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Jude 5-10

[5] Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. [6] And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—[7] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

[8] Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. [9] But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." [10] But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

Sermon Outline:

1. The Rebellion and Destruction of the Children of Israel (5)
2. The Rebellion and Destruction of the Fallen Angels (6)
3. The Rebellion and Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah (7)
4. The Rebellion and (Promised) Destruction of False Teachers (8-10)

Life Group Leader Notes:





•Jude wrote to the church to *contend for the faith*. As Pastor Scott reminded us this week, contending for the faith is not the exclusive work of the theologically trained leaders. This is the work of *every* believer. How do you feel about this? What does it mean to contend for the faith? When Jude contends for the faith in this brief letter, what kind of false teaching/behavior is he specifically targeting? In light of this, do you feel equipped to contend for the faith? How can your life group & church prepare you to do this well?

•In 1 Corinthians, Paul compared sin to leaven. Just a little leaven leavens the entire batch. Likewise, just a little sin in our lives or in our community impacts the entire body. Can you think of any examples of this happening in the Bible? Where do you see this happening in your own life? Do you believe that Paul's assessment is true - that a little bit of sin has the power to corrupt you, like poison? Or do you think that you (unlike every human before you) can somehow manage sin and its destructive consequences?

•Sin is extremely deceptive. We like to justify it, downplay it, or rename it because we don't want to remove it from our lives. Because of the deceptive nature of sin, we rarely recognize the destructive consequences on our own. We often need to be warned or roused out of sinful habits. This is the grace of being part of a Christian community. Have you ever been warned by a fellow believer? What was the result of that? Have you ever warned a fellow believer? What happened? How can you live in such a way where you are willing and eager to receive warnings?

•Jude referenced three classic stories of God's judgment. The root of the first story - the Israelites sin in the wilderness - was *disbelief*. Perhaps you could spend some time in Numbers 13-14 and recall the story. Pastor Scott said that the sin of disbelief questions the goodness, wisdom, power, and sovereignty of God. Are there any areas of your life where you are disbelieving God's goodness, wisdom, power, or sovereignty?

•In the other stories that Jude mentioned, the root sin was their failure to stay within their God-given boundaries and domains. It happened with the fallen angels and the citizens of Sodom. Do you see this same disregard in our world today? Does this desire to reject God's boundaries lurk inside of you? Why do you think God gave humans boundaries and limitations? Why do you think humans want to reject those boundaries? Spend some time meditating on Psalm 2 and observe how the nations reject God's restraints, and how the righteous people learn to serve God with fear.

•At the end of the message, Pastor Scott outlined the two components of biblical repentance. We need to acknowledge that our sin is destructive, and deserving of God's wrath. Then we must seek God's grace to stop sinning and pursue him. Have you ever repented like this? What were the results of true, biblical repentance? Perhaps you could share testimonies of repentance in your group. Was anyone convicted of sin this weekend? What holds you back from repentance?

