

***“Worthy Of Praise!”***  
***Jude 24-25***

**Introduction:**

1. This Morning, We Come To Our Final Message:
  - In The Book Of Jude!
    - And What He Did:
      - In The Beginning Of This Letter:
      - He Does:
        - At The End Of This Letter As Well!
    - He Brings Our Minds & Hearts:
      - Back To The Lord:
        - And All That He Does For His People!
2. And He Does This:
  - Through A Prayer Of Praise!
    - A Fitting Doxology!
      - Verses 24-25 Are Not Directly Addressed To Christians!
        - They Are Not Directly Addressed To You!
    - These Verses Are A Prayer Of Praise:
      - To The Lord!
        - Jude 24-25 - “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, / To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen!”
      - What A Way To End This Letter!
        - John Calvin - “He Closes The Epistle With Praise To God, By Which He Shows That Our Exhortations And Labors Can Do Nothing Except Through The Power Of God Accompanying Them!”
        - Yet, Even Through This Prayer:
          - There Is Great Instruction For Us As Well!
  - 3. Because - No Matter What We Face As Christians:
    - We Have Much To Praise God For!
      - No Matter How Difficult Things May Be:
        - For Our Church:
          - Even When False Teachers & False Members Creep Into The Church!
        - And No Matter How Dark Things Will Get:
          - In Our Lives:
            - Because It Is The Last Time – These Are The Last Days!
      - There Is Still So Much To Praise God For!
        - And He Is Worthy Of Our Worship And Our Praise!
  - 4. And So:
    - Let Us Join Our Hearts With Jude:
      - In This Prayer Of Praise To God!

**\* Let Us:**

1. ***Praise God For His Power!***
  - 24a - “Now Unto Him That Is Able!”
    - This Is The First Description That Jude Gives About:
      - The One To Whom He Is Praying!
        - He Is The One – “That Is Able!”
      - Like The Old Sunday School Song Goes:
        - “He Is Able! He Is Able! I Know He Is Able! I Know My Lord Is Able To Carry Me Through!”
      - We Can Praise God:
        - For His Power!
          - That He Is Able! And That:
    - His Power Is Strong!
      - In Fact – It Is Infinite!
        - God Is Omnipotent! He Is All-Powerful!
      - Psalm 147:5 - “Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite!”
      - Jeremiah 32:17 - “Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great

- power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee!”
- The Power Of God Is Strong!
  - And So No Matter What We Face:
    - Because Of His Great Power:
      - “If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)
- Let Us Praise God For His Power! Also Because:
- His Power Is Sustaining!
  - He Directs His Infinite Power Toward Us!
    - To Give Us His Strength!
      - Because We Are Weak!
    - And To Give Us His Help!
      - Because We Are Needy!
  - Everything Jude Describes In This Letter:
    - Will Overwhelm Us:
      - And Would Overcome Us!
    - If It Were Not For:
      - The Sustaining Power Of God In Our Lives!
      - Jesus Says In John 15:5 - “Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing!”
  - So - Let Us Praise God For His Power!
- And Rely On His Power & Strength
  - More And More In Our Lives!

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**2. Praise God For His Protection!**

- 24 - “Now Unto Him That Is Able To Keep You From Falling!”
  - Even In Jude’s Prayer Of Praise To God:
    - He Reminds Us Of What God Is Able To Do:
      - For Us!
  - And We Must Never Forget:
    - That We Live In A Very Dangerous World!
      - Not Just With Physical Danger!
      - But With Spiritual Dangers All Around Us!
  - And Without The Power Of God To Protect Us:
    - We Would Fail! And We Will Fall! So:
  - Let Us Praise God For His Protection!
- He Is Able To Guard Us!
  - To “Keep” Here Means:
    - To Protect Us From The Outside Threats That We Face As Christians!
  - **IE:** Like When A Person Has Been A Witness Of A Crime, His Life & The Life Of His Family Is Sometimes In Great Danger! At Times, They May Be Put Into A “Witness Protection Program!” They Are Given A New Home! Sometimes They Are Given New Identities! And They Are Watched Over By Armed Marshals In Order To Protect Them!
    - When A Person Becomes A Witness To The Saving Power Of God In His Life, Through Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ:
      - They Are Put In The Greatest Protection Program Ever To Exist!
  - You Are Placed In The Powerful Hand Of God!
    - And He Will Keep You – Forever!
      - John 10:28-29 - “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. / My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand!”
  - Let Us Praise God For His Protection!
- He Is Able To Guide Us!
  - According To Jude’s Prayer Of Praise:
    - He Will “Keep You From Falling!”
      - The Path That We Are On In This World Is A Dangerous Path!
        - It Is Often Uneven! It Is Rocky! It Is A Lot Like Our Roads After A Cold, Icy Winter! Not Only Hard On Cars, But On Walking Too!
  - And If We Were Left To Ourselves:

