

Jude 20-23

		WRITTEN TEXT		JUDE'S COMMENT
5.	Jude 17-18	Apostles predicted, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."	Jude 19-23	<u>False teachers described:</u> - Cause division - Worldly people - Devoid of Spirit Believers counter by <u>building foundation in:</u> - faith - prayer - stay in love of God - wait for his mercy <u>Ministry to others:</u> - mercy for doubters - snatch others from fire - mercy with fear hating clothes stained by flesh

Jude 17 – **But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

4771 [e] 1161 [e] 27 [e] 3403 [e] 3588 [e] 4487 [e] 3588 [e] 4302 [e] 5259 [e] 3588 [e] 652 [e] 3588 [e]
 Hymeis de agapētoi mnēsthete tōn rhēmatōn tōn proieremenōn hypo tōn apostolōn tou
 17 Ὑμεῖς δέ , ἀγαπητοί , μνήσθητε τῶν ῥημάτων τῶν προειρημένων ὑπὸ τῶν ἀποστόλων τοῦ
 You however beloved remember the words - having been spoken beforehand by the apostles of the
 PPro-N2P Conj Adj-VMP V-AMP-2P Art-GNP N-GNP Art-GNP V-RPM/P-GNP Prep Art-GMP N-GMP Art-GMS

2962 [e] 1473 [e] 2424 [e] 5547 [e]
 Kyriou hēmōn Iēsou Christou
 Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ,
 Lord of us Jesus Christ
 N-GMS PPro-G1P N-GMS N-GMS

1. **“Remember”** is a call to the believers to recall the teaching of the apostles or the Word of God.
 - a. This is the first imperative of this letter, or first command, demand on the people.
 - b. This begins a series of imperatives in verses 17-23:
 - c. Forgetting (or, not knowing) the Scripture results in spiritual regression
 - d. Not knowing the Word of God will prevent these believers from applying: faith, prayer, love of God and mercy commanded in verse 20 (imperatives).
 - e. The first section of Jude began with the same when he wrote in verse 5:
 “Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it...”

Jude 18 – They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.”

3754 [e]	2036 [e]	4771 [e]	3754 [e]	1909 [e]	2078 [e]	3588 [e]	5550 [e]	1510 [e]	1703 [e]	2596 [e]
hoti	elegon	hymin	hoti	Ep'	eschatou	tou	chronou	esontai	empaiktai	kata
18 ὅτι	ἔλεγον	ὑμῖν ,	[ὅτι]	Ἐπ'	ἐσχάτου	τοῦ	χρόνου	ἔσονται	ἐμπαῖκται ,	κατὰ
that	<u>they were saying</u>	to you	-	In	[the] last	-	time	there will be	scoffers	after
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"scoffers" - *empaiktes* - meaning "a mocker", "a scoffer" from the word *empaizo* meaning "to mock at", "to ridicule", "to jeer" - *en-* preposition "in, on, at, by, with" - *paizo* "to play as a child"

3588 [e]	1438 [e]	1939 [e]	4198 [e]	3588 [e]	763 [e]
tas	heautōn	epithymias	poreuomenoi	tōn	asebeion
τὰς	ἑαυτῶν	ἐπιθυμίας	πορευόμενοι ,	τῶν	ἀσεβειῶν .
-	their own	passions	following	-	of ungodlinesses
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Jude 19 – It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	592 [e]	5591 [e]	4151 [e]	3361 [e]	2192 [e]
Houtoi	eisin	hoi	apodiorizontes	psychikoi	Pneuma	mē	echontes
19 Οὗτοί	εἰσιν	οἱ	ἀποδιορίζοντες ,	ψυχικοί ,	Πνεῦμα	μὴ	ἔχοντες .
These	are	those	causing divisions	worldly-minded	[the] Spirit	not	having
DPro-NMP	V-PIA-3P	Art-NMP	V-PPA-NMP	Adj-NMP	N-ANS	Adv	V-PPA-NMP

1. Described as:

- a. “worldly people” – *psychikoi* – “worldly-minded”
- b. “devoid of the spirit”
 - i. “The Spirit” would be the Holy Spirit
 1. This is true, but may not be the context of this statement
 - ii. “spirit” would be the human spirit
 1. This may be the context of this statement here.
 2. This would be the “hardened heart” (or “hardened human spirit”)
 3. This spirit would be dead and unresponsive to:
 - a. Truth
 - b. Light
 - c. Holy Spirit
 - d. Instinctive human nature such as referred to in Romans 1:18-32
 - i. 1:18 – they “*suppress the truth*”
 - ii. 1:19 – “*what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them*”
 - iii. 1:21 – “*they knew God, they did not honor him as God.*”
 - iv. 1:21 – “*they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*”

