

Remnant Life Church

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Remaining Faithful – Recognizing the Lies Prt 2

Jude 4, 8-11, 16

- Background Review
 - The only other James well known in that time and connected with the church would have been James of Jerusalem who was the half-brother of Jesus (**Gal 1:19**)
 - This means that the author of Jude was also the half-brother of Jesus
 - Jude traveled preaching salvation through Jesus Christ
 - Jude had intended to write to the church(es) regarding the doctrine of salvation in Jesus Christ but instead, learning that false teachers had infiltrated the church, he writes of the necessity and importance for fighting the lies being spoken against the Gospel
 - Today, at every turn, we are faced with false teaching
 - The increased issue today is how cleverly disguised the deceptions are
 - But the foundation of the discord and problems have not changed
 - Look at what Jude writes is taking place

- **READ – Jude 4, 8-11, 16**
 1. Verse 4 – they were saying that God’s grace allowed them to live any way they wanted to - “immoral lives”

 2. Verse 8 – They claimed authority for themselves through dreams and defied true authority
 - a. Self-exultation is always filled with deception
 - b. The new-age movement has at its base the teaching that we are the ones who determine the course of moral behavior in our lives because we all have the “god spark” within us
 - i. Man does not have a “god-spark”
 - ii. We were created by God in perfection; embraced sin; and as a result lost our relationship with God
 - iii. But in His mercy He made a way for us to come back into fellowship with Himself through the person of Jesus Christ
 - c. But the flesh nature still wants to rule
 - d. **Ex 20:3** – *you will have no other gods before me*
 - i. This is not restricted to idols
 - ii. **WHATEVER** you place before God is a god in our life
 1. Job
 2. Money
 3. Health

4. Family
5. Church
6. Position
7. Possessions

3. Verse 16 – they are complainers and filled with pride
 - a. The word Jude uses for complainers is the same that Paul uses for the rebels in the wilderness who came against Moses
 - b. He references Korah (vs 11) one of those who led the uprising and was punished with death by God
 - i. Numbers 16
 - ii. Three men of the tribe of Levi – the priests – Korah, Dathan, & Abiram (v 1)
 1. Along with 250 of the “community leaders” (v 2)
 2. Other Levites also those Moses put in place to help him from Ex 18:21-22 - Jethro
 3. Did not like how Moses was getting things done and accused him of setting himself up above them as “holier” (v 3)
 4. Moses said – tomorrow God will show you who He chooses (v 5)
 5. Next day – all of those were against Moses gathered together
 - a. God told Moses to separate the nation from those who came against him (v 20)
 - b. Moses said if nothing happens to these men and they die a natural death then God is not with me (v 29)
 - c. If something unnatural happens – but if the ground opens... (v 30)
 - d. “As soon as he finished saying all of this...” the ground opened and swallowed them (v 31)
 - iii. The next day the Israelites STILL grumbled against Moses and Aaron (v 41)
 1. God sent a plague (v 46)
 2. Moses and Aaron pleaded for the people (v 47)
 3. God relented but not before 14,700 more people died (v 49)
 - c. The pride of life (I John 2:16 – *lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life do not come by the Father...*) only leads to destruction and the church must be on guard today more than ever for those who have their own agendas and not that of God
- If all of this is so bad how did it get into the church?
 - Jude said these men had wormed their way into the church (v 4)
 - Another translation say they “crept in unnoticed”
 - This is the only place in the NT that you read these words

- “Crept in unnoticed” – in extrabiblical Greek – is presented as a picture of a lawyer who, through clever and crafty means, intentionally corrupts the minds of the court officials to gain his advantage
- This is the danger of people like this who are doing the work of the enemy in an effort to weaken the church
- 2 Peter also talks about the danger of false teachers
- But not just weaken - **2 Peter 2:1-2** – *to secretly bring in destructive false teachings*
- Next week – 6 examples of how they bring destruction
- Then – Jude’s call for the people to persevere and tells them how to remain faithful