

Jude

1 Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ, and a brother of James, to those who are beloved in God the Father, called and guarded in Jesus Christ:
2mercy and peace to you, and may love be multiplied!

3Beloved, I am eager, yes, I am compelled to write to you about our common salvation, to encourage you to strive earnestly for the faith, which was entrusted once for all to the saints. **4**Certain godless men, long ago marked out for this condemnation, have slipped in stealthily, and have distorted God's grace into sensuality, disowning our only Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

5I want you, who are fully aware of all this, to remember that the Lord, having once saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. **6**Also, angels, who did not keep their own dwelling; but deserted it, he has kept in an eternal prison, under darkness, for the judgment of the great day. **7**In the same way, Sodom and Gomorrah, and neighboring cities also, which fornicated and practiced unnatural lust, serve as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

8Likewise, these dreamers defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile rulers. **9**But Michael the archangel, disputing and arguing with the devil about Moses' body, did not take it upon himself to bring a charge of blasphemy, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you." **10**But these blaspheme things of which they have no knowledge, and in the things they do understand naturally, like unreasoning, wild animals, they corrupt themselves.

11Woe to them, because they walk in the way of Cain, and abandon themselves into Balaam's deception for pay, and destroy themselves in the rebellion of Korah. **12**These are rocks in your love feasts. Brazenly they feast with you, feeding themselves. They are waterless clouds driven by the wind, trees in late autumn, without fruit, twice dead,

uprooted, ¹³wild waves of the sea, foaming up with their own shameless deeds; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of darkness has been forever reserved. ¹⁴Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied of these, saying,

Behold! The Lord comes with his holy myriads ¹⁵to bring judgment against all, and to condemn every soul for all their godless deeds which they have wickedly committed, and for all the harsh things which godless sinners have spoken against him.

¹⁶These are grumblers, faultfinders, who walk after their own lusts, and their mouth speaks boastfully, flattering people for favors.

¹⁷But you, beloved, remember the words previously spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁸that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockery, walking after their own godless lusts."

¹⁹These are divisive, and worldly, and have not the Spirit. ²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most sacred faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, ²¹and keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

²²Have mercy on those who are in doubt; ²³and save others, snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on others with trembling, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

²⁴Now to the One who can guard you from stumbling and make you stand faultless before his splendor in gladness, ²⁵to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord is the splendor, majesty, power, and authority before all time, and now, and forever, amen.