



Resources

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Jude 11

[11] Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.

Sermon Outline:

1. Three More Old Testament Examples and Their Application (11-13)
 - a. Cain
 - b. Balaam
 - c. Korah
2. The Prophecy of Enoch and its Application (14-16)

Life Group Leader Notes:





•We are right in the middle of Jude's strong case against the false believers in the church. To illustrate his point, he drew on a litany of Old Testament examples. He used three *groups* of people last week and three *individuals* to illustrate his point this week. He did not go to Abraham, Moses, and David. He went to Cain, Balaam, and Korah. Are you familiar with these stories? Before today's sermon would you have thought that these stories were important (or can we skim those parts)? How can you grow in your knowledge of the Bible, including obscure Old Testament events? What is the value in that pursuit? Check out this article, and note the expectation that Jonathan Edwards had for the people in his church: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/follow-jesus-bring-bible/>

•Pastor Scott reminded us of the primary audience of Jude. It was not *unbelievers*, but rather *false believers* who had infiltrated the church. This is an important distinction because we are taught to interact with false believers within the church differently than non-believers outside of the church. Describe the different approaches we should take with each group. What might happen if we confuse our approach with the two groups?

•Which poses a greater threat to the church: the sinful influence from false believers *within* the church or external pressure from *without* the church? Do you feel uncomfortable contending for the faith from either of these groups? How can you grow in your ability to contend for the faith from both external and internal threats? Are you allowed to *not* contend for the faith? What might happen if you tried that?

•What was at the heart of Cain's sin? Where do you think Jude saw this type of behavior in his church? Do you see this in the church today? How can we safeguard the church, and our life group, from this sinful attitude?

•Before this sermon, have you thought about Balaam in a positive light? What was Balaam's error? (See Numbers 25 & 31; also Joshua 13:22). Why do you think sexual immorality is often tied to financial greed? Why is this important to recognize?

•What did Korah do to put him on Jude's list of bad examples? (See Numbers 16, especially v.9-10). Do you see examples of this in the church today? How can we safeguard the church, and our life group, from this type of sinful rebellion?

•Spend some time in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. How can this text encourage those in groups 1, 2, and 3 (believers who are walking with the Lord, believers who are struggling in their walk with the Lord, and unbelievers who need Jesus). How does this text encourage you?

