

JUDE 1... KEEP ON WONDERING [AWE] V 1-2
Apostasy is considered to be the general subject
Theoretically > An apostate claims to be a
Christian..To him Christianity is theoretical
and not experiential....

INTRODUCTION: A PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES

[1] THE PERIOD OF THE BOOK = Gnosticism

A cultish belief that matter is evil and
we are delivered through the process of
knowledge

**[2] THE PLACE OF THE BOOK -- Recorded in early
manuscripts. Recognized by early Fathers.**

[3] THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK - No certain group

[4] THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK -- WHY??

[5] THE PECULIARITY OF THE BOOK --

Deals with? WORKS? FAITH? WHAT?

**[6] THE PARALLELS OF THE BOOK -- Similarities
between Jude and Peter's second writing**

[7] THE PATTERN OF THE BOOK -- APOSTASY..

APOSTATES - APOSTLES - ASSURANCES -

TODAY.... # 1 IN A SERIES OF 10...

JUDE V 1-2 "KEEP ON WONDERING" [AWE]

[I] DIVINE SUMMONS TO THE HEART V 1

This is through the Holy Spirit
Found here in the word "CALLED"
Called to 1. Salvation 2. Service
3. Submission 4. Satisfaction

[II] DIVINE STRENGTH FOR THE HEART V 1

This is through God the Father
Found in the word "SANCTIFIED" and
Pertains to the subject of HOLINESS
1. Practical 2. Progressive
3. Positional 4. Prospective
HOLINESS

[III] DIVINE SECURITY IN THE HEART V 1

This is through Jesus Christ
Found in the word "PRESERVED"

1. A act to be experienced
2. A fact to be enjoyed
3. An attitude to be expressed
VERSE TWO THREE WORDS ALSO
1. "LOVE" This is the basis of our
calling
2. "MERCY" This is the means of our
sanctification
3. "PEACE" This is the fruit of our
preservation

Justification is what God declares us to
be in Christ Jesus

Sanctification is the strength to be what
HE has declared us to already be

JUDE # 2 "KEEP ON WARING" V 3-4 FIGHT FOR RIGHT

1 "KEEP ON WONDERING" "BEING IN AWE"

1:3 1. An irresistible motivation

2. A inescapable mandate

A. Content of the mandate - The Faith

B. Completeness of the mandate

"once delivered"

C. Custodians of the mandate

"entrusted to us"

D. Command regarding the mandate -

Love the faith / Learn the faith

Live the faith / Loose the faith

1:4 THE APOSTATES ---THEIR

1. DECEITFULNESS / Crept in unawares -
un-noticed

2. DEVOTION -- To self / their ungodliness

3. Demeanor -- Turning....into...

4. DOCTRINE -- DENYING Jesus Christ

Today V 3 - 4 JUDE is

[I] ALARMED AT THE DARK SITUATION V 4

1. Their Deviating from the truth

2. Their Denial of the Lord [J C]

3. Their Denouncing of all that is precious

[II] AMAZED BY THE DECEPTIVE STRATEGY V 4

1. Certain Men / not everyone / Thank God

2. Creeping Men / creeps around today!

3. Condemned Men / ?

[III] ASSOCIATED WITH THE GLORY OF SAVIOUR

Jude knows God.... This is the difference

[IV] ACCLAIMING THE NEED FOR DEDICATED SOLDIERS

V 3 SOLDIERS TO STAND...

This Involves

1. Strategy - advanced planning

2. Striving - actions following planning

3. Support - giving assistance at least

4. Steadfastness - finishing the task

KEEP ON WARING - FIGHTING FOR RIGHT !

JUDE # 3 V 5-6 "KEEP ON WITNESSING" ACTS 1:8
We are surely witnesses - The question is...
What kind of witness are we for Christ?

1:6 Consider these three things in V 6

- 1. The Way of Darkness**
 - A. Course of sin**
 - B. Control of satan**
- 2. The Walk of Darkness**
 - A. Lovers of darkness**
 - B. Lostness in darkness**
- 3. The Works of Darkness**
 - A. Rulers of darkness**
 - B. Reign of darkness**

But Today - KEEP ON WITNESSING !

[I] THEIR ACTIVITY -- DEEDS

- 1. Rebellion**
 - 2. Rejection**
 - 3. Refusal to Repent ----**
- All of this is against God's
- A. Will**
 - B. Word**
 - C. Way**

[II] THEIR ABANDONMENT -- DISCARDING

These men are

- 1. Drifters**
- 2. Deserters**
- 3. Destroyers**

Drifting from God brings about our becoming deserters which in turn leads to destruction on our part and or of ourselves

[III] THEIR ABODE -- DWELLING

- 1. The place of Darkness**
- 2. The place of Defeat**
- 3. The place of Defeat**

[IV] THEIR APPOINTMENT -- DESTINATION

- 1. The JUDGE**
- 2. The Judgment**
- 3. The JUSTICE** Justice will come

WITH THESE THINGS TAKING PLACE WE MUST
"KEEP ON WITNESSING" Being Positive!
How do we ACCOMPLISH THIS?

- 1. Labour in the Scriptures**
"study to show ourselves....."

