

***“Holy Hate”***  
***Jude 23***

**Introduction:**

1. As We Get Back Into Our Sunday Night Series:
  - On The “Progress Of Victory” That:
    - We Can Have As Christians:
      - Let’s Turn In Our Bibles to:
        - The Book Of Jude!
  - Because It Is There:
    - That We Will Find Another Way:
      - That We Can Fight:
        - The Spiritual Enemy Of:
          - Our Flesh!
2. Once Again:
  - The “Flesh” That We Are Talking About:
    - Is Not The Physical Flesh:
      - Of Our Bodies!
    - But The Fallen Flesh:
      - Of Our Souls!
  - The Fallen Part Of Our Nature:
    - That Is Not Only Drawn To Sin:
      - But Is The Very Source:
        - Of Our Sin!
3. And Even Though:
  - When You Are Saved:
    - You Are Given A New Nature:
      - That Is Now Able To:
        - Desire & Pursue After:
          - The Things Of God!
  - The Old Nature:
    - Is Still Within Us!
      - That “Old Man” - That Still Needs To Be:
        - “Put Off” - As Paul Tells Us:
          - Like An Old, Worn, Filthy Shirt!
4. But - In Our Own Experience:
  - This Is All Too Often:
    - Easier Said Than Done!
  - And So - God Has Given To Us:
    - Through His Word:
      - Various Ways To:
        - Put It Off & Overcome Our Flesh!
5. But - As We’ve Already Considered:
  - We Can Never Have Victory Over Our Flesh:
    - Apart From:
      - Depending On The Lord - And:
        - Dwelling With The Spirit!
  - This Is Where Victory Begins & Ends!
    - So - We Must Never Pursue:
      - Any Other Of These Means Of Victory:
        - In Our Own Strength!
          - But Only Through His!
6. But - As You:
  - Depend On The Lord & Dwell With The Spirit:
    - They Will Enable You To:
      - Fight Against Your Flesh:
        - So That You Might Experience Even More Victory:
          - Over This Enemy Within You!

7. And So - The Last Time We Looked At This:
  - We Learned That:
    - We Must Learn To:
      - Deny The Flesh!
  - Even As We Are Told:
    - In Romans 13:14:
      - “Make Not Provision For The Flesh, To Fulfill The Lusts Thereof!”
      - And So - We Need To Deny Our Flesh:
        - Access To Those Things:
          - That Will Feed The Frenzy Of Our Fallen Lusts And Desires!
    - Have You Been Doing This?
      - Or - Have You Been Indulging:
        - In Those Things That:
          - Your Flesh & Your Lusts:
            - Feed Upon?
  - As You Depend On The Lord - And:
    - Dwell With The Spirit:
      - Ask God To Help You To:
        - Deny Your Flesh!
8. Well - Tonight:
  - We Find Another Way:
    - To Overcome Our Flesh - And That Is:
      - To Detest It!
        - To Detest Your Flesh:
          - With A Holy Hate!
    - Again - We Are Not Talking About:
      - Your Physical Flesh:
        - But About Your Fallen Flesh!
          - And - We Need To Desire To Have:
            - A Holy Hate:
              - Toward Those Things That God Himself Hates!
  - 9. And - We Find This Principle:
    - In Jude Verse 23b:
      - Where - As Jude Talks About:
        - How Christians Are To Care For:
          - Others Within The Body Of Christ:
            - Who May Be Casualties:
              - Of False Teachers & False Teaching!
      - He Admonishes Us To Be:
        - “Hating Even The Garment Spotted By The Flesh!”
          - Which Is A Holy Hate:
            - Toward Those Things That May Even Be Slightly Tainted:
              - By Our Flesh!
    - 10. Now - In Context:
      - This Is A Warning:
        - Much Like The One We Find In:
          - Galatians 6:1 - Where Paul Tells Us:
            - “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted!”
        - In Much The Same Way:
          - Jude Tells Us In:
            - Verse 22 & 23 - “And of some have compassion, making a difference: / And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire!”
    - 11. So - When Other Christians:
      - Are Struggling With The Effects Of:
        - False Teachers & False Teaching:
          - Those Who Are Stronger In The Faith:
            - Need To Assess The Best Way:

