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Jude 12-16

[12] These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; [13] wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

[14] It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, [15] to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." [16] These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

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:





- Pastor Scott began the sermon with a discussion on leadership. Would you agree that our world is facing a leadership challenge? Where did this stem from and what are some of the main challenges? How does the Bible correct our understanding of leadership?
- Last week we saw that Jude looked to the Old Testament to find illustrations. In the verses we considered this week, he looked to the natural world and compared the false believers to hidden reefs, waterless clouds, fruitless trees, foamy seas, and wandering stars. Where else do you see the biblical authors using natural examples to prove spiritual points? Where do you see Jesus doing this? In our fast-pace, digitally-connected world, we are always in danger of taking our eyes off of God's creation. What might happen to you if the only bird you observed was the Twitter logo? Do you take the time to slow down and observe God's natural order?
- What is the particular risk of a hidden reef? How are the false believers like hidden reefs? Has your walk with Jesus ever been damaged by a hidden reef - by another person who led you astray from Jesus? What did you learn? How will you navigate those waters differently?
- How are the false believers like selfish shepherds? Read Ezekiel 34:1-10 and consider the various ways that the shepherds of Israel served themselves instead of their sheep. Did this text convict anyone? Read John 10:1-18 and talk about the difference between the Good Shepherd and the selfish shepherds in Ezekiel & Jude.
- How are the false believers like waterless clouds & fruitless trees? Have you come in contact with people who over-promise but under-deliver life changing messages? Do you ever do this? Is your life producing fruit? Would other people say that your life is producing fruit?
- In a world without GPS, why were fixed stars so essential? What does it mean that the false believers were like wandering stars? What was the ultimate fate of these wandering stars? How can you make sure that you are fixing your eyes on the Morning star (2 Peter 1:19) and not wandering stars?
- To grumble against the word of God is to grumble against God. What is the difference between *struggling with* a particular passage or teaching in the Bible and *resenting* or *grumbling against* a passage or teaching? Are there places in the Bible that are difficult for you to accept? How can you prayerfully grow in this area? Does anyone in your life group have a testimony of how God helped you submit to a difficult teaching?
- I thought the quote by Maxwell Coder was stunning. It might be worth reflecting on this. "*One is reminded by way of contrast with the Lord whom these men deny. He is the Rock of our salvation; they are hidden rocks threatening shipwreck to the faith. He comes with clouds to refresh His people forever; these are clouds which do not even bring temporary blessing. He is the Tree of Life; these are trees of death. He leads beside still waters; these are like the restless sea. He is the bright & morning Star, heralding the coming day; these are wandering stars presaging a night of eternal darkness.*"

