

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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GETTING CONNECTED: Condemning Unfaithful Living Jude 5-13

Introduction : The book of Jude is a small but powerful book. It was written around 75 AD. His theme: Fight, contend, and do battle! The enemy is near!!! However, the underlying theme shows us how to get connected with the lost and stay connected to the Lord. We need to find ways to stay connected to our power source, but find ways to reach out to those outside of the Lord's body! Let's study together

Discussion :

I. Unfaithfulness Condemned Israel (v.5).

Those led out of Egypt complained about everything.
Their unbelief in God was clearly seen.
They died in the wilderness because of that unbelief.

II. Unfaithfulness Condemned Angels (v.6)

These angels have fallen because of their faith in Satan and themselves.
They no longer have the joys of heaven.
If angels can fall, what makes us think we cannot fall?

III. Unfaithfulness Condemned Sodom & Gomorrah (v.7).

They were given a chance to change their ways.
The angels looked for righteous men, they found none.
These cities were destroyed for not obeying God.

IV. Unfaithfulness Condemned False Teachers (v.8).

There are literally dozens of scriptures that warn of false teaching.
Some preachers spend countless hours preaching about these people.
Even more spend countless opportunities debating these false teachers.
I suppose I try to be like Jesus, by their fruits you will know them (educate).

V. Unfaithfulness Condemned Satan (v.9).

Michael fought Satan for the body of Moses.
He never once brought reviling accusations against Satan.
He, an angel, refused to play judge over Satan or the other angels.
He allowed the Lord to have victory of Satan in the matter.

VI. Unfaithfulness Condemned Ignorant People (vs.10).

Do you know people who speak up about things they don't understand?
A wise person thinks and listens in silence before he speaks.
Jude compares them to retarded or dumb animals.
Sometimes we need to get more of the facts.
Some people just talk to hear their own voice!
He has already condemned the dreamers and the defilers.
Now he deals with those who are dumb, doomed, and depraved.

VII. *Unfaithfulness Condemned Cain (v.11).*

We know that Cain killed his brother in his unfaithfulness.
His sacrifice was not the problem it was his heart.
God would have accepted his sacrifice if it would have been heartfelt.

VIII. *Unfaithfulness Condemned Balaam (v.11).*

Balaam ignorant concerning the will of God.
He was willing to follow the crowd and God humbled him.
Were it not for his faithful donkey he would have been a dead man.

IX. *Unfaithfulness Condemned Korah (v.11).*

The rebellion of Korah was one of the first major obstacles Moses faced.
A relative, a cousin, decided he was more fit to lead the Israelites.
Moses may have wished for some help, but this was not the right kind of help.
He, his household, and his followers were killed because they were unfaithful.

X. *Unfaithfulness Condemned The First Christians (vs.12-13).*

Many of the early first century Christians found themselves sucked in.
It's not impossible to stray from the straight and narrow.
Jude tells them that they leave a dirty spot at the table when we fellowship.
He uses so many other awesome illustrations reminding us that their
selfishness, that some people are just full of hot air, some people are like dead fruit
trees, they are like wild waves that just foam up and don't cause any real damage, and
they are like shooting stars going nowhere!
Unfaithfulness will condemn us!
We are to follow God and live in the world but not conform to the world.
The world will lead us in the wrong direction every time.
Who are you following today? – There are only two choices!
We have to find a way to remain faithful to receive eternal life.
Don't gain the whole world and lose your soul!
Remember what's the most important thing! – First things first!
Listen carefully – you can't teach the lost if you're not around the lost!
They need us, we just have to be cautious to let our light shine.

Conclusion : Those who choose to teach or follow things that are false are condemned. We have to be faithful to the Lord even when it's not popular. The church needs to be prepared to fight, contend, and do battle. The enemy is on our doorstep and we have to stand up! We are the soldiers of the Lord. We need to stay connected to our Lord and find ways to connect the lost to Him!