

Epistle of Jude: *Contending for the Faith*

Study 7: Praise to our God who Keeps

READ Jude 24-25 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Jude completes his epistle with one of the most faith grounding, exultant doxologies in all Scripture: the praise of God and the perseverance of the believer are joined in a tightly woven piece of spiritual cloth never to be torn or separated.

Big idea: God keeps and preserves His own, both now and forever more, for His eternal praise.

1. Skim through Jude and write out what God is doing or going to do or has done. If you only had the book of Jude, what would you be able to say about the character of God? How is this encouraging?
2. Can eternal life be lost? Why or why not? Support your answer with Scripture.
3. Given the nature of Jude's letter, why do you think he might have written assuring God's people of His preservation of them until the end?
4. In light of Jude's imperatives in vv. 20-23, how does v. 24 both encourage us in times of our own doubting and challenge our reluctance to show mercy?
5. What promises elsewhere in Scripture does God give that guarantee the perseverance of God's people?

6. What might be the danger of using the phrase "once saved, always saved"? How could this be misleading, particularly considering God's call for holiness?
7. On what basis is God "able ... to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy"? Support your answer with Scripture.
8. What is the connection between God's persevering work (v. 24) and the praise He receives from His people (v. 25)? Why is the statement "through Jesus Christ our Lord" important?
9. What encouragement do you receive when you consider God's "glory, majesty, dominion, and authority"?
10. The duration of v. 25 has been from "before all time and now and forever!" There will be no end to God's absolute, perfect and rightful rule. Reflecting upon the purpose of the letter in addressing the false teachers, why is this important to state? How is this helpful for you in your place in life?
11. Vv. 24-25 overflow with praise and adoration. What can you praise God for?

STOP AND PRAY:

Confess: *your sin to God, seek His forgiveness, knowing the blameless Lamb died*

Praise: *God for His eternal preservation of your faith until the very end*

Pray: *that you might grow in your love for God and others knowing you are safe*