

# Contend Earnestly For the Faith Which Was Once For All Handed Down to the Saints

## An Expository Study of the **Epistle of Jude**

### Chapter 7- The Profile of the Heretics **Jude 10**

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Welcome again my beloved in Jesus Christ. We are continuing our verse by verse “Journey” through the Epistle of **Jude** and today I want to continue to examine what Jude taught about “The Profile of the Heretics”. So, let’s read verse 10 of Jude together:

**But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.**

Now as we have already seen- sin does not only make an unreasonable animal out of you- but also a devil. In **Luke 4:34**, the devil said to Jesus:

**"Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are — the Holy One of God!"**

Now this verse tells us several things. First of all, the devil fully realizes that he has nothing to do with Jesus. I know lots and lots of people who want nothing to do with Jesus. This shows how *animalistic* they have become. It is *unreasonable* for people to not want anything to do with Jesus. It makes no sense. But when a person is deceived and has given himself over to his own sensual urges- he behaves in an unreasoned way. He does things that are not convenient; he acts in ways that are not only sinful and insulting to God- but in ways that are also destructive to himself.

Secondly, although the devil knows full well who Jesus is, and that Christ is Lord- he refuses to serve Him. Many today intellectually know and accept the fact that Jesus is Lord- but their

life proves that although they mentally agree with what the Bible declares to be true- they themselves are still lost. We must never forget that a rejection of the Words and the Commands and the Teachings of Jesus is always equated in the Bible with being a rejection of Jesus Himself. You cannot separate the Person of Jesus from the Words of Jesus. If you do not obey the Words of Jesus, it is because you do not love the Person of Jesus. You cannot *know* Christ and not *serve* Christ. You cannot say that Jesus is your Savior and then live in a way that declares that He is not your Lord. How you live determines who you serve- not the information that is in your head.

Thirdly, notice that the devil knew full well that there is a day coming when Jesus Christ is going to destroy him. In **Matthew 8:29**, the devil made this statement to Jesus,

**...Have You come here to torment us before the time?"**

Many people today live under the false assumption that they are going to be allowed to go to Heaven- even though they aren't saved. They really don't believe that God is as serious about sin as the Bible says that He is. They really don't believe that sin is as offensive to God as the Bible says that it is. They don't believe that they are really that bad. They really don't believe that they are going to be cast headlong into the lake of fire if their name is not written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

I mean, you have to at least give the devil more credit than these people. The devil *knows* that he is going to hell. The devil fully believes that God is just that serious and just that personally offended at sin. The devil absolutely believes that the day is coming when Jesus Christ will destroy those who dwell in sin. The deceived people don't know that- but the devil knows it. We need to pray that these people who don't obey God's Word can somehow rise to the level of faith and belief to equal that of the devil- because these people's faith and their belief and their trust about Christ is not as accurate as the devil's is.

That is what Jude is talking about in verse 10. When men follow lies- they get deceived. All of a sudden, sin, that they would have never been involved in, becomes attractive; ungodly things that they would have normally resisted, become a major part of their lives.

This is surrendering to the animalistic urges of the fleshly senses, rather than the holy leading of God's Spirit.

When these people start believing the lies of the heretics, they lose their modesty and begin to feel free to display their animalistic urges publicly. Like animals, they lose all self-control, and they try to sanctify it by calling it something spiritual. For example- If they are angry- they pitch a fit and take it out on everyone around them- and say that they are operating in righteous indignation.

If they lust- they feel the liberty to manifest their perversion without any restraint at all- and then try to justify their sin by saying that God told them that they could; or that the vision provided for this; or that the Spirit led them.

Because the discipline of a holy life is not present in their lives; because the tempering influence of the Holy Ghost is not in their lives; because the desire to please the Lord and obey His Word is not viable in their hearts- they will publicly and proudly use filthy talk; sexual and sensual conversations and behavior; ungodly activities.

Like the unreasoning animals that they are- they will just completely surrender to the animalistic urges of their flesh and without any fear or remorse at all- these people will call the manifestations of their sinful and carnal flesh- spiritual.

This is the fruit of heresy. This is the result of loaning your ear to false teaching. Intelligent, bright, and successful people will behave like animals and call it "good". Intelligent, bright, and successful people will actually denounce godly things and will embrace ungodly things. Intelligent, bright, and successful people will defend evil and rail out against holiness.

Anytime anyone lives by his carnal appetite rather than by the Spirit of God; anytime nourishing his own body becomes more important than nourishing his soul- heresy is present.

Anytime great focus is spent on the things of *this* life, rather than the eternal things of the next life-; anytime that we see people incorrectly and unScripturally use terms like "love" and "tolerance" in a way that God did not use them- we must know that those who use these terms are not interested in being holy and godly; they are not interested in manifesting godly love and genuine Christian mercy- no, they are interested in bringing in sin and calling it good. Changing the Biblical definition of what words mean always results in a great

increase of sin; a toleration of sensual and sexual behavior; and more unrestrained evil. And that evil will not just come in- it will come in boldly and it will take over.

Anytime people renounce the need for Doctrine- it is because they want to be able to sin without anyone saying anything about it. Any time that anyone thinks that Sound Biblical Truth should not be taught and preached in the House of God- it is because they want the freedom and the liberty to live their lives the way that they want to without having to see that the Scriptures condemn it.

