

TIMELESS TRUTHS FOR SERVING GOD'S CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

A Sermon Series through the Book of Jude

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SECTION 1

THE REALITY OF THE CHURCH (1-4)

Greek Syntactical Outline

<sup>1</sup> Ἰούδας

Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ δοῦλος, } Apposition to 'Jude'  
ἀδελφὸς δὲ Ἰακώβου, }

τοῖς

ἠγαπημένοις } Apposition to 'the called'  
καὶ Ἰησοῦ Χριστῷ **τετηρημένοις** }

**κλητοῖς**.

<sup>2</sup> **ἔλεος**

ὑμῖν

καὶ **εἰρήνη**

καὶ **ἀγάπη**

**πληθυνθείη.**

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<sup>3</sup> Ἀγαπητοί, (Vocative – DA)

πᾶσαν σπουδὴν ποιούμενος γράφειν ὑμῖν (Contemporaneous Time)

περὶ **τῆς κοινῆς ἡμῶν σωτηρίας**

ἀνάγκην **ἔσχον**

γράψαι ὑμῖν (Inf. – Purpose/Result)

**παρακαλῶν ἐπαγωνίζεσθαι** (Part. – Purpose/Result)

τῇ

ἅπαξ παραδοθείση τοῖς ἁγίοις

πίστει.

4

παρεισέδυσαν

γάρ

τινες ἄνθρωποι,

οἱ πάλαι προγεγραμμένοι

εἰς τοῦτο τὸ κρίμα,

ἄσεβεῖς,

τὴν τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν χάριτα μετατιθέντες

εἰς ἀσέλγειαν

καὶ

τὸν μόνον δεσπότην καὶ κύριον ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν

Χριστὸν ἀρνούμενοι.

## English Syntactical Outline

<sup>1</sup> Jude,

a servant of Jesus Christ

**and**

a brother of James:

To those who are the called,

loved by God the Father

**and**

kept for Jesus Christ.

<sup>2</sup> May

mercy,  
 peace,  
**and**  
 love  
 be multiplied  
 to you.

<sup>3</sup> Dear friends,

although I was eager to write you

about the salvation we share,

I found it necessary to write,

appealing to you to contend

for the faith

that was delivered to the saints once for all.

4

For

some people,

who were designated for this judgment long ago,

have come in by stealth;

they are ungodly,

turning the grace of our God into sensuality

**and**

denying Jesus Christ,

our only Master and Lord.

## Sermon Brief

**Series Title:** “Timeless Truths for Leading God’s Contemporary Church”

**Sermon Title:** “The Reality of the Church”

**Text:** Jude 1-4

**ETS:** Jude challenged the church to wrestle for the faith.

**ESS:** We, as the church, must learn to wrestle well for the faith.

**OSS:** Hearers will understand who they are as the church, and based on an understanding of who they are as the church and the content of the Gospel, they will make a commitment to defend “truth” in the church now and in the future.

### **I. The Reality of Who We are as the Church (1-2)**

1. We are those who are redeemed by Christ (1)
2. We are those who are still in need of Christ (2)

*Again, as the church we are the redeemed and those still in need!*

### **II. The Reality of What We must do as the Church (3-4)**

1. The letter Jude wanted to write (3a)
2. But, the letter Jude had to write (3b-4)

*As the church, we are the ones who often have to add wrestling to our reconciliation.*

SECTION 2

ANATOMY OF AN ENEMY: PART I (Jude 5-7)

Greek Syntactical Outline

5

ὑπομνήσαι (Inf. – Complementary)

δὲ

ὕμᾱς βούλομαι,

εἰδόμενος ὑμᾶς ἅπασι πάντα,

ὅτι Ἰησοῦς

λαὸν

ἐκ γῆς Αἰγύπτου

σώσας τὸ δεύτερον

τοὺς μὴ πιστεύσαντας ἀπόλεσεν,

6

ἀγγέλους

τε

(Apposition)

τοὺς μὴ τηρήσαντας τὴν ἑαυτῶν ἀρχὴν

ἀλλὰ ἀπολιπόντας τὸ ἴδιον οἰκητήριον

εἰς κρίσιν μεγάλης ἡμέρας

δεσμοῖς αἰδίοις

(Dative – means/locative)

ὑπὸ ζόφον

τετήρηκεν.

