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The Sin and Doom of Godless Men - Jude 1:1-16

Topics: Angels, Consequences, Grace, Hell, Homosexuality, Immorality, Judgment, Prophecy, Punishment, Salvation, Second Coming, Sin

Open It

1. Who was someone everyone tried to avoid in grade school? Why?
- * 2. What is something you have learned or taken note of from history?

Explore It

3. How did the author of this letter describe himself? (1:1)
4. Why was Jude initially eager to write this letter? (1:3)
5. What made Jude change the topic of his letter? (1:3-4)
- * 6. What are “godless” people? (1:4)
7. Why did Jude describe certain people as “godless”? (1:4)
8. How do godless people misuse the grace of God? (1:4)
- * 9. Of what historical events did Jude remind his readers? Why? (1:5-7)
- * 10. How do the stories about Israelites, angels, and Sodom and Gomorrah add to Jude’s warning about godless people? (1:8)
11. What sins do godless people commit? (1:8)
12. In what ways are godless people like “unreasoning animals”? (1:10)
13. What destroys godless people? (1:10)
14. How are godless people like clouds, trees, waves, and stars? (1:12-13)
15. What effect does Jude’s figurative language have? (1:12-13)
16. How does Enoch’s prophecy add to the warning about godless people? (1:14)

Get It

17. What effect does the repetition of the word “ungodly” in Jude’s message have on you?
18. How could the grace of God be changed into a license for immorality?
19. How do we ever misuse the knowledge of God’s grace for our own desires?
20. In what ways is it necessary for us to contend for the faith?
- * 21. How does it help us to recall past events (either from the Bible, church history, or our own lives)?
- * 22. What past events are most instructive to you?
23. How should our belief in eternal punishment motivate us?
24. What difference should it make in your life that the Lord will return to judge and convict?
25. How can we prevent ourselves from becoming self-absorbed as the people Jude warned against were?
26. What responsibility do we have to protect our church congregations from godless people?
27. In what ways do you need to guard yourself against the sins of grumbling, finding fault in others, boasting, and flattering others for your own advantage?

Apply It

- * 28. How can you keep past events that teach you to live for God at the front of your thinking this week?
29. What step can you take this week to guard against grumbling, faultfinding, boasting, or using flattery?
30. In what specific ways do you need to contend for your faith this next week?
31. What could you do in the near future to come to a better appreciation for God’s grace?

A Call to Persevere - Jude 1:17-25

Topics: Divisions, Eternal Life, Faith, Fear, Holiness, Last Days, Mercy, Prayer

Open It

1. What is it like to anticipate an exciting, important event?
- * 2. Who is the most difficult coworker or boss you've ever had to work with?

Explore It

3. What did Jude urge his readers to do? (1:17)
4. What will it be like in the last times? (1:18)
- * 5. What are "scoffers" like? (1:18-19)
6. How do those without the Spirit behave? (1:19)
- * 7. How can Christians stand against scoffers? (1:20-23)
8. How did Jude advise Christians to pray? (1:20)
9. What were Jude's readers waiting for? (1:21)
10. How is Jesus' return described? (1:21)
11. How should we treat believers who doubt? (1:22-23)
12. What did Jude tell his readers to do for those who await "the fire"? (1:23)
13. Who is able to keep believers from falling? (1:24-25)
- * 14. How did Jude praise God? (1:24-25)
15. How did Jude conclude this letter? (1:25)

Get It

- * 16. Who are some "scoffers" you must work or associate with?
17. How should you respond to the ungodly people you must work or associate with?
- * 18. How should your life be different from the lives of the non-Christians around you?
19. How can we show mercy to believers who doubt?
20. What does it mean to "show mercy, mixed with fear"?
21. How is it possible to build yourself up in the faith?
22. What often causes division in churches today?
23. How can you show mercy to believers who doubt?
24. What difference does it make that Jesus is able to keep you from falling?
25. How can you voice your praise to God?

Apply It

- * 26. What do you want to remember the next time you must work with a difficult non-Christian?
27. How can you show mercy to a believer you know who doubts his or her faith?
28. What can you do to build up your faith this week?
29. When and how can you voice your praise to God this week?