

The Ungodly

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Jude 5 (ESV) O/H

Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

As we stated last week, God identifies us as special. Because we are special Jude warns us about the ungodly that are secretly coming into the church. Christians are notorious for judging one another because of clothes they wear, food they eat, movies they watch, etc. All this cause conflict between believers. **However, when God warns the church about the ungodly in its midst it is for a completely different reason. That is what we are going to look at this morning. Although the men who were corrupting the church are described by Jude as “godless”, they would not have regarded themselves in that light. Neither would they have viewed themselves as the enemies of the Christian church. **Rather, they are proud of being progressive free thinkers, a spiritual elite, and not oweing lordship to anyone.** To help identify these people, Jude starts with the exodus of Israel from Egypt. Can we see something fascinating about this verse? Moses led Israel out of Egypt. However, Moses was a type of Jesus which shows how Jesus brings us from death to life and from darkness to light. Therefore, it is perfectly appropriate to say Jesus saved the people out of Egypt. This typology is all through the OT. **This allusion to Israel in the wilderness makes it very plain that Jude’s opponents were once orthodox Christians who had gone willfully astray into heresy.****

All came out of Egypt but not all had a changed heart. *God's judgment on apostate Israelites precisely fits his coming judgment on apostate Christians.* Not only are apostate Christians judged but also apostate angels are judged.

Jude 6 (ESV)

And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, God has kept in eternal chains in gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day!

These are the angels before the Noah and the Flood who came to earth and mingled with women. Because of their rebellion, God has kept or reserved these fallen angels in darkness and in eternal chains awaiting final judgment. *Apparently, some fallen angels are in bondage while others are still unbound and active among mankind as demons.* The implication is plain. *Pride and lust* ruined the angels that fell. The judgment of the ungodly men and women is as certain as that which befell those angels.

Jude 7 (ESV)

Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

The men of Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities were immoral but also pursued unnatural desire.

In Genesis C.19, angelic messengers in the form of men visited Sodom. The men of the city, motivated by their homosexuality desired them. God destroyed Sodom and the cities of the plain by raining fire and brimstone from heaven on them. **This was to serve as an example of the punishment of eternal fire that will come upon the ungodly. Ultimately the ungodly are not only unrestrained physically, but they also blaspheme anything spiritual.**

Jude 8–9 (ESV)

⁸ Yet in like manner these people also, these dreamers, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

⁹ But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”

Even the archangel Michael when dealing with the archangel Satan is cautious to call on God in a spiritual confrontation. Not so with the ungodly! What they do understand is the result of natural instincts, on a par with unreasoning animals.

Jude 10 (ESV) O/H

But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

The ungodly are simply being led by their sensual nature living on no higher plane than the animal creation.

In verse 11 are examples of people living as unreasoning animals. Cain who killed his brother, Balaam who prophesied for money, and Korah who rebelled against Moses.

These so-called freethinkers and progressives operating without the norm of Biblical restraints are identified with colorful and stinging metaphors.

Jude 12–13 (ESV)

¹²These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; ¹³wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

The frightening judgement of the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved for the ungodly forever. The Great Day of judgement will come.

Jude 14–15 (ESV)

¹⁴It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

The ungodly reject divine authority and follow their own sinful desires.

Jude 16 (ESV)

These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

The word “remember” is frequently repeated in the Scriptures. *Forgetfulness of divine directions inevitably tends to spiritual weakness: one degeneration leads to another.*

Jude 17–19 (ESV) O/H

¹⁷ But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” ¹⁹ It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

Far from being a spiritual aristocracy, these men in fact do not have the Spirit. The ungodly are not on the right wavelength. We are doing fine! Be aware but don't worry, we are qualified! Give thanks that we are God's treasured possession.

Colossians 1:12 (ESV) O/H

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.