We are seeing a picture of this today in the American Episcopal Church, which has left its proud heritage and has taken on the doctrine of devils. Today it is more important to the leadership of this once fine Church to be called “inclusive” and “tolerant” than it is for them to be faithful to Jesus. It is more important to the leadership of this Church to sustain personal relationships with perverted people than it is for them to remain obedient to inspired Scripture. This Church has said that what the Bible teaches is no longer necessary or even true. This Church has official and boldly proclaimed that Sound, Biblical Doctrine is a hindrance to modern Church life. This Church has said that we don’t need inspired, Divine Truth to guide our lives- all we need is human love and ungodly tolerance.

What is the result of this Church rebelling against the authority of Scripture? What is the result of this Church throwing out and trampling on what God has said? Perversion and unrestrained sexual filth is now not just *attending* this Church- it is being officially placed into positions of power and authority. That which would have been denounced out of hand just a few years ago is now a great mystery and something that requires great elaborate meetings and hand wringing and consternation. And what do you suppose is the result of all this hand wringing and great debates and meetings? The American Episcopal Church has now formally and officially said that homosexuals are not only qualified to lead the Church; not only qualified to handle the holy things of God; not only qualified to counsel troubles souls – they are now saying that anyone who agrees with Scripture about perversion is the real evil person.

Now I realize that some will be quite upset with me for saying all of this, but I’m not the right person to vent your anger on. Your anger should be directed at the leadership of the Episcopal Church

who has done these things. Your anger should be toward those people who with full understanding of what they are doing, have formally and officially rejected the Word of God and have joined in with the lies of satan. Your anger should be directed toward those who have made the modern Episcopal Church to be an apostate Church, and an enemy of the Cross of Jesus Christ and an embarrassment to the Gospel.

So, I beg you to pray for this Church. I beg you to fast and pray, and weep between the porch and the altar that God will convict the Episcopal Church's leadership and so that the Episcopal Church may repent and return to their First Love.

This is why I tell you of the great importance of basing what you believe on Scripture and not the whims of the flesh. This is why I tell you that unless your Church has Doctrine that is Biblical and that is written down- your Church will soon fall in with the masses of those who want to go the way of the brute beasts.

As I have told you before, everybody on earth already has a Doctrine. Every Church already has a Doctrine and every person, and every Church already has a Theology. The only issue is whether or not your Doctrine and Theology is Biblical; whether what you believe is Divinely inspired; and whether or not that Theology is faithful to Scripture.

When you make any judgment at all on any issue of life or morality or spirituality- you are basing that judgment on something. You are either basing it on the wisdom of your own mind or on the intents of your own heart; or the mores of society; or human logic; or human reasoning; or history; or you are basing that judgment on what someone told you; or what the pastor said, or what the pope wrote, or what Church councils have decreed; or you are basing your judgment on the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of the living God.

But no matter what you base your judgment on- your judgment and the actions that come forth from that judgment is your Doctrine and it reveals what your Theology is- whether it is right or wrong. All I am pleading with you to do, my brothers and sisters, is to base your Doctrine and your Theology on the Bible and not any of those other things.

When you make a judgment about anything, say, Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage for example- you are issuing out your

Doctrine- even if what you say is not Biblically true. When you make a moral ruling on any thing- abortion; the death penalty; homosexuals; stem cell research; whatever it is- you are basing those moral rulings on your Doctrine.

So, if your Doctrine is Sola Scriptura; if your Doctrine is Biblical- then your moral rulings and your judgment will be Biblical. But if your Doctrine is based on majority rules; or on human logic; or papal decrees; or a vision or on what is socially acceptable- then your moral ruling and your judgment will be off base and faulty and will not be godly.

Now that would be bad enough, but here is the real issue. Those of us who stand in the place of leadership in the House of God are responsible for not only what we do- but we are also responsible for the souls of those whom we teach. God will not hold me guiltless if I teach and preach something that God did not authorize- no matter how sincere I might be about it. So if I feed other people my own logic; or my own reasoning; or my own ideas because I am so puffed up with my own importance and do not teach them what God said about that particular issue- and they believe what I teach because they love me or respect me- and if what I told them was wrong and is contrary to what God said- then God will still judge those people for their sin- but their blood will be on my hands.

So, do you see how serious this is? No one in Church leadership- no pastor; no prophet; no teacher; no evangelist; no bishop; no elder; no deacon; no steward; no cardinal; no pope; no church council; no board; no committee has the right or the authority to stray from what Scripture teaches- and when they do stray- they are sinning and need to repent and bow their knees to the authority of Scripture.

So don't be guilty of being so foolish as to say that Doctrine isn't necessary or that teaching Biblical Doctrine somehow hinders God's Love or Gods' Spirit. That is just a cop out to excuse your unwillingness to obey the Bible and learn and teach and preach and proclaim and love and obey the Truth of Scripture. Beloved, may we all earnestly contend for the Faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints. Well, I'm out of time for today- so please join me on the next broadcast as we continue our Journey through the Epistle of **Jude**. May God help us all.

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