- v. 1:24 – “God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts (spirits”
to impurity”
- vi. 1:25 – “they exchanged the truth about God for a lie”
- vii. 1:26 – “God gave them up to dishonorable passions”
- viii. 1:26 – They “exchanged natural relations for those that are
contrary to nature.”
- ix. 1:28 – “God gave them up to a debased mind to do what
ought not to be done.”

e. Worse than brute beasts and animals who maintain their natural, nurturing instincts

Jude 20 – But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

4771 [e]	1161 [e]	27 [e]	2026 [e]	1438 [e]	3588 [e]	40 [e]	4771 [e]	4102 [e]	1722 [e]	4151 [e]	40 [e]
Hymeis	de	agapētoi	epoikodomountes	heautous	te	hagiōtate	hymōn	pistei	en	Pneumati	Hagio
20 Ὑμεῖς	δέ ,	ἀγαπητοί ,	ἐποικοδομοῦντες	ἑαυτοὺς ,	τῇ	ἀγιοτάτη	ὑμῶν	πίστει	ἐν	Πνεύματι	Ἁγίῳ
You	however	beloved	building up	yourselves	in the	most holy	of you	faith	in	[the] Spirit	Holy
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proseuchomenoi
προσευχόμενοι ,
praying
V-PPM/P-NMP

1. These next four verses are the main point of the letter.
2. The “You”, “Beloved”, and “Yourselves” are all plural. So, the context is not necessarily directions on how “you, the individual” builds yourself up, but how the body (community, church) of believers builds themselves up to defend against the heretics.
3. The following compressed instruction will:
 - a. Preserve the faith of the beloved
 - b. Guide the beloved in an empowering respond to those who are failing in faith
4. Four imperatives in regard to the beloved’s:
 - a. Faith
 - b. Hope
 - c. Love
 - d. Prayer
5. Jude opens the book with this statement in 1:3 -
“I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.”
 and, now writes seventeen verses later to use the “faith...delivered to the saints” to “build yourselves up” in 1:20 -
“you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith.”
 - a. “the faith” is the body of Truth we know as the Word of God or Sound Doctrine.
 - b. “the faith” is Truth that we know, believe and are stabilized on
 - c. “the faith” is the Rock as in the Words Jesus spoke:
“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” – Matthew 7:24

- i. Notice:
 - 1. The Rock is the Words of Jesus, or what Jude calls “the Faith”
 - 2. The wise man “built his house” on the Rock, so he was building on or continuing the building of the structure (his life) by continuing in the Word, the Truth, the Faith.
- 6. Four imperatives for the beloved to do to overcome the effect of false teaching:
 - a. “Building up yourselves in your most holy faith”
 - i. “Building Up” is *epoikodomeo* meaning “to build upon, build up” and refers to finishing the structure whose foundation has already been laid”
 - 1. Just like a house is built on the foundation.
 - 2. This refers to constant progress towards finishing the house.
 - 3. This is not referring to laying the foundation, but is understood to be the ongoing building process being done on the already finished foundation.
 - ii. Faith is confidence or belief in something such as information or a person
 - iii. “Most holy faith” would refer to confidence or belief in the:
 - 1. “Most Holy” is *hagios* means “sacred, holy” and is used to say “set apart for God”.
 - a. This is totally different and entirely set apart from other things such as religious, philosophies, cultures.
 - b. This refers to confidence or belief in something that is from God and set apart by God
 - c. This is not the faith of the believer, but the faith of true Christian doctrine.
 - 2. “Most Holy” information
 - a. The most holy information is the Word of God
 - b. The Word of God is revelation from God through the Holy Spirit
 - c. This is not merely a person’s opinion, a philosophy, another person’s promise, etc.
 - d. This is the unchangeable Word of God, the Word that spoke creation into existence.
 - 3. “Most Holy” person
 - a. This is the person of Jesus Christ
 - b. This is God himself
 - iv. Build yourself up by understanding the revelation given to you by God through:
 - 1. Understand God’s Word (Apostles, Prophets) recorded as Scripture
 - a. Old Testament
 - b. New Testament
 - 2. Understand God’s Son
 - v. The Most Holy revelation will build up your Most Holy Faith (confidence, belief, empowerment, etc.)
 - vi. Read and study Scripture:
 - 1. Acts 2:42 – “*They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*”
 - 2. Acts 20:32 – “*Now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*”

