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JUDE

CREEPIN' AND PEEPIN' – PART 2

JUDE 8-25

I. INTRODUCTION

A. In this study, we will continue to look ...certain men have crept in unnoticed, ..., ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. **Jude 4 (NKJV)**

1. To carry the theme from last week, the “Creepers and Peepers”.
2. **2 Corinthians 11:13–15 (NKJV) — 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.**
 - a) The Apostles often had those who would follow them around and try to undo the ministry they were doing!
 - b) Today we get a little more insight on these guys.

II. **JUDE 8 (NKJV) — 8 LIKEWISE ALSO THESE DREAMERS DEFILE THE FLESH, REJECT AUTHORITY, AND SPEAK EVIL OF DIGNITARIES.**

A. These dreamers defile the flesh:

1. This of course a reference to what he has mentioned previously, in his reference to Sodom and Gomorrah.

B. They reject authority:

1. A lot of folks have a problem with authority, but in context, these creepers and peepers, specifically had a problem with submitting to the Apostles and to the grace they were preaching – in Jesus.
 - a) They kept wanting to “add to it”, and wanted to look like they were somebody, when they were not!

C. And they speak evil of dignitaries:

1. **Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV) — 17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.**

III. **JUDE 11 (NKJV) — 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.**

- (1) Their pride had overtaken them, and they had actually become enemies of the cross!

IV. JUDE 9 (NKJV) — 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!”

- A. Now Michael is just “somebody”! He is (and I want you to notice) THE Archangel!
1. Not plural – not just one of many - but THE – singular Archangel.
 2. The word “Arch” means “principle”, “chief”.
 3. He will be there again at the mid-point of the tribulation, fighting against satan and his spiritual forces for the people of God!
 - a) **Revelation 12:7 (NKJV) — 7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,**
 - b) My point is this, Michael is SOMEBODY! With tremendous power and authority, but he was careful with the way he addressed satan.
 - (1) But these folks causing division, did not respect authority AT ALL.
 - (a) Therefore, they did not respect the Lord because the Lord had appointed the Apostles and anointed their leadership!

V. JUDE 10 (NKJV) — 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.

- A. In other words, they really don’t know what is going on, but they are not afraid of speaking evil of those in leadership – who do know what is going on.
1. AND even the things they do know a little about – is all based upon their fleshly understanding because they are not following the Holy Spirit, that gives Spiritual knowledge and understanding.
 - a) They are “brute beasts”, there is an old saying – “like a bull in a china closet”.
 - (1) That is: these guys, think that by being loud and obnoxious and pushy – people will listen. Unfortunately, some do!

VI. JUDE 11 (NKJV) — 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.

- A. Cain lost his inheritance over a bowl of soup and killed his brother as a result of it.
- B. Balaam was the “profit for hire” who would change his prophesy for power and profit ☺
1. He was so out of touch with the heart of God that the Lord had to use a speaking donkey to get his attention!
 2. And Korah gathered 250 from the children of Israel to stand up and rebel against Moses and Aaron! (**Numbers 16**)
 - a) It is amazing how out of touch folks can get with the plan of God – if they let their connection TO God – lapse.

VII. JUDE 12–13 (NKJV) — 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.

- A. Spots at communion, clouds without water, trees without fruit, raging waves, and wondering stars!
 - 1. serving only themselves, carried about by the winds, twice dead, foaming up their own shame, reserved the blackness of darkness forever!
 - a) That is a pretty sad testimony. And yet, they fellowshipped among those who really did want to follow the Lord – causing division. Still do.

VIII. **JUDE 14–19 (NKJV) — 14** NOW ENOCH, THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM, PROPHESED 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 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.

- A. Jude says, “We told you they were coming!”
 - 1. They will tell you what you want to hear in order to build you up – to take advantage of you!
 - 2. **19** These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.
 - a) But isn’t it sad, that the majority of these people will tell you they are doing the will of God?
 - b) But I think we can safely say that you cannot be doing the will of God when you are ignoring 10 or 15 other things that He has told you NOT to do!

IX. CONCLUSION

- A. **Jude 20–23 (NKJV) — 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.
 - 1. If we want to stay out of this mess this is how we do it:
 - a) We build ourselves up in the Word of God:

- (1) **Romans 10:17 (NKJV) — 17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- b) Pray in the Holy Spirit:
 - (1) **Romans 8:26–27 (NKJV) — 26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.
 - (a) If you have the gift of tongues – use that in your prayer life!
- c) Lastly – Keep yourselves in the love of God:
 - (1) And the way to do that is stay close the Jesus and rely on His grace and mercy! Knowing this is all temporary.

B. Jude 24–25 (NKJV) — 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.

- 1. I am so counting on this! And in the meantime I will do my best by the grace of the Lord to not get sidetracked!