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A Call to Persevere, Especially in the Last Days

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Jude 1:1-25

1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: 2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Contend for the Faith

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" 10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. 12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. 14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." 16 These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. 17 But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: 18 how

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*they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. **19** These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.*

Maintain Your Life with God

***20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. **22** And on some have compassion, making a distinction; **23** but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.*

Glory to God

***24 Now** to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, **25 To** God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power,
Both now and forever. Amen.*

- **Jesus** warns us that false teachers would come. **Matthew 24:11**
 - **Paul** warns us that false teachers would come. **Acts 20:29–30**
 - **Peter** warns us that false teachers would come. **2 Peter 2:1**
 - **But in the letter of JUDE the false teachers are HERE.**
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"Just because the brilliant Commander in Chief promises victory on the beaches doesn't mean the troops can throw their weapons overboard. The promise of victory assumes valor in battle."

- John Piper

WE MUST DEEPEN OUR FAITH

Jude tells us that we must build ourselves up in the most holy faith. This means we should be **keep** pushing ourselves to grow spiritually.

Praying in the Holy Spirit: Matthew 26:41

"We must watch and pray for the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak"

STAY RIGHT AT THE CENTER OF GOD'S LOVE

Living by faith and obedience to God.

John 15:10

"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my father's commands and remain in His love."

WE WAIT WITH HOPE

Live every moment of life with the confident expectation that Jesus will return at any moment.

*Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith
Go after the lost
Be tender with sinners, but hard on sin*

*KEEP yourself in Jesus
KEEP yourself in the love of God
He will KEEP us from stumbling*