ὡς

Σόδομα καὶ Γόμορρα καὶ αἱ περὶ αὐτὰς πόλεις,

(Participles – Causal) { τὸν ὅμοιον τρόπον **τούτοις**  
 ἐκπορνεύσασαι  
 καὶ ἀπελθοῦσαι  
 ὀπίσω **σαρκὸς ἑτέρας,**  
**πρόκεινται** **δείγμα**  
**πυρὸς αἰωνίου** **δίκην** ὑπέχουσαι. (Part. – Means)

## English Syntactical Outline

<sup>5</sup> Now I want to remind you,

although you came to know all these things once and for all,

that Jesus

saved a people out of Egypt

and

later destroyed those who did not believe;

6

and

the angels

who || did not keep their own position

but

|| abandoned their proper dwelling,

he [Jesus] has kept

in eternal chains

in deep darkness

for the judgment on the great day.

7

Likewise,

Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns

committed sexual immorality and perversions,

and

serve as an example

by undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

## Sermon Brief

**Series Title:** “Timeless Truths for Leading God’s Contemporary Church”

**Sermon Title:** “The Anatomy of an Enemy: Part 1”

**Text:** Jude 5-7

**ETS:** God has always been faithful to punish those who deny truth and godliness.

**ESS:** God is faithful to deal with those who deny Truth.

**OSS:** Hearers will understand that God has always known how and been faithful to punish those who deny truth and godliness so they will trust Him in this regard for their church and ministers.

### **I. The Example of Unbelief (v. 5)**

*God knows how to deal with denial of truth through unbelief in His church!*

### **II. The Examples of Ungodliness (6-7)**

*God knows how to deal with denial of truth through the rejection of godliness in His church!*

SECTION 3

ANATOMY OF AN ENEMY: PART II (Jude 8-16)

Greek Syntactical Outline

8

Ὅμοίως

**μέντοι**

καὶ

οὗτοι

**ἐνυπνιαζόμενοι**

σάρκα **μὲν** **μαίνουσιν**,

κυριότητα **δὲ** **ἀθετοῦσιν**,

δόξας **δὲ** **βλασφημοῦσιν**.

9

ὁ

**δὲ**

Μιχαὴλ

ὁ ἀρχάγγελος, (Apposition)

**ὅτε** τῷ διαβόλῳ

διακρινόμενος

**διελέγετο**

περὶ τοῦ Μωϋσέως σώματος,

**οὐκ ἐτόλμησεν κρίσιν ἐπενεγκεῖν βλασφημίας,**

**ἀλλὰ εἶπεν·**

**Ἐπιτιμήσαι σοι κύριος.**

10

οὗτοι

δὲ

ὅσα μὲν οὐκ οἶδασιν

βλασφημοῦσιν,

ὅσα

δὲ

φυσικῶς

ὡς τὰ ἄλογα ζῷα

ἐπίστανται,

φθείρονται.  
 ἐν τούτοις

11 οὐαὶ αὐτοῖς,

ὅτι τῇ ὁδοῦ τοῦ Κάϊν ἐπορεύθησαν,

καὶ τῇ πλάνῃ τοῦ Βαλαὰμ μισθοῦ ἐξεχύθησαν,

καὶ τῇ ἀντιλογίᾳ τοῦ Κόρε ἀπώλοντο.

12 οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ

ἐν ταῖς ἀγάπαις ὑμῶν

σπιλάδες

συνευωχούμενοι, ἀφόβως

ἑαυτοὺς ποιμαίνοντες,  
 νεφέλαι ἄνδρῳ } Apposition

παραφερόμενοι,  
 ὑπὸ ἀνέμων

13 δένδρα φθινοπωρινὰ ἄκαρπα  
 δις ἀποθανόντα  
 ἐκριζωθέντα,  
 κύματα ἄγρια θαλάσσης  
 ἐπαφρίζοντα τὰς ἐαυτῶν αἰσχύνας,  
 ἀστέρες πλανῆται  
 οἷς ὁ ζόφος τοῦ σκότους  
 εἰς αἰῶνα  
 τετήρηται.

