

“Never Forget”

WEEK 6 – February 27

Thursday Fellowship 2020

Scripture Reading: Jude 12-13

- We can admire Jude’s loyalty & faithfulness for teaching + reminding us (verse 5) of the TRUTH in God’s Word.
- So far, Jude has given us six examples of how following false teaching leads to destruction:
 - The faithless Israelites (verse 5)
 - Some angels kicked out of heaven with Satan (verse 6)
 - The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (verse 7)
 - A fake, apocryphal document at the time, “*The Testament of Moses*” (verse 9)
 - Unreasoning animals (verse 10)
 - Cain, Balaam, and Korah (verse 11)
- What other examples could Jude use that he hasn’t covered yet?
 - Like his brother, Jesus Christ, Jude will use **object lessons** from nature/natural phenomena to show how false teaching leads to destruction.
- Jude will give us **another SIX examples** on how to **SPOT** false teachers:

First Point = Hidden reefs

Verse 12

- They are like “*hidden reefs*”
- They *participate in love feasts*
 - After church pot-luck & Communion
 - Acts 2:42, Acts 17, 2 Peter 2:13

Second Point = Selfish shepherds

- Jesus is the exact OPPOSITE: John 10:11, Psalm 23:1-2, Ezekiel 34:2

Third Point = Waterless clouds

- Those who *don't follow through* with a promise
 - Proverbs 25:14
 - God's messenger, **Elijah** – the exact opposite of false teaching: 1 Kings 18:45

Fourth Point = Fruitless trees

- Matthew 7:17-18, 20
- Following the **truth** of God's Word brings the opposite results of false teaching. Instead of a barren wasteland, we experience the Tree of Life: *Revelation 22:2*
- “*twice dead*”?
 - Physical death (once) + spiritual death (eternal anguish in Hell)
 - Matthew 15:13

Fifth Point = Wild waves

Verse 13

- Certain objects DON'T BELONG on the beach!
 - Isaiah 57:20-21
- Jesus is the exact opposite of false teaching. He is the *Calmer of the Storm*: *Mark 5:39*

Sixth Point = Wandering stars

- A large gamut of illustrations – but now = *space*!
- Some suggest “*wandering stars*” means planets, but planets have a fixed orbit. Most likely this term meant *meteors* or “*shooting stars*”
 - **Verse 6**
- In the end, Jesus ALWAYS PREVAILS!
 - **Psalm 18:1-3**