

## FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS Lesson 23

### Jude

Jude, the brother of James, wrote a little one-chapter epistle admonishing us to contend for the faith, warning us about the apostasy (the falling away), and admonishing us to help those who have erred to come back to the truth.

#### I. THE LETTER IS WRITTEN TO ALL CHRISTIANS.

1. In Jude 1, the word “sanctified” means “\_\_\_\_\_.”

Actually, “to them that are sanctified” means “to the saints”; in other words, it means “to all believers.”

2. Jude realized that every believer is a potential \_\_\_\_\_ and that any of us could fall away from the Lord, so he admonished all of us to watch ourselves and to help others, lest, we fall away from God.

In the Bible there are great men who fell away, at least for a season. There was Peter, who denied the Lord; David, who went into sin; Abraham, who fled the will of God and went to Egypt; Solomon, who turned to pagan religions, etc.

3. The word “\_\_\_\_\_” in verse 1 is exactly as one would think.

4. We are “preserved” in Christ until the day of “\_\_\_\_\_” when He comes again and we rise to meet Him in the air.

#### II. WE ARE TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH EARNESTLY. Jude 3.

1. This is the key verse of the book. We are admonished to \_\_\_\_\_ on to the faith.

2. This does not mean we hold on to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. It means we hold on to our \_\_\_\_\_, we hold on to our \_\_\_\_\_, we hold on to our \_\_\_\_\_, we hold on to our \_\_\_\_\_ for God.

#### III. WE ARE TO WATCH FOR DECEITFUL WORKERS. Jude 4.

1. False teachers slyly work their way into the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s people, God’s churches, God’s schools, etc.

2. We are to keep \_\_\_\_\_ against them constantly. It is a daily process.

3. The individual \_\_\_\_\_ must watch himself constantly lest he \_\_\_\_\_ away from the will of God and the blessings of God.

#### IV. GOD GIVES US EXAMPLES, WHICH ARE WARNINGS TO US.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_. Jude 5. The Israelites who marched from Egypt to the Promised Land refused to go in; they fell away.

For 40 years they suffered, and those over 20 years of age never saw the Promised Land.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_. Jude 6. Think of the angels in Heaven who fell. These angels were under Lucifer, who was an archangel.

They rebelled against God, pride came, and they were cast out of Heaven, never to regain their place of usefulness. Here is another warning to the Christian.

3. \_\_\_\_\_. Jude 7. Sodom and Gomorrha were two cities into which came awful sin. Their sin was so great that God destroyed them.

There are no cities of Sodom and Gomorrha today. They both are buried beneath the waters of the Dead Sea. Here again is a warning to us, lest we become castaways, not from salvation, but from usefulness.

V. GOD TELLS US OF THREE ERRORS WE CAN MAKE. Jude 11.

1. The way of \_\_\_\_\_.

Cain was a religious man who was not born again. We are warned here to be sure of our salvation.

2. The error of \_\_\_\_\_.

Balaam was a faithful prophet of God who was lured to leave the will of God and go into Moab. He preached the truth, but not where God wanted him to preach it and not under the sponsorship that God would require.

In other words, he was in the wrong crowd. Here is one of the grave dangers to every Christian. Practically every person who gets away from God's will does so because he gets in the wrong crowd.

3. The gainsaying of \_\_\_\_\_.

This is the same person known as "Korah," who is mentioned in the Old Testament. Korah led a rebellion against God's man.

The earth opened up, and an earthquake destroyed 14,000 people because of Korah's rebellion against God's man. Many people have left their usefulness for God because they did not stay close to the man of God and stand for him.

VI. WE SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE TRYING TO HELP OTHERS WHO ARE DRIFTING AWAY. Jude 21-23.