Jude

What to do and why

1. **Introduction:** Jude writes about our choices and their consequences.
2. **V.1-2, Greetings to the Saints**
3. Bondservant – Doulos – SLAVE.
4. brother of James – Adelphos – James an apostle? James the brother of Jesus?
5. Called – Invited.
6. Preserved – to guard + fortress or full military lines of apparatus
7. Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied – How? Only and exclusively through obedience to the Word of God.
8. **V.3-4, Contend Earnestly for the Faith**
9. LEWD, adjective [Heb.]

1. Given to the unlawful indulgence of lust; addicted to fornication or adultery; dissolute; lustful; libidinous. Ezekiel 23:44.

2. Proceeding from unlawful lust; as lewd actions.

3. Wicked; vile; profligate; licentious. Acts 27:1.

LEWD, adjective [Latin gnes, from geno.] Lay; laical; not clerical. Obsolete. From Webster’s American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828.

1. Diligent – From the word for speed.
2. our common salvation – we’re all in this together…but only if we’re in this together.
3. exhorting you to contend earnestly for the Faith – fighting for all we’re worth. Be all the more motivated!
4. once for all delivered to the saints – It will never come again. It is done and completed. No more.
5. certain men – They have names, families…imagine the pride of their parents!
6. Unnoticed – How can we see what is right and what is not, but through diligent study of the Word of God?
7. Ungodly, lewdness, deny the…Lord – They want what THEY want, hence “lewdness.”
8. **V. 5-11, The Timeless Pattern of Apostasy**
9. you once knew this – How easily we forget!
10. the Lord saved the people, afterward destroyed – God’s approval today does not mean we have it tomorrow. We must examine WHAT ARE WE DOING?
11. The people…did not believe – Hebrews from slavery. “Belief” is spelled O-B-E-Y.
12. the angels …did not keep their proper domain – what is OUR PROPER DOMAIN?
13. Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them – suburbs – all died a horrific death, but that’s only the beginning of their eternal suffering. Could it be worth it?
14. sexual immorality – What is being promoted in our schools and “culture.”
15. defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries -
16. "The Lord rebuke you!” – Judge not, that you be not judged, Matt 7:1; but judge righteous judgment, John 7:24.
17. the way of Cain, in the error of Balaam for profit, and …the rebellion of Korah – All wanted to change or modify the Word of the Lord. Cain knew the rules of offering, but wanted to do it a different way. Balaam knew that God forbid him going with Balaak’s men, but when more honor and money was offered he thought things should be different. Even when the donkey spoke and he saw the angel with his sword drawn, he wanted to proceed. Korah knew that God had sent Moses and Aaron, but he and his buddies wanted to take some of the leadership to themselves. “Yeah, I know God said that, but…”
18. **V. 12-15, Apostates’ Choices & Consequences**
19. serving only themselves - They want what THEY want.
20. wandering stars - planets
21. these men – very specific, but not by predetermination of names and identities; only by ACTIONS (choices) that determine our identity.
22. the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all – When the Lord comes in judgment, ALL will be judged. No mistaking that event. No secret of its occurrence.
23. all who are ungodly …all their ungodly deeds …committed in an ungodly way…ungodly sinners – the emphasis is that they are not obedient to God, thus they are “ungodly.” How easily this is done. Did they think they were ungodly? Did they feel ungodly?
24. all the harsh things …spoken against Him – Our society is deluged with casual blasphemies, taking the Lord’s name in vain.
25. **V. 16-19, Apostates Predicted**
26. SENSUAL, adjective [from Latin sensus.]
27. Pertaining to the senses, as distinct from the mind or soul. Far as creation's ample range extends. The scale of sensual, mental pow'rs ascends. Pope.
28. Consisting in sense, or depending on it; as sensual appetites, hunger, lust, etc.
29. Affecting the senses, or derived from them; as sensual pleasure or gratification. Hence,
30. In theology, carnal; pertaining to the flesh or body, in opposition to the spirit; not spiritual or holy; evil.
31. Devoted to the gratification of sense; given to the indulgence of the appetites; sewd; luxurious. No small part of virtue consists in abstaining from that on wich sensual men place their felicity. Atterbury.

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1. their own lusts – They want what THEY want.
2. Flattering…to gain advantage – They’ll hear what they WANT to hear, then tell you what they think you want to hear.
3. there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts – don’t let it be hard on your faith, but be encouraged to know that AGAIN God was exactly right!
4. sensual persons…cause divisions – Their senses cause divisions because they want what THEY want. God’s Word does not change them.
5. **V. 20-23, Mind Every Detail in Your Walk with God**
6. building yourselves up on your most Holy Faith – Constant and on-going process.
7. keep yourselves in the love of God – It does not happen by accident. Exact planning, exact execution. Handling the Word with respect and accuracy.
8. looking for…eternal life – Constant quest. It’s never completed while we yet breathe.
9. on some…but others – Both sets of people we make our best effort to save. Some get the evidence of our compassion, but they refuse. Others allow us to pull them out of the fire.
10. Hating – Means to detest, and only by implication could it mean to love less.
11. **V. 24-25, Glory to God…NOW!**
12. able to keep you from stumbling – what can keep us right with God? God can!
13. present you faultless – Not only can He keep you from sinning more, but He can remove the sins you already have to your name!
14. with exceeding joy – He’s more than happy to do it. “For the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross.”
15. Glory, majesty, dominion and power – God will always be God. We can give Him His due now and enjoy eternity, or we can choose to deny Him His honor and pay for it forever more.

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (John 5:24; Romans 10:17) Believe the Word of God (John 3:16-18; John 8:24)

Repent Of Your Sins (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38) Confess Jesus as Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27) Remain Faithful for Life (John 8:31; Rev. 2:10)

**FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD:**

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I John 1:9), Pray (Acts 8:22)

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