

Jude 05 - Error *Sneaks* into Faith

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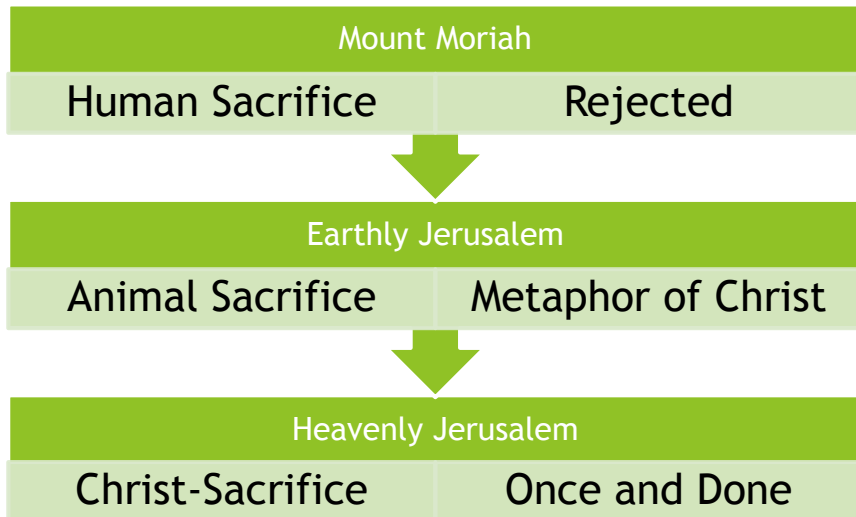
Jude 3b-4

Prologue: Three Perspectives of the One Faith's Learning Phases

Man's Grasp of Sin



Illustrative Role of Jerusalem (Sacrifice)



Relationship of Priests



Prologue: Only One Faith Justified Live by Faith

- ▶ Throughout the Bible there has only been **One Faith** (Hab 2:4; Ro 1:17; Ga 3:11)
 - ▶ Pre-Law: Job saved by repentance-faith apart from religious rituals (Job 1:1-5; 42:1-6)
 - ▶ Law: David wrote repentance-faith apart from Temple rituals (Ps 51:16-17; 10:1-4; Ga 3:16-18)
 - ▶ Post-Law: Repentance by faith in Christ alone {Solas}: Salvation (Ro 10:8-11, 17)
- ▶ God did not cast away His people, Jews; He fulfills His promises (Ro 11:1, 5-6, 25-29)
 - ▶ Jews promised to be priests, but not Aaronic; fulfilled in Millennial Kingdom (Ge 34:13-17, 25-29; Ex 19:5-6; Is 62:6-7; Ze 14:16-21)
 - ▶ They will be part of the New Covenant body (Ze 12:10; 1Co 12:12-27; Re 21:1-7, 22-25)
- ▶ This is the One, shared, common, faith of Jude; in Christ, **all the *called-out ones*** and the Spirit say, “Come,” to all who will walk by faith, not rituals (Re 22:16-17)
 - ▶ There are always those who divide the One Faith; Jude is redirected to Warn us of them

Inspiration: Jude Write What God Decides

- ▶ Jude gives insight into *God breathed* writing (2Ti 3:16-17)
 - ▶ Jude compelled to change his topic to God's topic in support of the One Faith
- ▶ Jude *inspired* to exhort people to defend the faith
 - ▶ The One Faith was delivered by God through men to people via Christ (He 1:1)
 - ▶ The Bible, taught by the Spirit, is the Gospel given to us by the *Logos* (Jn 1:1-18; 1Co 2:14)
- ▶ Major disruption to the One Faith is not from without but from within
 - ▶ Majority of significant attacks come from those who infiltrate the Body
 - ▶ They cause divisions to disable the Body then leave to plunder others; these are antichrists which act like infectious bacteria (1Jo 2:18-21)
- ▶ We will discuss what this looks like during: Pre-Law; Law and Post-Law periods

Pre-Law: Genesis

Cain to Nimrod to Job

- ▶ Pre-Law: Creation to Ten Words and Aaronic Priesthood
 - ▶ Eve raised Cain to be the man to defeat Satan; except, God rejected Cain who, overcome by anger, killed Abel and *wandered* {Nod} to where other unbelievers congregated to become their leader: God raised up Seth to keep Truth alive (Ge 4)
 - ▶ After the Cataclysm, Nimrod became leader-priest putting himself above God to eradicate truth and lead Man into hopelessness (Ge 10:8-11; 11:1-9)
 - ▶ Job and friends, ignorant religionists, speaking their corrupted knowledge of God in contrast to Elihu who spoke Truth; God did not condemn Elihu (Job 35:1-8; 42:1-6)
- ▶ Each of these came from within the group corrupting truth even to death
 - ▶ All motivated by their own desires, sensualities; hallmark of False Teachers
 - ▶ All rejected God's Truth substituting their understanding (Ro 1:18-28)
- ▶ God intervened continuing the One Faith, Salvation in Christ: Abraham (Ge 15:1-6; Ro 4:3; Ga 3:6-8; Ja 2:22-23)

