

“CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH - PART 2” (Jude 1:4-7)

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INTRO: Jude exhorts us to contend for the faith because of the infiltration of false teachers [apostates] in the church. Apostates are ungodly, use grace as an excuse for loose living and deny that Jesus is Lord (Jn. 14:6; 1Jn. 2:23; 4:15; 5:1, 11-13; 2Jn. 1:7, 9-11). It’s all about Jesus!

AN ADMONITION - to be on guard for apostates (vv. 5-16).

Examples of Previous Apostates & the Consequences (5-7).

1. The Backslidden Israelites (v. 5).

- A. Do we need reminding that sin has consequences?
- B. The rest of the story (Gen. 37-50; Exodus; Num. 13-14).
 - 1) The Israelites multiplied in Egypt.
 - 2) Eventually they were in bondage to the Egyptians.
 - 3) God raised up Moses to lead them out (Exodus).
 - 4) Sin & unbelief resulted in dying in the wilderness.
- C. It’s not how you start but how you finish (Matt. 10:22; 1Cor. 15:58).

2. The Fallen Angels (v. 6).

- A. At some point in history, a group of angels God created rebelled against God (Gen. 6:1-4; Rev. 12:1-9).
- B. As a result, God put them into captivity under darkness to await their final judgment (2Pet. 2:4; Matt. 25:41).

3. Sodom and Gomorrah (v. 7; 2Pet. 2:6-9; Genesis 19).

- A. Sexual immorality resulted in city destruction.
- B. Homosexuality was prevalent.
- C. Scriptures on heterosexuality and homosexuality (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:24; Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-27; 1Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 16:17-20).
 - 1. Sin is in the action, not the attraction.

Which is worse, being oppressed and tormented by seeing and hearing immoral conduct, or being so inoculated that it no longer bothers you because you’ve become desensitized?

CONCLUSION: The point of these three examples is that God eventually judges sin and unbelief! Next, we’ll look at how we can recognize modern apostates.