

**Jude: A Battle Worth Fighting**  
**Living in A Dream World Jude 8-16**  
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⊛ **People that live in a dream world make their own rules, do what they want to and become what they want to be**

❖ These dreams may have been real or visions

⊛ **People may receive a word, speak a word that they believe will come true or positive thinking that will make their dream come true**

⊛ **But, are these your selfish dreams or God's will for you**

❖ Jude describes those that infiltrated the church as dreamers

❖ Their dreams or visions were the bases for their decisions

✚ They justified their immoral actions by their dreams

✚ They justified their rejection of authority by their dreams

✚ They assumed authority over God's authorities by their dreams

✚ They believed God would not judge them because of their dreams

■ **Their Dreams Led to Moral Corruption (Jude 8a)**

❖ Defile means literally to dye with another color

❖ A mind and conscience that is morally contaminated, corrupted

■ **Their Dreams Led to Rejection of Authority (Jude 8b)**

❖ They set aside God's authority, despised the Lordship of Christ

❖ Authority comes from kurios, Lord, owner, master

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"When a person despises God's authority, he feels free to disobey God's Laws and live as he pleases."

■ **Their Dreams Led to Slander of Angels (Jude 8c-10)**

❖ Why slander angels? To show false power over supernatural beings

❖ Michael the Archangel would not slander a demon (9)

## ✪ Michael left judgment up to God

- ❖ Michael will eventually throw Satan out of heaven (**Revelation 12:9**)

**Question:** Should believers address demons?

## ✪ How much more cautious should believers be if an archangel is cautious about how he deals with Satan

- ❖ These dreamers continually slandered what they did not understand
- ❖ Jude said they were animals making a lot of noise

## **Proverbs 10:19 (HCSB)**

When there are many words, sin is unavoidable, but the one who controls his lips is wise.

## ✪ People who talk too much can say things that are inappropriate, but the wise person controls what he says

## ■ Their Dreams Led to Rejection of God's Sacrifice (**Jude 11a**)

- ❖ Adam and Eve's sons, Cain and Abel, brought a sacrifice for sin to God
- ❖ Abel was a shepherd, he brought a lamb, first born of the flock
- ❖ Cain was a farmer, he brought vegetables as a sacrifice
- ❖ God accepted Abel's sacrifice and rejected Cain's (**Genesis 4:1-8**)
- ❖ Cain refused to submit to the authority of God and His word

## ✪ Cain is the picture of man's rejection of Christ

- ✚ Christ died for the ungodly, but I am not ungodly
- ✚ Christ was wounded for our transgression, but I never crossed the line
- ✚ Christ was bruised for our iniquities, but I have no sin

## **Romans 10:3 (NKJV)**

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

## ■ Their Dreams Led to Religion for A Profit (Jude 11b)

- ❖ Balaam was a prophet for hire (Numbers 22)
- ❖ It took a conversation with his donkey to repent

⊛ These Dreamers were like Balaam, they were in it for the money

## ■ Their Dreams Led to Rebellion Against God (Jude 11c)

- ❖ Korah rebelled against God's appointed leaders, Moses and Aaron
- ❖ Korah and 250 leaders were destroyed by God (Numbers 16)

⊛ You cannot win when you go against God

## Close

- ❖ The church has members that have not received Christ as Savior
- ❖ They are members only because they filled out a card
- ❖ Jude describes them in verses 12-13, 16
- ❖ Jude says the Lord comes to judge and convict

- ✚ They never recognized they were lost
- ✚ They never recognized their need for a Savior
- ✚ They never confessed Christ as Savior