} Apposition

14 Προεφήτευσεν

δὲ

καὶ  
 τούτοις ἑβδομος  
 ἀπὸ Ἀδάμ

Ἐνῶχ

λέγων·

**Ἴδοὺ** ἦλθεν κύριος  
 ἐν ἀγίαις μυριάσιν αὐτοῦ,

15 ποιῆσαι κρίσιν (Inf. – Purpose/Result)

κατὰ πάντων

καὶ ἐλέγξαι πάντας τοὺς ἀσεβεῖς (Inf. – Purpose/Result)

περι πάντων τῶν ἔργων ἀσεβείας αὐτῶν

ὧν ἠσέβησαν

καὶ

περι πάντων τῶν σκληρῶν

ὧν ἐλάλησαν

κατ' αὐτοῦ

ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἀσεβεῖς.

16

οὗτοι εἰσιν γογγυσταί,

μεμψίμοιροι,

κατὰ τὰς ἐπιθυμίας αὐτῶν  
πορευόμενοι,

} Apposition

καὶ τὸ στόμα αὐτῶν λαλεῖ ὑπέρογκα,

θαυμάζοντες πρόσωπα

ὠφελείας χάριν.

## English Syntactical Outline

8 In the same way

these people

—relying on their dreams—

defile their flesh,

reject authority,

(and)

slander glorious ones.

<sup>9</sup> Yet [Michael]

when Michael the archangel was disputing with the devil

in an argument about Moses's body,

he [Michael] did not dare utter a slanderous condemnation against him [the devil]

but

said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

<sup>10</sup> But

these people blaspheme anything they do not understand.

And

what they do understand by instinct

—like irrational animals—

by these things

they are destroyed.

<sup>11</sup> Woe to them!

For they have gone the way of Cain,

have plunged into Balaam's error for profit,  
 (and)  
 have perished in Korah's rebellion.

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<sup>12</sup> These people are dangerous reefs

at your love feasts  
 as they eat with you without reverence.

They are shepherds  
 who only look after themselves.

They are waterless clouds  
 carried along by winds;  
 [They are] trees in late autumn  
 —fruitless, twice dead and uprooted.

<sup>13</sup> They are wild waves of the sea,

foaming up their shameful deeds;  
 [They are] wandering stars  
 for whom the blackness of darkness is reserved forever.

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<sup>14</sup> It was about these that Enoch,

in the seventh generation from Adam,  
 prophesied:  
 "Look! The Lord comes  
 with tens of thousands of his holy ones  
 to execute judgment on all

(and)

to convict all the ungodly

concerning all the ungodly acts

that they have done in an ungodly way,

(and)

concerning all the harsh things

ungodly sinners have said against him.”

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<sup>16</sup> These people are

discontented grumblers,

living according to their desires;

their mouths utter arrogant words,

flattering people for their own advantage.

## Sermon Brief

**Series Title:** “Timeless Truths for Leading God’s Contemporary Church”

**Sermon Title:** “The Anatomy of Our Enemy: Part 2 – The Characteristics They Own”

**Text:** Jude 8 -16

**ETS:** The false teachers the church faced were really no teachers at all.

**ESS:** False teachers in the church are really no teachers of the church at all.

**OSS:** Hearers will learn to recognize false teachers in the church, so that they will protect others from them and not be influenced by them themselves.

**I. They Refuse To Be Under What They Claim To Be Over (8-11)**

*So they have an authority problem.*

**II. They Want To Gain a Blessing Without Giving a Benefit (12-13)**

*So they have a serving problem.*

**III. They Are Prophesied against Because They Are False Prophets (14-15)**

*So they have a truth problem.*

**IV. They Have a Divided Tongue and Seek Dividends from People (16)**

*So they have a consistency problem.*

SECTION 4

THE ANATOMY OF THE CHURCH (Jude 17-23)

Greek Syntactical Outline

17

Ὑμεῖς

**δέ,**

**ἀγαπητοί,** (Vocative – DA)

**μνήσθητε** τῶν ῥημάτων τῶν προειρημένων

ὑπὸ τῶν ἀποστόλων τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

18

**ὅτι** ἔλεγον ὑμῖν·

Ἐπ' ἐσχάτου χρόνου

**ἔσονται** ἐμπαῖκται

κατὰ τὰς ἑαυτῶν ἐπιθυμίας

πορευόμενοι τῶν ἀσεβειῶν. (Part. – Cont. Time)

19

οὗτοι **εἰσιν** οἱ ἀποδιορίζοντες,

**ψυχικοί,** (Apposition)

πνεῦμα μὴ ἔχοντες. (Apposition)

