

“Strict Warnings – Part Two”

WEEK 4 – February 6

Thursday Fellowship 2020

Scripture Reading: Jude 7-9

- In **verses 5-7**, there are three **punishments** for following false teaching:
 - *You’ll be destroyed*
 - *You’ll be in eternal chains*
 - *You’ll eternally burn*

First Point = You’ll eternally burn

Verse 7

- Reference to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in **Genesis 19**.
 - *“indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire”*
 - Homosexuality
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9, Romans 1:18-25
 - The **punishment** for this lifestyle, and *any unrepentant sin*, is: *“a punishment of eternal fire”*
 - Hell
 - Revelation 20:10

Second Point = Seek the truth

Verses 8 & 9

- In **verses 8-10**, Jude jumps from using Old Testament examples of the past to **CONNECT** the present by telling us what these false teachers were doing. Verse 8 is our answer.
 - *“relying on their dreams”* - they do **three** things:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Defile flesh</i> ▪ <i>Reject authority</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Blaspheme the glorious ones</i>
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- Being called a “*dreamer*” was a derogatory term
 - **EX:** Genesis 37:19, Deuteronomy 13:1-3
- The examples of **verses 5-7** are summarized in **verse 8!**

VERSE 9: Perhaps, the most complicated/confusing verse of Jude.
Three things to see about this verse:

- The Bible does reveal various classes of angels.
 - **Angels** – the general term for God’s messengers & heavenly servants.
 - **Cherubim** – serve as guardians (Genesis 3:24, Exodus 25:18, Psalm 80:1)
 - **Seraphim** – mentioned only once in Scripture in Isaiah 6, meaning “*burning ones*”.
 - **Gabriel** – 1 of 2 angels named in Scripture, his name meaning, “*God is my strength*” (Daniel 8-9, Luke 1, Revelation 8?).
 - **Michael** – the other angel named in Scripture, his name meaning, “*Who is like God?*” (Daniel 10, 12; Jude 9, Revelation 12). He’s the only one given the title, “*archangel*” – meaning “*chief angel*”. We only see this term in one other place: 1 Thessalonians 4:16. Also described as “*your prince*” in Daniel 10:21.
 - **Angel of the Lord/LORD** = depending on the CONTEXT, could be Jesus in pre-incarnate, theophanic form OR a regular angel & messenger of God.
- The Devil wants Moses’ body?
 - This is the **ONLY** place in Scripture this event is mentioned.
 - *Speculation* of Deuteronomy 34
 - Where does it say in Scripture that angels guard corpses?
 - What would Satan do with the body of Moses anyway?
 - **(CORRECT)** – this verse refers to a man-made, extra-biblical document known as “*The Assumption of Moses*”.
 - A common document everyone knew was false, yet we, close to 2,000 years later aren’t so familiar with it.
- Michael doesn’t behave like a false teacher would
 - Zechariah 3, Acts 17, Titus 1.
 - If Michael DID say this at the end of verse 9, it’s the exact **opposite** of what the false teachers are doing from verse 4 & 8.
- **Jude warns us to SEEK THE TRUTH!**
 - John 17:16-17