TRUTH

- 2. Lean of the Spirit... TRUST**
- 3. Live as a true Saint ...**

THANKFUL

- 4. Look for the Saviour.... TRIUMPH**
"Looking for Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith" MEANWHILE.....
"KEEP ON WITNESSING" !!!!

JUDE # 4 - V 5-11 "KEEP ON WARNING"

Consider from these verses

1. SENSUAL - DETERIORATION
2. SELFISH - DETERMINATION
3. SPIRITUAL - DESPERATION
4. SAINTS - DECLARATION

Sensual decay from selfish determination should result in spiritual desperation and bring about saintly declarations of faith for Christ.... BUT It is not always the case.....

Note PRESENT TENSE AND PAST TENSE HERE

Present Tense V 8 These are

1. Dreamers 2. Defilers
3. Despisers 4. Declarations of evil

We need to be involved in warning people
God judges sin - not only the lost BUT also The Saved... God judged sin in PAST!
We find six illustrations here.....

[1] REFORMATION V 5

[2] REBELLION V 6

[3] REPROBATION V 7

[4] RELIGION V 11 "CAIN"
REBELLION AGAINST THE WAY OF GOD

[5] REASON V 11
"HUMAN REASONING"
REBELLION AGAINST THE WALK OF GOD

[6] REJECTION V 11
"KORA"
REBELLION AGAINST THE WORSHIP OF GOD

[I] SOMETHING TO BE REMEMBERED

God judges sin

[II] SOMETHING TO BE REALIZED

God judges sin in everyone

[III] SOMETHING TO BE RECOGNIZED

God forgives sinners

JUDE # 5 V 5-13 "KEEP ON WANTING"
Desires are important.. What do you want?
Our desires reveal several things about us..
FIRST: Note these three little things...

1. The Danger of Losing our Victory V 5
2. The Danger of Losing our Vocation V 6
3. The Danger of Losing our Virtue V 7

Some important issues found here V 5-13

[I] THE PATTERN THAT HAS EMERGED

1. FAILURE DEFICIENCY
2. FALLING DEPARTING
3. FOLLY DELUSION

We fail as a result of our deficiencies
We fall due to our Delusions... And
And the folly that results - Deaprture

**[II] THE PLACES THAT ARE ENLISTED
SODOM AND GOMORRAH !**

[III] THE PRACTICES THAT ARE EXPOSED
Sin must eventually be exposed...

[IV] THE PUNISHMENT THAT IS EFFECTED
Sin has its punishment / pay-day

[V] THE PARALLELS THAT ARE EVIDENT

1. They Dream / Day dreamers
2. They Defile / self and others
3. They Despise / hate the things of God

Consider the other side of coin,.....

1. Our Conversation life style
2. Communication What we say
3. Corruption How we sin!
4. Our Condoning sinfulness in self /others

[VI] THE POWER THAT CAN BE EXPERIENCED 5-7
TODAY WE HAVE THE SAME

1. RESOURCES HOLY SPIRIT
2. REASONS HEAVEN OR HELL
3. BUT RESULTS ? Where are they?

We are in need of A POWER THAT IS.....

1. OVERWHELMING
2. OVERPOWERING
3. OVERCOMING IT IS AVAILABLE !

Question: Do we have the desire to
"KEEP ON WANTING" To 'want' it enough!

JUDE # 6 V 12-13 "KEEP ON WATERING"

From Verse # 12 notice.....

1. Clouds without water / No Spirit
 2. Trees without fruit / No Seed
 3. Raging waves of sea/ No Stability
 4. Wandering stars / No Signification
- A. Unanchored B. Unhelmed
C. Unsphered

TODAY: One sows the seed another waters but its God who gives the increase...SIMILIES!

Examples from natural things which convey a Spiritual Truth....

1. The selection of these similies
2. Their suggestiveness
3. Their synopsis 4. Their significance

Focus on one of these for a moment or two...

"CLOUDS WITHOUT WATER" Lovely 'white' clouds
Floating - Figurative - But USELESS No Rain!
Rain clouds are DARK! STORMY! The THUNDER
LIGHTENING.....

**[I] WHEN WE EXALT HUMAN REASON ABOVE
DIVINE REVELATION**

We become clouds without water....

**[II] WHEN WE EXALT HUMAN PHILOSOPHY ABOVE
DIVINE PROPHECY...**

We become clouds without water...

**[III] WHEN WE EXALT HUMAN ACHIEVEMENTS
ABOVE DIVINE ATONEMENT**

We become clouds without water

**[IV] WHEN WE EXALT HUMAN ADVANCEMENT
ABOVE DIVINE ADVENTS**

We become clouds without water

Sowing the Word -/- But sowing It His Way

Until it sprouts -/- AND that seed needs

"watering" in order to sprout and grow..

"KEEP ON WATERING"

JUDE # 7 "KEEP ON WALKING" V 14-19

V 12-16 APOSTATES ARE

1. Easily Detected v 12-12

They are known by

- A. A lack of peace**
- B. A lack of productivity**
- C. A lack of proof**
- D. A lack of purity**
- E. A lack of purpose**

2. Eternally Doomed v 14-16

The judgment of God is

- A. Personal B. Purposeful C. Perfect**

"ENOCH" Review of his life....

