

Lecture 18 – Jude

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. Jude 20-23

Key Terms

False teachers, responsibility, prepare, guard, pastor

Lecture Objectives

- Place the book of Jude in its historical and theological context
- Identify and outline the author’s purpose
- Consider applications of Jude’s exhortations to our current life and ministry

Preliminary Questions

- Jude is one of the more neglected books of the Bible. How would you summarize its main message? To what extent is that message needed in your life? In your church? In your community?

Introduction to Jude

I. How Do We Make Sense of It?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

II. Author and Purpose

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. v3: I care about you, but I am compelled to write strongly
- E. _____
- F. See generous grace of God as an occasion for license

III. Central Charge:

- A. Profile of false teachers
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. Amounts to ...
 - 5. v7:
 - 6. v8:
 - 7. v10: act by instinct, like unreasoning animals
 - 8. Divisive
 - 9. Lack the spirit
 - 10. v12: defile the “love feast” [Lord’s supper]
 - a. Shepherds who only feed themselves
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - 11. They will be punished
 - a. v6:
 - b. v7:

B. Church has a responsibility

1. Must be prepared ...
2. Guard against them ...
3. Pastoral responsibility:
 - a. Some are unsure:
 - b. Some are willing to be snatched back:
 - c. But some will try to persuade you also:

Why does the concept of the “church having responsibility” sound strange to our modern (or post-modern) ears? How will our life and ministry look when we take this concept seriously?