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“This is Us, Building a Sure Foundation”

Bible Study Lesson Series: The Book of Jude’s Urgency to Live Holy
Lesson 1 Jude 1: 1-8

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Focus Verse: “For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” Jude 1:4 KJV

Study Objectives:

1. Warnings against false teachers and their immoral behavior
2. Exhortations to contend for the faith
3. God’s judgment of the ungodly
4. Recognizing your moral compass

Introduction: The foundation of our spiritual heritage is to walk in authority as children of God, which is necessary for victorious living. we were introduced to this reminder over the last few bible study lessons with Rick Renner's *Foundations of Faith*, followed by Jackie Hill Perry’s book *Holier than Thou* to walk in faith reflecting the holiness of God on the earth. Followed by Pastor Redmon, who taught the importance of proper judgment from God toward mankind with love and kindness to increase righteousness in the world. All these studies lead to the urgency of studying the book of Jude, who exhorts the church to contend for the faith. A timely study is essential for Christians to stand holy and faithful in a world of confusing false teachers.

This week, we begin the study of the Book of Jude with the same urgency as the author, Jesus’s brother Judas (Jude). He said there is no need to go over salvation now; something more important is here. False teachers are here, and people of God, I need you to contend for the faith. . . We must study to show ourselves approved to live as true epistles read by the world so they can know truth from falsehood.

Historical Background of Jude for relevance in our time.

Point 1: Warning against false teachers and their immoral behavior

Several passages throughout the New Testament find serious warnings about impending apostasy...

- Jesus warned that false prophets would arise, the love of many would grow cold, and only those who endure to the end would be saved - **Mt 24:11-13**
- Paul foretold of many disciples being drawn away - **Ac 20:29-30**
- Peter warned about the rise of false teachers and how many would follow their destructive ways - **2Pe 2:1-3**

Point 2: The charge with urgency to contend for the faith Jude 1:3-5

By the time the epistles of John and Jude were written, the danger was no longer pending; it was very much in existence...

- Antichrists were present, and false prophets were in the world - **1Jn 2:18; 4:1; 2Jn 1:7**
- Jude was forced to change his original purpose to deal with the crisis - **Jude 1:3-4**

1. Who were the recipients of this message of warning?

2. How do you contend for the faith? 2 Timothy 2:14-18 Jude 1:5 MSG; Jeremiah 23:16-17 MSG; 2 Timothy 2:14-18; Romans 6:1-3 MSG; Proverbs 14:12-13 MSG

As believers, what is our *Moral Compass*?

Point 3: Monologue- Jude 1: 6-8

Old Testament examples of disobedience, falling away, punishment, and God's justice

- a. Rebellion and Divine Justice
- b. Rebellious Angels
- c. Men of Sodom

Number 14, Genesis 19

Discussion Questions

1. Video- Megan Kelly Show (2:17 min.)
2. What are examples of falsehoods that lead to deception and compromise in our society, which confirm the urgency Jude warned about in biblical times and more so now?

Points To Ponder

- The faith revealed once and for all (literally, one time for all time) is worth fighting for.
- The character of false teachers - beware, you don't become entangled.
- How can you build up our most holy faith?

Offering and Announcements

Prayer

Dismissal

Home Reflection:

- 1) Who is the author of the Epistle of Jude?
- 2) Who were the recipients of this message?
- 3) When was it written?
- 4) What has been suggested as its purpose?
- 5) What has been suggested as its theme?

References:

1. Bible Translations cited above.
2. <https://youtu.be/tUaNhxq0JcE?si=IAoBcrGDGtzM7P6L>

