged by God more harshly (see Heb 13:17; Luke 12:47-48)? How does this help you understand Jude’s pronouncement of “Woe” (v. 11)?
2. Jude likens the character traits of the false teachers within the churches with Cain, Balaam and Korah (v. 11). What are some of those character traits and why is each so dangerous within the church?

Cain (Gen 4:1-13) –

Balaam (Num 22-24, 31:16) – For the love of money Balaam led Israel into sexual sin

Korah (Num 16) –
3. Read vv. 12-13, and think through the illustrations taken from nature. In what way were the false teachers being deceptive?
4. Why can’t false teachers deliver on their promises?

5. What characteristics should be exhibited by those who influence your life, such as friends, your church leaders, or preachers and teachers you follow?

6. In vv. 14-15 Jude quotes 1 Enoch. Should we consider that book to be authoritative Scripture? Why or why not?

How does Enoch describe the coming judgement?

7. How would you respond if someone said, hell is not eternal (see v. 13; Matt 25:41; Mark 9:43, 48. Luke 16:22-24; Rev 14:9-11)?

What must happen for someone to escape hell (see Rom 10:14-15)? What specific person has God placed in your life to share the gospel with?

8. V. 16 lists the deeds of false teachers. Now write down opposites. As a church member, what is your obligation regarding your own conduct and how should you respond if you saw the conduct of v. 16 lived in others?

STOP AND PRAY:

Confess: *your failure to value godliness in others above all else*

Praise: *God for the godly influences He has placed in your life*

Pray: *that the Lord would help you to discern error and grow in wisdom*