- To Win & To Bring Them Back!
- But - At The Same Time:
  - We Must Keep On:
    - “Hating Even The Garment Spotted By The Flesh!”
- Now - Even Though This Is:
  - A General Statement Of Feeling:
    - That Should Accompany The Action:
      - Of Saving - It Provides A Deep Motive:
        - That Applies To Both:
          - The Strong & The Weak!
  - So - Even Though This Refers To:
    - A Holy Hate:
      - Toward The Flesh Of Others!
  - It Applies To:
    - A Holy Hate:
      - Toward Our Own Flesh As Well!
- And - When We Learn To:
  - Detest Our Flesh:
    - We Will Get Even Closer:
      - To Having Victory Over Our Flesh!
        - And So - From Jude 23:
          - We Need To Learn To:

## ***1. Hate What The Flesh Is!***

- Again - Jude 23:
  - “Hating . . . The Flesh!”
    - Once Again - By The Flesh:
      - Jude Is Not Talking About:
        - The Physical Nature Of Man:
          - But The Fallen Nature!
- This Is Something That:
  - Jesus Himself Describes In:
    - Mark 7 - When Some Of The Religious Leaders Were Offended That:
      - Jesus & His Disciples Did Not Wash Their Hands:
        - In A Ritual Way:
          - Before They Ate!
  - So - In Mark 7:15:
    - Jesus Tells Them:
      - “There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man!”
    - In Essence:
      - Jesus Is Talking About:
        - Our Flesh!
  - And So - In 7:20-23:
    - Jesus Explains:
      - “That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. / For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, / Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: / All these evil things come from within, and defile the man!”
- All Of This Is:
  - The Flesh!
    - And - All Of This:
      - We Are To Hate & Detest & Despise!
        - Because - All Of These Things:
          - Flow From A Fallen Heart!
  - And - We Need To Hate Them:
    - Because The Lord Himself Hates Them!
      - In Proverbs 6:16-18 - We Are Even Told:

- “These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: / A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, / An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief!”

- Do We Hate:
  - What Our Fallen Flesh Is?
  - But Then - In Addition To This:
  - We Need To Learn To:

## 2. ***Hate What The Flesh Does!***

- And - What Does Our Flesh Do?
  - Jude 23 - “Hating Even The Garment Spotted By The Flesh!”
    - The Flesh Defiles & Spots:
      - That Which Would Otherwise:
        - Be Clean & Pure!
    - The Words Used To Describe:
      - This “Spotting” By The Flesh:
        - Is Only Used A Few Times:
          - In The New Testament!
  - And - When It Is Used:
    - In 2 Peter 2:13:
      - It Also Describes:
- What Sin Does!
  - And - Especially The Sin Of:
    - False Teachers! And Peter Calls Them Out!
      - “Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you!”
  - So - Not Only Does:
    - The Flesh Produce Spots & Blemishes:
      - In Our Souls - They Do The Same:
        - In The Church!
    - Which Means That:
      - They Even Counteract:
        - What Jesus Himself Is Seeking To Do With His Church!
  - And So - When The Word For “Spot” Is Used:
    - In Ephesians 5:27:
      - It Is Used To Describe:
- What The Savior Does!
  - Jesus Gave Himself For His Church:
    - “That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish!”
- So - This Is Another Reason:
  - Why We Ought To Hate The Flesh!
    - Because It Does The Very Opposite:
      - Of What Christ Is Doing!
        - In His Church - And:
          - In Your Soul!
  - Do We Hate:
    - What Our Fallen Flesh Does?
      - But - What The Flesh Does:
        - It Does From The Inside Out!
          - Which Means - It Doesn’t Merely Stay In The Inside!
  - So - We Also Need To Learn To:

## 3. ***Hate What The Flesh Contaminates!***

- Which Is Why Jude Gives Us This Warning:
  - In The First Place!
    - “Hating Even The Garment Spotted By The Flesh!”

