

Jude: A Battle Worth Fighting
Jude 4-11
Sunday a.m. 3/04/2018

- ✚ Germany made a last-ditch effort against American forces in the winter of 1944 called the Battle of the Bulge
- ✚ The German army sent English speaking soldiers, dressed as US Military Police, to infiltrate the American lines
- ✚ The fake MP's successfully directed tank and convoy traffic down the wrong roads, destroyed ammunition dumps, switched road signs and destroyed telephone lines
- ✚ They crept in unnoticed and caused much confusion and damage
- ❖ Jude told of men that crept into the church and taught false doctrine
- ✪ They came in a side door, unnoticed, and made themselves at home

2 Peter 2:1 (NKJV)

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

Galatians 2:4 (NKJV)

Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery

- ❖ They had false motives when they came into the church

■ **Their Identity (Jude 4)**

• **They were ungodly**

- ✚ devoid of reverence for God and lacked appreciation of His holiness
- ✚ professed a wholehearted reception of "God's grace"
- ✚ turned grace "into a license for immorality"

- **They were lewd**

“shameless excess, absence of restraint, especially sexual excess”

- ❖ All decency was gone and they did not care who saw their sin

- **They refused truth**

- ❖ **They denied the truth about God and His Son, Jesus Christ**

“The present tense depicts their denial as habitual. They were repeatedly denying, repudiating or disowning Jesus by words and by deeds.”

- ❖ Paul warned Titus

Titus 1:16 (NKJV)

They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

- **They were marked out**

- ❖ This is a public notice, court notice, to be read in advance

- ❖ Jude is saying that judgment was set beforehand

- **Their Judgment (Jude 5-7)**

- ❖ Jude reminded his readers about God’s past judgments

- **Unbelieving Israel (Jude 5) (Numbers 13-14)**

- ❖ God delivered Israel out of Egypt to give them the Promised Land

- ❖ God told Moses to select one man from each of the 12 tribes

- ❖ They were to inspect Canaan, the land God was going to give them

- ❖ They reported that the land was good, but the inhabitants were strong

- ❖ Ten spies said no...two said yes and the people voted no

- ❖ **That generation died a physical death in the wilderness**

- **Rebellious angels (Jude 6)**

"The idea is that certain angels acted improperly, going outside the bounds prescribed by God (their proper domain)."

2 Peter 2:4 (NKJV)

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

✧ **God judged rebellious angels, God will judge these evil men**

- **Immoral Sodom and Gomorrah (7)**

- ❖ A sinful city may be described as "Sodom and Gomorrah"
- ❖ Sodom and Gomorrah is referenced in OT 15 times /8 times in the NT

✧ **These cities were destroyed because of their sexual immortality, especially homosexuality**

- ❖ Sexual immorality controlled their lives and the cities

- ✚ God sent angels, that had the appearance of men, to warn Lot
- ✚ Men in the city grabbed them to have immoral relations with them

✧ **They were made an example of judgment by eternal fire**

- ❖ The **#metoo** movement is causing Hollywood to stop and think
- ❖ Who sets the standards for what's acceptable and what is not?

✧ **God has set the standard and hopefully this will cause people to see what He has to say about moral standards**

Close

- ✚ There are those that claim Christ, but deny Him as Lord
- ✚ They have infiltrated the church, seminaries, the public domain
- ✚ There is a judgment for rejecting Christ, Who only can forgive sin