3. 2 Timothy 2:15 – *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”*
 4. Hebrews 5:12,14 – *“you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food...solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”*
- b. “Praying in the Holy Spirit”
- i. Again, the focus is on how the beloved can overcome the false teachers and their false teaching.
 - ii. By “praying in the Holy Spirit” the believer is praying from a position in the Faith, on the Rock, in the Truth.
 - iii. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 -
*“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. **We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God,** and take every thought captive to obey Christ.”*
 - iv. What does it mean to “pray in the Holy Spirit”
 1. It follows the command that involves understanding and having faith in the revelation of God (the Word, Scripture, Jesus Christ.)
 2. It would mean in this fellowship with God (through the Holy Spirit) pray:
 3. The Holy Spirit is in the believer empowered to actively follow the Holy Spirit through understanding the revelation from God:
 - a. Romans 8:9-11; 13-15 –
“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you...If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you...For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”
 - b. Galatians 5:16-18; 22-25 -
*“Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.**”*

- c. Here in Jude the man who in Romans and Galatians
 - has the Holy Spirit dwelling in them,
 - is walking by the Spirit as they conduct their life,
 - is led by the Spirit in moral and ethical choices,
 - is producing fruit of the Spirit in their character,
 - is living by the Spirit,
 - is putting to death the misdeeds of the body by the Spirit
 - is keeping in step with the Spirit,
 then that person is likely able to pray in the Holy Spirit!
- 4. Does praying in the Holy Spirit mean to pray in tongues? Well, do you walk in tongues, produce fruit of tongues, live in tongues, keep in step with tongues? If you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is leading you in conduct, choices, character while you live and remain in step (fellowship) with God the Holy Spirit, then you can pray in the Holy Spirit without praying in tongues.
- c. “Keep yourselves in the love of God”
 - i. “Keep” is *tereo* meaning “to attend to carefully, take care of, to guard.”
 - 1. This is attentive and watchful care of a thing you currently possess.
 - 2. Pay careful attention not to leave the circle or sphere of God’s love.
 - ii. Remain in the sphere of God’s love
 - iii. God’s love for us is in Christ, in Christ atoning death, in fellowship with the light as he is in the light...we remain here.
 - 1. God’s love is to Christ.
 - 2. Christ’s love is to us.
 - 3. We remain in that love.
 - a. Love Christ. Love God.
 - b. Obey...grow...imitate...produce fruit...
 - c. Walk in the light as Jesus is in the light
 - d. Maintain fellowship with Christ
 - iv. To leave the realm of “the love of God” would mean to follow false teaching into a realm that is opposite of the realm of God’s love:
 - 1. To leave the atoning death of Christ and replace it with human works.
 - 2. To leave the light would mean to leave the character of God’s nature
 - v. It is possible to turn your back on the love of God.
 - 1. This **does not** mean lose salvation.
 - a. It **could** indicate salvation was never received
 - 2. This does mean progress, growth, fellowship has stopped.
 - a. Understanding of the Truth (Light, Word) has stopped because it has been replaced with false teaching
 - b. The person is no longer built up in the Most Holy Faith or Praying (living, walking) in the Holy Spirit because they are outside the sphere where God’s love abides which is in Christ.
 - vi. John 15:9-10 –
 - “As the Father has loved me,
so have I 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."*

vii. 1 John 6-8 -

"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

- d. Waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life."
 - i. We need mercy for salvation, for sanctification and for glorification.
 - ii. The "mercy" we are waiting for is opposite the judgment the heretics are waiting for.

7. False teaching today:

- a. Belief is doubted
- b. Do culturally accepted good
- c. Love is emotional
- d. Hope forgotten
- e. Christianity can become a mere temporal philosophical ideology empowered by sentimental and self-willed energy to advance a worldly agenda.