- 1. The feasts of the Lord v 12**
- 2. The fear of the Lord v 12**
- 3. The fullness of the Lord v 12**
- 4. The fruitfulness of the Lord**
- 5. The friendship of the Lord**
- 6. The firmament of the Lord**

We must keep on 'walking' This involves

[I] OUR COMMENCEMENT WITH THE LORD

SALVATION - Must first begin...

**[II] OUR CONTINUATION WITH THE LORD
SERVICE**

**[III] OUR CULMINATION WITH THE LORD
SATISFACTION**

- 1. A true experience of savation**
- 2. A true expression of service**
- 3. A true exalting of Saviour and fellow saints**

JUDE # 8 "KEEP ON WATCHING" V 14-19

Enoch walked with God and Watched for God in all areas of his life...

We must watch for HIM in our life V 17

1:17-23

1. BE EDUCATED V 17-19

- A. Know who they are**
- B. Know what they do V 19**
- C. Know why they do it / Sensual & Selfish**

2. BE INSULATED V 20-21

- A. An inward look of edification**
- B. An upward look of supplication**
- C. A forward look of anticipation**

We must deal with people / with problems BUT

- 1. We must do it with Compassion**
- 2. And Courageously 3. Also Cautiously**

[I] WE NEED TO LOOK AGAIN V 17

- 1. A change that is effective 'BUT'**
- 2. A contrast that is evident 'BELOVED'**

[II] A NEED TO LOOK AROUND

- 1. Apostates - notice their**
 - A. Grumbling attitude V 16 - mumurers**
 - B. Glib accusations V 16 - complainers**
 - C. Grotesque activity V 16**

Walking after their own lusts

- D. Gross arrogance V 16**

Mouth speaks.....'loud mouths'

- E. General ambition - self recognition**

2. Apostles V 17 Comparison

- A. Definition of apostles**
- B. Doctrine of apostles**
- C. Distinctiveness of apostles**
- D. Disappearance of apostles**

Now it is all of us - our responsibility to carry on

[IV] WE NEED TO LOOK IN - Inside ourselves

[V] WE NEED TO LOOK OUT - At the world around us

[VI] WE NEED TO LOOK UP - "WATCHING"

Watching for HIS return - BUT also for

HIS will for our lives in the present!

JUDE # 9 "KEEP ON WORKING" V 20-23

Jude was up against.....

1. Distorters of the faith v 4
2. Deniers of the Father v 4
3. Dreamers that are filthy v 8
4. Defilers of the flesh
5. Despisers of the dominion v 8
6. Disdainers of dignities v 8 & 10

'BELOVED' Is a WORD of.....

[I] ENDEARMENT Jude loved them

1. This is the language of love
2. The life of love
3. The liberty of love
4. The luxury of love

[II] ENRICHMENT Some use excuses.....

Moses excuses were

1. I am not eloquent
2. I am not educated
3. I am not experienced

Jude communicated Christ by his life style

This was his

[1] Method [2] Manner [3] Message - LOVE

[III] EXPLANATION - Love is the reason...

[IV] ENCOURAGEMENT

1. The content of the faith
'Truth' --- full and final
2. The custodians of the faith - US
3. The completeness of the faith
- once delivered -
4. Contenders of the faith...therefore
KEEP ON WORKING INVOLVES...
 1. Holy Construction
 2. Heavenly Communion
 3. Heart Consecration
 4. Humble Confession v 21
 5. Human Consideration v 22-23

KINDNESS DOESN'T COST VERY MUCH.....

KEEP ON WORKING IN KINDNESS.....

JUDE # 10 "KEEP ON WORSHIPING" V 24-25

APOSTATES - V 8 - 11 These Apostates

1. Pollute the witness of the church v 8-10

A. In body Immoral

B. In soul Insubordinate

C. In spirit Irreverent

2. Pervert the worship of Christ v 11

A. Pervert the mode of worship

B. The motive of worship

C. The manner of worship

[I] PROCESS OF EXAMINATION - Not us - but Him

He is.....

1. A personal God "HIM"

2. A present tense God "IS"

3. A powerful God "ABLE"

4. A preserving God "KEEP"

5. A preventing God "FROM"

[II] PROMISE OF EXPECTATION

1. The bigness of our expectation

"AND" He can do even more than this

2. The boastfulness of this expectation

"PRESENT US" Found here and ACTS 22:30

""set before""

3. The blamelessness of this expectation

"FAULTLESS" Without spot or blemish

4. The brightness of this expectation

"GLORY" He is the glory of God

5. The blessedness of this expectation

"JOY" results of expectation

[III] PRAISE OF THIS EXPECTATION V 25

1. "GLORY" Points to the person

2. "MAJESTY" Points to the position

3. "DOMINION" Points to the power

Power of authority

4. "POWER" Points to total power

None higher - greater

We have power given to us -- but we are still

under HIS POWER. BUT HE COMES UNDER NO

OTHER POWER....HE HAS POWER TO GIVE POWER!

Therefore HE DESERVES OUR "WORSHIP"