



Burning For His Glory  
Jude 5-7

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- Zeal = great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective, we might say passionate today
  - Why would Jesus do this?
  - It doesn't seem loving, does it?

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- The temple was the one place on earth, at that time, where people could come, offer acceptable sacrifices, and receive forgiveness of their sin debt
- This part of the temple where the animals and money changers were at was the only place available to Gentiles and everyone had to walk through this area
- The temple was declared holy because God is holy

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- So, I asked this question earlier, “Why would Jesus do this?”
  - They were tarnishing the name and character of God
  - They were hindering and preventing others from worshiping Him in spirit and truth
- Thus, Jesus is demonstrating the judgement of God in real terms

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- Where is the temple of God today?
  - In the heart and mind of every born-again child of God

## Acts 2:1-4 NIV

- 1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

## 1st Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

- If Jesus was that serious about the glory of God when He walked this earth, what makes us think He isn't just as serious about it in the church today, you today?



**Jude 5-7 NIV** 5 Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

## Jude is fired up

- About false teachers and teachings that have crept in the early church and teaching their self-declared truth as a new revelation coming straight from Jesus Himself
- It is having the same effect as marketing in temple area
  - Tarnishing the name and character of Jesus Christ
  - Hindering those who desired to come close to Jesus for the truth of salvation

## Jude is fired up

- Jude wants his readers to understand God knows who His children are
- He understands the struggles they are having keeping the truth given us by Jesus the truth taught in His church
- Jude wants them to understand this is nothing God has not dwelt with in the past and will do again today

## **Jude is fired up**

- God judges those who stubbornly resist His commands
- Jude gives them three examples of this from the history of the Nation of Israel

## Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness

- **Vs. 5** Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.
- God brought over a million Israelites out of slavery in Egypt
- He did it with great miracles they all experienced
- Almost as if they were standing around the throne of God and watching God in action

## **Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness**

- They all crossed the Red Sea while God destroyed the Egyptian army when they tried to cross
- God cared for all their needs as they made their way across a hostile wilderness
- God protected them from an army that they never should have conquered

## Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness

- God sent spies into the Promised Land to be witnesses that He was telling them the truth about the land He was giving them
- They rebelled against God's Word and Promise when they refused to enter the Promised Land and planned to return to Egypt

## **Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness**

- They were all saved from Egypt
- They all experienced the blessings from God
- But not all of them were believers, they were just tag alongs participating in the goodness of God



## Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness

- **Hebrews 6:4-6 NIV** 4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age 6 and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

## Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness

- Some became complainers and murmurers
- Some rejected and hindered the leadership God provided in Moses
- They accused God of bringing them out of Egypt so their wives and children would become plunder

## Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness

- **Numbers 14:3-4 NIV** 3 Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" 4 And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

## Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness

- Of that whole generation of adults, only two entered the land of promise – Caleb and Joshua
- **Numbers 14:28-31 NIV** 28 So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say: 29 In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me.

## Unbelieving Israelites in the wilderness

- **Numbers 14:28-31 NIV** 30 Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. 31 As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected.
- Think of Judas

## Rebellious Angels in heaven

- **Vs. 6** And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.
  - Angels did not keep their proper assigned task, but left their place

## Rebellious Angels in heaven

- These angels are those that rebelled against God's design structure/purpose for them and lost their places in the heavenlies
- Angels at one point were sinless but also had the ability to choose
- They lived in the very presence of God and ministered before Him

## Rebellious Angels in heaven

- They served God constantly obeying His every command given them
  - When Satan rebelled a portion of these angels followed him rather than God
  - Some of those were removed from heaven and thrown to earth along with Satan
  - Others are bound at this time waiting judgement when all of them will be bound and thrown into hell



## Rebellious Angels in heaven

- Even angels are not excluded from judgement for sin
- It seems like pride and lust were not reserved for mankind alone
- **Luke 12:46b**, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

## Rebellious Angels in heaven

- All creation, regardless of what or who it is, was created to produce glory and honor toward God Almighty
- What God expects from all His other creation and creatures He expects of us as well

## Gross immorality and perversion

- **Vs. 7** In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.
  - In a similar way – important in looking at this verse, “Angels did not keep their proper assigned task”
  - Angels did not exist and function as God intended
  - They decided they wanted something different than what God created them to be

## Gross immorality and perversion

- KJV call this, “fornication, and going after strange flesh”
  - They had completely and totally pursued a lifestyle of perversion that was different than God created for them
  - Here are two cities that had fallen into the practice of immorality and perversion

## Gross immorality and perversion

- Immorality and perversion was not the only reason God sent judgement upon them
- **Ezekiel 16:49-50 NIV** 49 ““Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. 50 They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen.”
- Detestable – morally disgusting, abomination

## Gross immorality and perversion

- God had created man and women differently on purpose
- **Genesis 1:27-28 NIV** 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

## **Gross immorality and perversion**

- God has never ordained or approved sexual activity outside of the bonds of marriage and no it does not matter how much you love each other
- There is no such thing as approved living together in God's Word or trying them out first to see if you are compatible
- There is no such thing as approval of laying with the same sex, as you would the other sex, married or not

## **Gross immorality and perversion**

- Scripture is clear on this, Not just the Sodom and Gomorrah verses but other scriptures, Old and New Testament, where this is called sin
- We may argue over whether those same-sex tendencies are born that way or nurtured that way, but it does not change the fact that God calls it sin
- Regardless of the cause, we must abandon all sin for Christ



## **Gross immorality and perversion**

- Not just this sin but everything God defines as sin
- If God did not ignore this sin, then how can we expect Him to ignore it today without judgement coming
- It may appear like God is approving or not paying attention, but judgement is coming
- If Jesus cleared the temple for His Father's glory, then how can we expect Him to ignore it today where sin abounds

## Remember, Jude is speaking to the church and not society

- **Isaiah 5:20 NIV** 20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.
  - Who defines evil?
    - God does
  - Who defines good?
    - God does

## Remember, Jude is speaking to the church and not society

- Thank God for His grace and mercy
- Yes, there is sinfulness deserving of judgement but yes, there is also mercy and grace available with a repentance heart
- **Isaiah 1:18 NIV** 18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

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- Either God's revealed Word is true, every part and command of it, or it is not worth the paper it is written on
  - If you cannot trust it entirely, how can you trust it deeply enough to live it when all society screams how wrong you are
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:17 NIV** And if Christ has not been raised (*according to scripture*), your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

## Remember, Jude is speaking to the church and not society

- Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness to turn a stone into bread and satisfy his body's needs in a way His Father has not authorized
- His response in **Matthew 4:4 NIV** 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



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