8. False teaching and false application of the heretics in Jude:

- a. Crept in unnoticed
- b. Ungodly
- c. Pervert the grace into sensuality
- d. Deny Jesus Christ as Master and Lord
- e. They have been delivered, but did not believe
- f. They left their proper place of authority
- g. Indulged in sexual immorality
- h. Pursued unnatural desire
- i. Rely on their dreams (visions, not Word of Truth)
- j. Defile the flesh (natural man)
- k. Reject authority in the natural world
- l. Blaspheme spiritual things
- m. They do not stay in the place of the Lord's authority
- n. They are spiritless humans more depraved than an animal
- o. They kill those who are following God and his decrees
- p. They use Christianity for profit
- q. They rebel against what God has set up
- r. They do not realize the danger they are in or the judgement they will face
- s. They are leaders who only concern is their own advancement and pleasure
- t. They cannot provide for the people of God
- u. They find direction from culture, not the eternal plan of God
- v. They are fruitless
- w. They are dead and unable to recover because they are uprooted
- x. Their very lives expose the filth and garbage they have in their souls.
- y. They have no direction and are heading into darkness

- z. They grumble and are unsatisfied
- aa. They are lead by their sinful desires.
- bb. They boast about themselves
- cc. They only show favor to others in order to gain an advantage over them or the situation.

Jude 21 – keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

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heautous	en	agapē	Theou	tērēsate	prosdechomenoi	to	eleos	tou	Kyriou	hēmōn	Iēsou	Christou			
21	ἑαυτοῦς	ἐν	ἀγάπῃ	Θεοῦ	τηρήσατε	,	προσδεχόμενοι	τὸ	ἔλεος	τοῦ	Κυρίου	ἡμῶν	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ	,
	yourselfes	in	<u>[the] love of God</u>	keep	awaiting		the	<u>mercy</u>	of the	Lord	of us	Jesus	Christ		
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	<u>unto</u>	<u>life</u>
	Prep	Adj-AFS

Jude 22 – And have mercy on those who doubt;

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Kai	hous	1	men	diakrinomenous
22	Καὶ	οὓς	1	μὲν
	And	those who	indeed	have mercy on
	Conj	RelPro-AMP	Conj	<u>are doubting</u>
			V-PMA-2P	V-PPM-AMP

Jude 23 – save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

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hous	2	de	sōzete	ek	pyros	harpazontes	hous	3	de	eleate	en	phobō	
23	οὓς	2	δὲ	σῶζετε	,	ἐκ	πυρὸς	ἀρπάζοντες	;	οὓς	3	δὲ	
	others	also	save	<u>out of</u>	<u>[the] fire</u>	snatching	to others	then	show mercy	with	fear	hating	even
	RelPro-AMP	Conj	V-PMA-2P	Prep	N-GNS	V-PPA-NMP	RelPro-AMP	Conj	V-PMA-2P	Prep	N-DMS	V-PPA-NMP	Conj

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ton	apo	tēs	sarkos	espilōmenon	chitōna
τὸν	ἀπὸ	τῆς	σαρκὸς	ἐσπιλωμένον	χιτῶνα
	<u>the</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>flesh</u>	<u>having been stained</u>
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Jude 24 – Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

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	To	de	dynamenō	phylaxai	hymas	aptaistous	kai	stēsai	katēnōpion	tēs	doxēs	autou
24	Τῷ	δὲ	δυναμένῳ	φυλάξαι	ὑμᾶς	ἀπταιστούς	καὶ	στήσαι	κατενώπιον	τῆς	δόξης	αὐτοῦ ,
	To Him	now	being able	to keep	you	from stumbling	and	to present [you]	in the presence of	the	glory	of Him
	Art-DMS	Conj	V-PPM/P-DMS	V-ANA	PPro-A2P	Adj-AMP	Conj	V-ANA	Prep	Art-GFS	N-GFS	PPro-GM3S

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amōmous	en	agalliasei
ἀμώμους	ἐν	ἀγαλλιάσει —
blameless	with	exultation
Adj-AMP	Prep	N-DFS

Jude 25 – to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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25	μόνῳ	Θεῷ	Σωτῆρι	ἡμῶν ,	διὰ	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ	τοῦ	Κυρίου	ἡμῶν ,	δόξα ,	μεγαλωσύνη ,	κράτος ,
	to [the] only	God	Savior	of us	through	Jesus	Christ	the	Lord	of us	[be] glory	majesty	dominion
	Adj-DMS	N-DMS	N-DMS	PPro-G1P	Prep	N-GMS	N-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	PPro-G1P	N-NFS	N-NFS	N-NNS

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kai	exousia	pro	pantos	tou	aiōnos	kai	nyn	kai	eis	pantas	tous	aiōnas	Amēn
καὶ	ἐξουσία ,	πρὸ	παντὸς	τοῦ	αἰῶνος	καὶ	νῦν ,	καὶ	εἰς	πάντας	τοὺς	αἰῶνας .	Ἀμήν .
and	authority	before	all	-	time	and	now	and	to	all	the	ages	Amen
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