

Jude

“I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

BEWARE

CONTEND

TRUST

Warnings of false teachers (NT)

Matt 7:15-16

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits”

Acts 20:29-31

“For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears”

2 Tim 4:3-4

“Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables.”

Warnings of false teachers (NT)

2 Pet 2:1-3

“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”

2 Tim 3:13

“For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.”

“But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived”

Challenge and Warning (Jude 1-4)

Challenge

Contend earnestly for the faith, once for all delivered to the saints (vs 3)
(2 Pet 1:3; Gal 1:6-9)

Warning

FOR certain men have crept in unnoticed, ungodly men, who turn the grace of God into lewdness and even deny God and Jesus as Christ (vs 4)
- (Rom 1:24-27; Rom 5:20-6:1)

Why the warning? (Jude 5-15)

Examples they would understand

(vs 5) – Israelites departure from Egypt, lack of trust in God (Deut 1:35)

(vs 6) – angels who did not keep their proper “domain”

(vs 7) – Sodom and Gomorrah followed their own desires

(vs 8) – those who defile the flesh, reject authority, speak evil of “glorious” things

(vs 10)

“But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.”

(vs 11)

“Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.”

Among them (Jude 12-13)

“These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”

God will judge them (Jude 14-15)

“Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

How to Contend Against These (Jude 4-8,16-23)

Hold fast to the faith by remembering the inspired apostle's words, doctrine, predictions, and warnings (vs 17)

Beware of their false doctrines:

- pervert the gospel of God's grace (vs 4)
- deny the deity of God and Jesus as Christ (vs 4)
- place their own ideas (dreams) above God's revealed word (vs 8)

Beware of their practices:

- licentious, lawless (vs 4, 7, 16,18)
- destroy, corrupt, and pervert for personal gain (vs 11)
- blaspheme and rebel against divine authority (11)
- ruled by their passions and defile themselves in them (vs 8,23)
- use people for their own gain (vs 16)
- cause divisions and discontent (vs 19)

Beware of their identity:

- they are among them; in their worship and intimate "agape" relationships
- grumblers, complainers, flattering speech, seeking praise, favor, and gain

How to protect themselves (Jude 20-22)

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

John 15:9-10

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

Guarding ourselves

- Test every spirit against the inspired word of God delivered once for all (Jude 3, Gal 1:6-9, Acts 17:11, Matt 4)
- Put off the old man that grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts (Eph 4:22)
- Put on the new man, renewed in knowledge according to the image of God (Col 3:10)
- Be holy as He is holy (1 Pet 1:16)

Making our calling and election sure? (2 Pet 2:10)

Lean not on our own understanding (Prov 3:5-6)

Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17)

Meditate on things that are good (Phil 4:8)

Set our minds on things above (Col 3:12)

Build ourselves and the body up (Eph 4:11-16; Jude 19-21)

Seek and create unity (John 17; Eph 4; Phil 2:1-2; Rom 14)

Guard our hearts (Mt 12:34-35, 15:18-19; 2 Tim 2:22)

Control our speech (Eph 4:29; James 1:26, 3:1-8)

Preach the word 1 Tim 4:2; Roma 1:16)

Work in the kingdom (1 Cor 3:9)

We're divinely instructed

Continue in the things you have learned and been assured of (2 Tim 3:14-15)

Put on the whole armor of God (Eph 6)

Walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7-9)

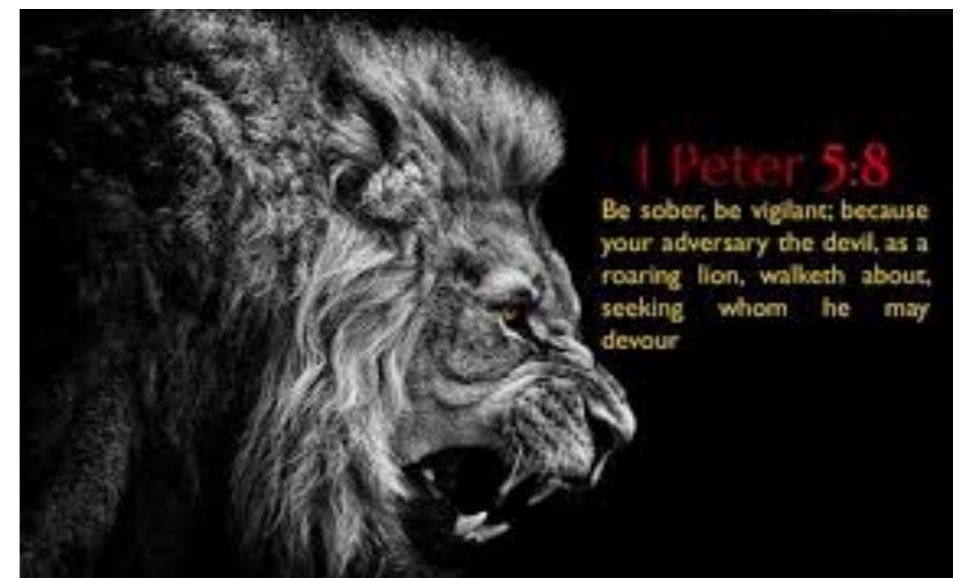
Be strong and courageous (Josh 1:7-9)

Wait on the Lord and dwell in His house all our days (Ps 27:4)

Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life (Jude 21)

Trust (in God to protect, keep, and deliver)

(vs 24-25) *"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion, and power both now and forever more..."*



Are You Contending For The Faith?