20

Ὑμεῖς

**δέ,**

**ἀγαπητοί,** (Vocative – DA)

ἐποικοδομοῦντες ἑαυτοὺς τῇ ἀγιωτάτῃ ὑμῶν πίστει,

ἐν **πνεύματι ἁγίῳ**

προσευχόμενοι,

21

ἐαυτοὺς

ἐν ἀγάπῃ θεοῦ

**τηρήσατε**

προσδεχόμενοι τὸ ἔλεος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ

εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

22

καὶ οὓς μὲν **ἐλεᾶτε** διακρινομένους,

23

οὓς

**δὲ**

**σώζετε**

ἐκ πυρὸς

ἄρπάζοντες,

οὓς

**δὲ**

**ἐλεᾶτε**

ἐν φόβῳ,

μισοῦντες καὶ τὸν

ἀπὸ τῆς σαρκὸς

ἐσπιλωμένον χιτῶνα.

English Syntactical Outline

17 But

you,  
 dear friends,  
 remember what was predicted  
 by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

18

They told you,  
 “In the end time  
 there will be scoffers  
 living according to their own ungodly desires.”

19

These people || create divisions  
 (and)  
 || are worldly,  
 || not having the Spirit.

20 But

you,  
 dear friends,  
 as you build yourselves up in your most holy faith,  
 praying in the Holy Spirit,

21

keep yourselves in the love of God,  
 waiting expectantly for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 for eternal life.

<sup>22</sup> Have mercy on those who waver;

<sup>23</sup> save others

by snatching them from the fire;

have mercy on others

but with fear,

hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

## Sermon Brief

**Series Title:** “Timeless Truths for Leading God’s Contemporary Church”

**Sermon Title:** “The Anatomy of the Church”

**Text:** Jude 17-23

**ETS:** Jude commanded the church to respond to the false teacher by committing to the word and work of the Gospel

**ESS:** The church must stay faithful even in the face of an opponent.

**OSS:** Hearers will commit to standing on the truth and sharing the Gospel as the church regardless of their circumstances and in spite of the presence of an enemy.

### **I. Remember the Warning in the Word (vv. 17-19)**

*The gospel warns the church.*

### **II. Remain in the Love of the Lord (vv. 20-21)**

*The gospel protects the church*

### **III. Redeem the Fallen with Fear (vv. 22-23)**

*The gospel calls the church.*

SECTION 5

THE GLORY OF THE SAVIOR (Jude 24-25)

Greek Syntactical Outline

24

Τῷ

δὲ

δυναμένῳ

φυλάξαι ὑμᾶς ἀπαιίστους (Inf. – Comp)

καὶ στήσαι (Inf. – Comp)

κατενώπιον τῆς δόξης αὐτοῦ

ἀμόμους

ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει

25

μόνῳ θεῷ σωτῆρι ἡμῶν (Apposition)

διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν

(understood “be” or “give”) δόξα μεγαλωσύνη κράτος καὶ ἐξουσία

πρὸ παντὸς τοῦ αἰῶνος

καὶ νῦν

καὶ εἰς πάντα τοὺς αἰῶνας·

ἀμήν.

## English Syntactical Outline

<sup>24</sup> Now

to him who is able

to protect you from stumbling

and

to make you stand

in the presence of his glory,

without blemish

(and)

with great joy,

<sup>25</sup>

to the only God our Savior,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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be glory, majesty, power, and authority

before all time,

now

(and)

forever.

Amen.

## Sermon Brief

**Series Title:** “Timeless Truths for Leading God’s Contemporary Church”

**Sermon Title:** “The Glory of Our God”

**Text:** Jude 24-25

**ETS:** Jude concluded his letter by declaring worship to God before this church that was facing false teachers.

**ESS:** Our God alone is due the worship of the church forever, especially in the face of opponents of the Gospel.

**OSS:** Hearers will trust God to keep them standing before Him, regardless of what may come, and will give him the worship He is due in the church.

### **I. To Whom Do We Give Our Worship (24-25a)**

1. To the one who is able to guard you from stumbling (24a)
2. To the one who is able to make you stand before His glory (24b)
3. To the only God, our Savior (25a)

### **II. By What Means to We Give Our Worship (25b)**

1. Glory (25b)
2. Majesty (25b)
3. Dominion (25b)
4. Authority (25b)

### **III. How Long Do We Give Our Worship (25c)**

1. Before all the ages (25c)
2. Now (25c)
3. Into all the ages (25c)

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