- So - Not Only Are We To Hate / Detest:
  - The Flesh Itself:
    - And What It Is & What It Does!
- We Are Even To Hate / Detest:
  - What The Flesh Touches:
    - And Defiles & Infects!
- Now - The Word For “Garment” Here:
  - Refers To A Tunic:
    - That Was The Garment:
      - Worn Closest To The Body!
        - Like An Under-Shirt, Only Longer!
- And - Just Like The Under-Garments:
  - We Wear - We Put Them On:
    - As A Covering!
      - To Cover Up Those Things:
        - We Don’t Want People To See!
    - As A Comfort!
      - To Keep Us Cool When Its Hot - Or To Keep Us Warm When Its Cold!
- But - What Happens When:
  - Those Clothes Become Stained & Soiled?
    - You Should Take Them Off:
      - And Get Rid Of Them!
    - Because They Are Filthy:
      - And Can Cause Further Problems!
- So It Is With:
  - The “Spiritual Garments” That We Use:
    - To Cover Up Our Flesh:
      - Even Though They Are Stained By Our Flesh!
  - But - What Could These:
    - Spiritual Garments Be:
      - That We Are To Hate?
- Well - Just Like The Clothes:
  - We Might Use As A Covering:
    - We Need To Hate Those Things That:
      - Hide Our Flesh!
        - The Things We Use:
          - To Cover Up The Sins & Lusts Of Our Flesh!
- This Is Something:
  - People Think They Have Been Good At:
    - Since The Very Beginning:
      - When Adam & Eve Tried To Hide & Cover Up Their Sin Against God:
        - In The Garden Of Edeed!
- What Did They Do?
  - Genesis 3:7-8 - “They sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. / And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden!”
    - But - No Matter How Hard They Tried:
      - They Were Still Spotted By Their Sin & Their Flesh!
        - And - They Were Still Naked & Open Before God!
- We Need To Hate The Garment:
  - Of Cover-Up:
    - When Dealing With Our Flesh!
  - And - Instead:
    - We Need To Learn To:
      - Display Our Flesh:
        - To God:
          - For What It Is!
- Remember That:

- Hebrews 4:13 - "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do!"
  - And So - Sometimes The Best Way To Deal With Our Flesh:
    - Is To Expose It To The Sunlight:
      - Which Has Been Said Is The Greatest Disinfectant!
  - James Even Tells Us To:
    - "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed!" (James 5:16)
- But Also - Just Like The Clothes:
  - We Might Use As A Comfort To Us:
    - We Need To Hate Those Things That:
      - Harbor Our Flesh!
        - Even The Things That Make Our Flesh & Our Sins:
          - Comfortable - So That It Feels No Threat!
  - Now - As Christians:
    - We May Have Good Enough Standards:
      - So That We Don't Feed Our Flesh!
        - But - The Problem Is:
          - We're Not Starving It Either!
      - Instead - We May Be Fine:
        - With Leaving Things As They Are!
          - In A Stale Mate!
    - We Need To Hate The Garment:
      - Of Comfort:
        - When Dealing With Our Flesh!
      - And - Instead:
        - We Need To Learn To:
          - Disturb Our Flesh:
            - In Order To Make It Uncomfortable!
    - At Times - This May Require:
      - Radical Change:
        - So That There Is No Safe-Harbor:
          - For The Lusts Of Our Flesh!
      - Isn't This What Jesus Was Dealing With:
        - Back In Mark 9 - When Jesus Said:
          - "If Thy Hand Offend Thee - Or - If Thy Foot Offend Thee - Cut It Off - Or If Thine Eye Offend Thee - Pluck It Out!"
      - Now - Even Though This Is A Strong Metaphor:
        - Jesus Is Not Advocating Self-Mutilation:
          - But Rather - Self-Denial:
            - As We Considered From Romans 13:14 - "Make Not Provision For The Flesh!"
    - So - You Need To Do:
      - Whatever It Takes:
        - To Disturb Your Flesh!
  - But - There Is Something Else:
    - We Might Do With Our Clothes!
      - Even Those That Go Unseen By Others!
        - Sometimes - Even Our Garments:
          - Can Contribute To Our Flesh:
            - And Our Lusts!
    - How Many Commercials - And:
      - How Many Magazines:
        - Deal With What You Wear!
          - Even Under Your Clothes!
    - Clothes Themselves:
      - Can Become Precious & Valuable To Us!
        - And So - We Need To Learn To Hate Those Things That:

