

Joyful Life Bible Studies

JUDE 8-19

Lesson 2

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Review Jude 1-7. In what way has your study of these verses increased your awareness of the need for Christians today to *contend for the faith*?
 - a. Have you had a recent opportunity to *contend for the faith*? If so, be prepared to share it with your group.
2. Jude 8-19 is the focus of this week's lesson. Although Jude wrote to warn and correct those in the early church, these reminders and instructions are critical for us today. Read verses 8-19 and choose a phrase or verse that especially stands out to you.
3. To profit the most from your Bible study begin by writing a prayer. Ask the Lord to increase your understanding of His Word and to help you obey His instructions. Write your prayer here.

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God,
and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
That the man of God may be perfect,
thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
II Timothy 3:16,17*

SECOND DAY: Read Jude 8-10

1. After giving the historical examples of apostasy in verses 5-7, Jude returned to the subject of the false teachers who had infiltrated the church. What did he say about them in verse 8?
 - a. How did Peter describe the false teachers in II Peter 2:10?
 - b. It has been said: *Ungodly thinking leads to ungodly living*. The thought life of these *dreamers* led to ungodly living. According to II Corinthians 10:5 what should we do to prevent this?
2. Read Jude 9. This is the only reference in the Bible concerning this *dispute*. In *speaking evil of dignities* (Jude 8c) these false teachers took liberties which even *Michael the archangel* did not take. What did *Michael* say to the *devil*?
 - a. Pastor Chuck says, *It is better for us to put the Lord between ourselves and satan than to take on satan by ourselves. We shouldn't say things against satan.* What can we learn from Paul's example in Acts 16:18?
3. Compare Jude 10 with II Peter 2:12. What are the false teachers likened to in these verses?
 - a. They spoke evil of those things they did not understand. Consider the consequences of their arrogance and rebellion through the following phrases: *they corrupt themselves* (Jude 10b) and *shall utterly perish in their own corruption* (II Peter 2:12b). How does this provide a warning for us?

*Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD,
my strength, and my redeemer.*

Psalm 19:14

THIRD DAY: Read Jude 11-13

1. In Jude 11 these false teachers were given a serious rebuke. Print it here from verse 11a.
 - a. Observe the reasons for his rebuke by completing the following phrases from verse 11:
 - (1.) *for they have _____ in the _____ of Cain,*
 - (2.) *and ran _____ after the _____ of Balaam for _____,*
 - (3.) *and perished in the _____ of Core.*

Advanced Students: Research the examples given in Jude 11 and give a brief explanation of the references to *Cain, Balaam* and *Core*.

2. Cain, Balaam and Core (Korah) illustrate attitudes and actions that can progress toward apostasy, which is a departure from the faith. Verse 11 warns us against hatred, greed and jealousy. How can we avoid these sins?
 - a. If we recognize any of these sins in our own heart, what must we do? See I John 1:9.
3. Observe the graphic descriptions Jude gave of these false teachers by reading Jude 12,13. Choose one that particularly stands out to you and write it here.
 - a. How would you explain the meaning of the analogy you chose?
 - b. What does II Peter 2:13,17 add to this?
4. How has today's study of Jude 10-13 compelled you to *contend for the faith*? Jude 3

*Hold fast the form of sound words,
which thou hast heard of me,
in faith and love which is in Jesus Christ.
II Timothy 1:13*

FOURTH DAY: Read Jude 14-16

1. Jude was confident that the Lord was going to deal with the *ungodly*. He cites Enoch's prophecy in verses 14,15. Although this prophecy is found only in Jude, pause and think about this extraordinary event as you print verse 14b here:

Behold,

- a. We can only imagine what it will be like to return with Jesus when He comes again to establish His righteousness on the earth. With this in mind read Zechariah 14:(4,5a)5b. What is your reaction to this?
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2. Notice the word *ungodly* in the following version of Jude 15: . . . *and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against Him*. What do you learn about these *ungodly* individuals from Jude 16?
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3. Until the Lord comes *to execute judgment on the ungodly*, what should we as believers be doing?

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
Revelation 22:20b

FIFTH DAY: Read Jude 17-19

1. A turning point occurs in Jude's letter at verse 17. Jude shifts his attention from the false teachers to his readers, addressing them as *beloved*. Summarize what all believers are to *remember* from verses 17-19.

2. Record a few phrases from the following verses that declare what will happen in *the last time* (Jude 18):
 - a. I Timothy 4:1-3
 - b. II Timothy 3:1-5
 - c. II Peter 3:(1,2)3,4
 - d. How do these verses increase your awareness that Jesus is coming very soon?
3. What does II Peter 3:8,9 reveal about our Lord and His coming?
 - a. Jude exhorted believers to *contend for the faith* (verse 3) as we wait for our Lord's return. What additional instruction does Titus 2:11-14 give us?

*I lift my hands to the coming King,
to the great I AM, to You I sing,
for You're the One Who reigns within my heart.
And I will serve no foreign god
nor any other treasure.
You are my heart's desire, Spirit without measure,
unto Your name I will raise my sacrifice.
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SIXTH DAY: Read Jude 8-19

1. In light of this week's study record one or two reasons why false teachers are a serious danger to the church.

2. Which of Jude's examples or illustrations in verses 8-19 especially caught your attention?
 - a. Why?
3. In what specific way have you been warned, challenged or encouraged by your lesson this week?
4. Share a way your study of Jude 8-19 has benefited you.

*We shall behold Him
face to face
in all of His glory.*
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