- We Would Stumble & Fall:
  - Over & Over Again:
    - Into Sin & Error!
  - Even To The Point:
    - Where We Could Not Get Up If We Tried!
- But We Can Praise God That We Are Not Left To Ourselves!
  - He Will Guide Us In The Way That We Should Go!
    - As Isaiah Described It In Isaiah 30:21 - “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left!”
  - The Lord Will Keep His People:
    - From Ultimately Falling Away From Him And His Grace!
- So - Let Us Praise God For His Protection!
- And Rest In His Power To Protect Us!
  - Listen To His Voice! Follow In His Steps!
    - He Alone: “Is Able To Keep You From Falling!”

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**3. Praise God For His Preservation!**

- 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!”
  - Another Use Of God’s Great Power Is Given Here:
    - To Preserve Us:
      - Until The Day We Meet The Lord Face To Face!
  - It Reminds Us Of A Familiar Verse:
    - Philippians 1:6 - “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ!”
      - God Is The One Who Can & Will Preserve Us Through This Life:
        - And Into The Next!
  - Through His Purification!
    - God Is The Only One Who Is Able To:
      - “Present You Faultless!”
        - “Faultless” Here Means - To Have No Blemish, No Spot That Might Come From The Inside! **IE:** Like A Bruise / A Sore / A Birthmark!
    - This Is One Of The Great Reasons Why God:
      - Saves Us!
        - Not Just To “Forgive Us Our Sins!”
          - But Also To “Cleanse Us From All Unrighteousness!” (1 John 1:9)
      - It Is A Theme All Throughout The New Testament:
        - Ephesians 5:27 - “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!”
        - Colossians 1:21-22 - “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled / In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight!”
    - One Of The Signs Of Being A True Christian:
      - Is A Desire To Be Free From Sin!
        - A Desire To Be Clean & Holy!
    - If This Is Your Desire, As A Child Of God:
      - Then It Is Your Destiny As Well!
        - Because God Is Able To “Present You Faultless!”
    - Let Us Praise God For His Preservation!
      - He Alone Is Able To Purify You!
        - And He Will, One Day, “Present You Faultless Before The Presence Of His Glory!”
      - But He Will Also Preserve You:
  - For His Presentation!
    - “To Present You Faultless Before The Presence Of His Glory With Exceeding Joy!”
      - There Will Come A Time When All Men Will Appear Before God As Their Judge!
        - Jude Gave Us The Prophecy Of Enoch To Remind Us Of This Truth!

- In Verses 14-15 - "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, / To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them!"

- How Will You Appear Before God?
  - Malachi 3:2 - "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth?"
  - How Will You Be Presented?
    - Alone? By Yourself? Still In Your Sin & Your Guilt?
  - Or Will You Be Presented:
    - By The Lord Jesus? And In The Lord Jesus? Without Spot & Without Blemish?
  - "When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!" (Edward Mote)
- Jesus Will Save You In Order To Preserve You:
  - And To "Present You Faultless Before The Presence Of His Glory!"
    - You Will Be A Trophy Of His Grace!
- Let Us Praise God For His Preservation!
- And Rejoice In His Power To Preserve Us!
  - In That Day, We Will Be Able To Appear Before The Lord:
    - "With Exceeding Joy!"
      - 1 Peter 4:13 - "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy!"

