

JUDE

Contending for the Faith

Lesson 3

Jude 15 - 25

Jude 1:15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Remember, this is spiritual warfare!

This is how we often picture spiritual warfare



In reality, spiritual warfare is like vs. 16

Jude 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

Remember: where are they at?

- Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares,
- In church

Murmurers – a grumbler:--murmurer

Why is this spiritual warfare?

- It is opposite of what God's desires for us....

Philippians 2:1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of

mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

- God works “In you” when you do not complain
- Unity – Joy – Humility!

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

- In the midst of all the problems and sin in this world...SHINE!!!!

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Complainers = Literally, finding fault with one's own lot

Selfish = “walking after their own lust” - Giving unlimited indulgence to their appetites and passions

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“Swelling words” = bulging over, i.e. (figuratively) insolent:--great swelling.

- **Gossip – blow things out of proportion**

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Jude 1:17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Mock = to jeer at, i.e. deride:--mock.

- Root word means to make a sport
- Joke – turn it into laughing matter

Spiritual warfare = make a joke out of the things of God

- Church – End times – Judgment

Jude 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

- **Opposite of what Jesus was**

Jude 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

“Separate themselves” = who make schisms and divisions in the church of God; severing themselves from the communion of other Christians, both in opinion and conversation

How do we counter spiritual warfare?

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1) **Build yourself up in your faith** – “building up yourselves on your most holy faith”

- Building up” = to build upon, i.e. (figuratively) to rear up:--build thereon (thereupon, on, upon).
- **Building up yourself “ON YOUR most holy faith”**
 - When Christ is your foundation, it makes everything strong that is built on Him
 - Marriage – parenting – life – witness – ministry
 - **Most Holy “Faith” = moral conviction** (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:--assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

2) **Pray in the Spirit of God** – “praying in the Holy Ghost”

- In the Holy Ghost; according to his directions, under his influence, and by his aid.
 - We pray in fellowship with the Spirit of God

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

- The Spirit gives answers
- The Spirit gives peace

3) **Grow in your relationship with God** – “Keep yourselves in the love of God”

- KEEP = hold fast, keep(- er), (pre-, re-)serve, watch.

4) **Keep your eyes on the coming of Christ** – “looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

- **Keeping your focus on the His return**
- **Living with purpose**

NOTICE: “for the mercy of Lord Jesus Christ”

- We don't deserve it

Jude instructs us how to help those affected by

Jude 1:22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:

Compassion = to compassionate (by word or deed, specially, by divine grace):--have compassion (pity on), have (obtain, receive, shew) mercy (on).

Compassion can be defined as seeing a need and doing something about it!

There are “some” that will listen when we show compassion, but there are “others”.....

Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Fear = alarm or fright:--be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.

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- This was expressing our view of sin
- To desire to reach them, but to not be affected by their sin
- The illustration could be that of someone dealing with leprosy

Jude gives glory to God!

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

- May God be your help
- It is only HIM that can keep you on the right track!

Put no confidence in the flesh

- It is God that keeps our marriages together

We can be victorious!

“...to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.”

- We can come before God clean
- Live with victory

Live with Exceeding JOY - properly, to jump for joy, i.e. exult:--be (exceeding) glad, with exceeding joy, rejoice (greatly).

Jude ends with praise:

■ **He ends this with such confidence in God**

Jude 1:25 To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

- **“Only wise God”** = The ONLY one that can teach us truth
- **“Savior”** = Rescuer
- **“Glory”** = Praise, worship, honor!
- **“Majesty”** = All power, authority, and pre-eminence.
- **“Dominion”** = Ruler
- **“Power”** = GREATER than all