Law: Exodus to Malachi

Flesh Rejects God Continually

- ▶ God chose Hebrews to be His people from among the nations; smallest group, who were Abraham's *physical* descendants (De 7:6-9)
 - ▶ People, with Aaron, made Golden Calf idol as god who led them out of Egypt; giving God's glory to imaginary gods (Ex 32:1-9; Je 16:18-21; 1Co 8:4)
 - ▶ During Judges, priests *sold* themselves to wealth and power corrupting true faith; Dan example of establishing idolatry and Moses' posterity were priests (Ju 17:7-13; 18:14-20, 27-31)
 - ▶ Israel rebelled against Davidic kings and reestablished Calf worship, in Bethel and Dan, to prevent reunion via Temple worship (1Ki 12:25-31)
 - ▶ Israel-Judah carried into captivity for corrupting the faith; only Judah returned but not as a nation; provided Davidic line for Christ to be King (2Ki 17:14-18; 18:1-4; Ez 8; Mt 1:1)
 - ▶ Priesthood continued corrupting people; yet God promised to raise up a man to announce the coming Messiah {Judge}: John, Baptist (Mal 2:1-12, 17; 3:1-3)

Post-Law: Pentecost to Great Tribulation Churches Going Apostate

- ▶ This is our period, Dispensation of First Fruits and the worst apostasy period; no wonder God inspired Jude to warn us to defend the complete One Faith
 - ▶ Christ agonized over and paid for the One Faith with His fleshly body (He 10:5-10)
 - ▶ Many willfully remain immature; completely inadequate for the task (He 5:11-14)
- ▶ Church Letters warn us corruption comes from within
 - ▶ Pergamum: People allow themselves to be corrupted by sensualities (Re 2:14)
 - ▶ Thyatira: People allow False Teachers to corrupt Truth via sensualities (Re 2:20)
 - ▶ Sardis: Continuing in Lies results in spiritual death; heed Christ's warnings (Re 3:1-3)
- ▶ Christ warned that this period would become increasingly corrupted (Mt 24:7-12)
 - ▶ This period ends in Great Tribulation with the great harlot {False Jews} being destroyed by Antichrist-False Prophet duo; yet many will be saved at great cost (Re 11:; 12:17-13:17; 17:3-6, 18)

Millennial Kingdom: To End of Creation Begins Glorious But Ends Corrupted

- ▶ Only saved come into the Millennial Kingdom where Christ reigns bodily (Re 20)
 - ▶ This idyllic period only lasts for nearly 1,000-years; as long as Satan is *bound*
 - ▶ When he is *unbound*, he again corrupts people from within until nearly the entire world's population rises to assail Christ and His faithful at Jerusalem
 - ▶ This finishes this Creation as the Flesh and Satan {Demons} show themselves completely corrupted and worthy of judgment by their own works: Lake of Fire
- ▶ Lost from without always seek to destroy the Saved; obviously
 - ▶ God's people susceptible to corruption from within (2Pe 2:1-3)
 - ▶ Draws away those seeking Truth
 - ▶ Causes divisions leading to confusion and church dissolutions (1Co 3:1-4)

Following the Bible: Your Praxis Identifies Your Theology

- ▶ Our study follows Jude's, and thus God's, template using Scripture
 - ▶ We will look at the general praxis of False Teachers: Sensuality
 - ▶ Looking and naming past and current examples detracts from understanding the praxis which does not vary regardless of age (Ec 1:9-11)
 - ▶ Naming groups or leaders detracts from understanding praxis and is of little value as the outward *trappings* change to keep people confused
 - ▶ Our study will avoid this trap which creates confusion and conflicts (1Ti 6:20; 2Ti 2:15-17; Tit 3:9-11)
- ▶ False Teachers guided by their Flesh and demonic *wisdom* (Ja 3:14-16)
 - ▶ False Teachers' praxis proves the Bible true; this is how they reveal themselves worthy of God's, not yours, judgment {Condemnation vs discernment} (1Jo 2:18-20)
- ▶ Their One message: Deny Christ as Master {Despotase} and Lord (1Jo 2:22-23)
 - ▶ If Christ not Lord, then there is no salvation; He is the lynchpin (Jn 1:29-30; Ro 3:21-24)