\* We Can Also:

**4. Praise God For His Person!**

- 25 - "To The Only Wise God Our Savior!"
  - Here, Jude Identifies The One To Whom He Is Praying:
    - This Prayer Of Praise!
      - And These Names & Descriptions Reveal To Us **How** He Is Able:
        - To Do All Of These Things For His People!
  - Just Our Thoughts Of God Himself:
    - Ought To Cause Us To Break Out:
      - In Prayers Of Praise!
- He Is The Only God!
  - Deuteronomy 4:39 - "Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else!"
    - Hindus Worship Many Gods! (300 Million)
    - Muslims Worship Another God!
    - Christians Worship The One True God!
      - And Yahweh Is His Name!
  - Because He Is The Only God:
    - He Is The Only One Who Is Able To Do:
      - What He Said He Will Do!
  - Remember That: "The Lord Our God Is One Lord!"
    - And He Alone Deserves Our Devotion:
      - And Our Praise!
- He Is The Only Wise God!
  - Remember That God:
    - Knows & Understands Everything Going On:
      - In Your Life & In Our Church!
    - He Knows:
      - What We Need & When We Need It!
    - And When You Need Wisdom:
      - You Can Always Go To Him!
  - Romans 11:33-36 - "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! / For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? / Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? / For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen!"
    - He Alone Deserves Our Devotion:

- And Our Praise!
- He Is A Saving God!
  - “Our Savior!”
    - With The Hand Of Jesus, He Reaches Down To Us In Order To Bring Us To Him!
- He Alone Can Save Us!
  - He Alone Can Rescue Us!
    - Even From Our Sin & Our-Selves!
- This Is The God – The Personal God:
  - That We Should Remember:
    - And Bring To Him Our Prayers Of Praise!

\* We Should Also:

5. ***Praise Him For His Prominence!***

- 25 - “To The Only Wise God Our Savior, Be Glory And Majesty, Dominion And Power, Both Now And Ever. Amen!”
  - This Is The Main Substance Of Jude’s:
    - Doxology – His Prayer Of Praise!
  - And In It:
    - He Recognizes & Acknowledges The Prominence Of God Over Everything & Everyone!
      - Including Himself!
  - In Fact - One Of The Best Ways To Praise God:
    - Is To Recognize & Acknowledge:
      - God In All Of His Glory!
    - And To Express That Back To God Himself!
      - We Should Boast About The Greatness Of God – Back To God!
    - Do You Pray This Kind Of Prayer?
  - This Is The Kind Of Prayer Of Praise:
    - That God Deserves!
- Recognize His Reputation:
  - Of Glory!
    - The Visible Display Of His Character & His Attributes!
  - Acknowledge Him & Praise Him For His Glory!
    - Psalm 8:1 - “O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens!”
- Recognize His Royalty:
  - And His Majesty!
    - His Greatness Over Everything He Has Created!
  - Acknowledge Him & Praise Him For His Majesty!
    - Psalm 104:1 - “Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty!”
- Recognize His Rule:
  - And His Dominion!
    - His Sovereign Reign Over Everything:
      - On Earth & In Heaven Itself!
  - Acknowledge Him & Praise Him For His Dominion!
    - Luke 1:33 - “And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end!”
- Recognize His Right:
  - And His Power!
    - His Authority To Rule!
  - Acknowledge Him & Praise Him For His Power!
    - Matthew 28:18 - “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth!” (Authority / Right)
- We Must Recognize These Things About God:
  - And Then Bow Ourselves Before Him:
    - In Worship & In Devotion & In Praise!
      - Albert Barnes - This Is An Expression Of “The Feeling That All That Is Great And Good Belongs To Him, And The Desire Of The Heart That He May Reign In Heaven And On Earth!”

- Let Us Live Our Lives:
  - As A Doxology To God!
  - “Both Now And Ever! Amen!”

**Conclusion:**

1. Let Us Join With Jude:
  - And Praise God Through Our Prayers!
    - Because As Jesus Said In John 15:5:
      - “Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing!”
  - Psalm 40:16 - “Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified!”

\* I Will Praise Him!

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