Intro: 17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18 They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

I. America needs to rebuild our teaching of Christ – 17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18 They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

a. We are to recall the warnings from the apostles – “remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles”

• The apostles were closer to Christ than anyone one earth, maybe more so than his own mother. They knew His habits, His thoughts, His way of life more than anyone. Jude knew a little more than the others because he was the brother of Jesus. He knew more of the 30 years of silence that we don’t hear about. So, the teaching from Christ would have carried more weight to them than let’s say Beth Moore who thinks her teaching is consider, God second-tier inspiration. It is not as inspired as the Bible but is just as inspired by the Holy Spirt. She is a false teacher.

° 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

° 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21

b. We need to rebuild a resistance against lust

• The disciples warned us that in the last days this false world will give into their ungodly lust. We have spent the last four weeks dealing with this very issue. We have seen where a small book like Jude, that was written 2,000 plus years ago, could have been written in today’s time, and fit word for word here in America with stunning accuracy. We need rebuild a resistance to sin. We need to rebuild an “I can do better” spiritual life for Christ. We need an inward revival and not an outward showing for revival.

° 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Galatians 5:16-18

c. We need to point out the worldly divisionist are lost

• These false teachers, these false prophets, these anti-righteous “christians”, are lost. God holds the rights to judge who is in and who is out by the power of the precious blood of Jesus Christ. But let it be known that Jude was the earthly brother of Jesus Christ, and a true follower of Jesus Christ, so if he tells us (by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit) that these people are lost, then they are lost. I’m not judging, but the Bible is.

° 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. Revelation 19:17-21

II. America needs to rebuild our Christian lives – 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

a. We need to rebuild our most holy faith

• We have put our faith in government, family, and jobs, but we forget to put our faith in the one who provides for the government, family, and jobs.

° 22 And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. 23 Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:22-24

b. We need to rebuild our prayer life

• The only time we seem to have a prayer life is when we are in trouble, or when something bad happens. We hardly pray to God for a thanksgiving prayer, or a worship prayer, or just talk to Him, just about things that we need of what God to have sympathy over.

° 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. James 4:2-4

c. We need to rebuild our love for God

• I know people who thinks that God loves them no matter what they do, so they can keep on doing what God strictly forbids them to do. This is turning the grace of God’s love into something that is filthy and sensually. We need to start loving God the way He wants us to and stop this “I can get away with what I want” kind of love from God.

° 4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Jude 1:4

d. We must return to preaching the coming of Christ

• When was the last time you heard a message of the coming of the Lord. Set a side the pre-, a-, post-, millennial doctrines, just a message about the coming of Christ. Why is this? It is because we have allowed the false prophets to predict the future only for the false prophesy to fail and we lose hope. Church Jesus Christ is coming no matter what the others may or may not say.

° 29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Matthew 24:29-31

III. America needs to rebuild the evangelism work of Christ – 22 And have mercy on those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

a. We need to rebuild the evangelism of compassion – “and have mercy on those who doubt”

• It may sound like we are not showing love and that we are judging others without cause. Please understand that this is not easy for Christians to say, but because - out of love - we teach the true gospel of Jesus Christ. When you tell your child things that they don’t want to hear, do you hate them, or do you do it out of love for them.

° 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” 37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.” Luke 10:29-37

b. We need to re-evangelize the lost – “save others by snatching them out of the fire”

• We are not trying to hate on you or take you away from the things you love to do. But we are trying to warn you that the is judgment is for those who do not change from their ways, there is judgment for those who do not repent, and there is judgment for those who lead others away from the gospel.

° 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ Luke 15:30-32

c. We must guard against becoming polluted again – “hating even the garment stained by the flesh”

• What gets us into trouble is that we think we can be self-sufficient in our spiritual walk with God. Once we start thinking like this, we began to see things in the ways of sin with a hint of “we can do better than God” and “we don’t really need Him anymore” mind set. We have replaced God with government.

° 8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:8-10

IV. American needs to rebuild our walk with God – 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

a. His glory is His personality from which He reigns – “to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord”

1. Notice that Jude calls Jesus God

2. Jesus is able to keep us from falling

• Being able to keep you and forcing to keep you are two different things. One show willingness if both parties are willing, the other shows that a person is be kept against their will or being forced to stay without any say whether they stay or live.

° 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. John 17:12

b. He reigns in majesty – “to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy”

• His splendor is an image of His magnificence. Often, we get caught up in the upper tier of society and all the splendor, but they look like a bunch of homeless people compare to our Gods magnificence.

° 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27

c. His dominion is His area from which He reigns – “before all time and now and forever”

• His dominion from which Christ reigns has always been eternity. There is no beginning, there is no end. Because our minds are so adopted to space and time, we can’t think about eternity the same way God see it.

° 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

d. His authority is his power from which He reigns – “who is able to keep you from stumbling”

• Is Christ able to keep you from stumbling, yes. The question is are you willing to rely on the power of Christ who is able to keep you from stumbling. God’s never takes away your free will.

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