- Honor Our Flesh!
  - Even To The Point Of Idolatry! Putting Something In The Place Of God In Your Life!
- In The Old Testament:
  - The Children Of Israel:
    - Often Were Unfaithful To The Lord:
      - And Set Up Idols:
        - In The Middle Of Groves Of Trees!
    - So That - The Groves Themselves:
      - Became A Symbol Of Idolatry!
        - Yet - How Many Times Did A Good King Take The Throne:
          - To Destroy The Idols:
            - But Left The Groves In Tact!
  - Those Were Garments Spotted By The Flesh!
    - Perhaps You Struggle With Different Lusts:
      - And You Keep In Tact:
        - Those Things That Contributed To Your Struggle:
          - Because Of Its Value To You!
      - How Many Struggle With:
        - Keeping Their Affections On Things Above - And Yet:
          - Their Eyes Stay Glued To The Screen Of Their Phone?
      - Or - How Many Struggle With:
        - Covetousness & Greed - And Yet:
          - Hang On To Those Collections That Contributed To It:
            - Because Of How Much They Have Invested In It!
    - We Need To Hate The Garment:
      - Of Those Things That Contribute:
        - To Our Flesh!
      - And - Instead:
        - We Need To Learn To:
          - Discard Those Things:
            - That Will Tempt Us, As They Have Done Before!
  - And So :
    - Instead Of:
      - Hiding Your Flesh:
        - You Need To Display & Expose:
          - What Covers It!
      - Instead Of:
        - Harboring Your Flesh:
          - You Need To Disturb:
            - What Comforts It!
      - And - Instead Of:
        - Honoring Your Flesh:
          - You Need To Discard:
            - What Contributes To It!
      - Because These Are The Garments:
        - That Are Spotted By The Flesh!
          - And - We Need To:
            - “Avoid All That Leads To Sin Or That Looks Like Sin!” (Matthew Henry)

### **Conclusion:**

1. But - When You Do Remove:
  - These Spotted Garments:
    - Remember What You Have:
      - To Replace Them!
        - Something Better!
  - Even A Garment:
    - That Can Do:

- All That You Need & Want It Too!
  - The Garment Of:
    - Jesus Christ & His Righteousness!
- 2. After All:
  - Only The Love Of Christ:
    - Can Truly Cover:
      - The Shame Of Your Sin!
        - Because - His “Charity” Covers A “Multitude Of Sins!”
  - Only The Sacrifice Of Christ:
    - Can Bring True Comfort:
      - To The Struggles Of Your Soul!
        - Because - He Has Given Us “Everlasting Consolation And Good Hope Through Grace!”  
(2 Thessalonians 2:16)
  - And - Only The Person Of Christ:
    - Can Provide A Lasting Contribution:
      - To Benefit Your Soul!
- 3. Let Us Learn To:
  - Hate Even Our Garments:
    - That Are Spotted By The Flesh:
      - So That We Might Have Greater Victory:
        - Over Our Flesh!

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