

Damnabable Heresies

2 Peter 2; Jude

Jude 1:1 *Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified [made Holy] by God the Father, and preserved [guard from loss or injury] in Jesus Christ, and called [appointed, invited]:*

[Words within the brackets following the underlined words are definitions from the Strong's Concordance that I have added.]

2 *Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.*

3 *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common [shared by all] salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend [struggle, battle] for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints [blameless]*

Peter tells the saints that God made them holy and that their holiness is preserved by Jesus. He also tells them that it will be a battle to hold on to the concept of God given holiness because there will be those that that will come in with teachings that contradict God given holiness. **Colossians**

2:8-10

These people will major on the principles of condemnation and guilt. They will resort back to the carnal teachings of the Old Covenant that focus on the flesh and works.

2 Peter 2; 1 *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable [ruin or loss, physical, spiritual or eternal] heresies [a choice, disunion], even denying [contradict] the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift*

destruction.

Heresies-a choice - It sounds good to present a gospel based on choices, but that is where the law is defective because man lacks the will power to adhere to the choices that he makes.

Romans 7:19 KJV . . .*For to will is present with me, but how to perform it, I find not.*

2 Peter 2:2 *And many shall follow their pernicious [translated from same word as damnable in verse 1] ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil [to speak ill of-nullify] spoken of.*

Jude 1:4 *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained [enact or establish by law] to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness [carnality-dictionary synonym], and denying[contradict] the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Are these people false prophets crazy people with far out doctrines? No! **Jude 1:4** says they are people crept in unawares. They are people dwelling among us. They are people who love God. They are people who promote salvation by grace. They are teachers who have mixed grace with law and have, without even realizing it, gone back to the law's way of establishing man's righteousness.

Galatians 3:3 *Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh?*

They look at people through the eyes of the flesh and those saints that God called holy no longer seem perfect. We all have that tendency! That is why Peter tells the saints to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto them.

If I were to ask you to describe someone who is ungodly, you would probably tell me all about their attitudes or habits or personalities that are immoral. Someone who is ungodly is simply someone that does not think or act like God would.

Under the Old Covenant, when the law was violated judgment was the consequence. Returning to law thinking after receiving the knowledge of the truth revives the principles of condemnation, guilt, and judgment.

Jude 1:5 Amplified Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].

The Israelites were delivered from Egypt [from the bondage of the world's system] and yet after they were delivered, they turned back to the things that they were delivered from. It was not God who destroyed them. It was the corruption of the false system that they turned back to.

Both Jude and 2 Peter 2 cite examples of Old Testament judgment that came when the law was violated. The law was not able to set the people free in the Old Testament and it will not work any better for us if we return to the principles that govern it.

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation [rank, position], he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to

fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

2 Peter 2:4 *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

5 *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

6 *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;*

7 *And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:*

8 *(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)*

Religion bases its view of sin and judgment on scriptures that are in the word. The verses above can be used to support that view-if they are read out of context and if they are merely interpreted through the letter of the Word. But, by reading the verses within the context of where they were written and with the help of the Holy Spirit, I believe that you will come up with a different picture. Sodom and Gomorrhah gave themselves over to fornication. They defied the normal laws of the flesh and lusted for homosexual relationships. They defied the laws of nature and the law governing the flesh condemned them. We can carry that concept over into the spiritual realm.

We commit spiritual fornication by defying spiritual laws. When we call unclean what God has called clean, we do that.

When we contradict God's spoken word concerning our spiritual nature, it is a type and shadow of going after *strange flesh*. When we defy spiritual laws by replacing them with false doctrines according to the flesh, we reap the judgment that comes with placing our confidence in the flesh. God's Word is incorruptible. It can't be altered. Anything that contradicts God's Word will not hold up because it is corruptible. That false picture or word will be judged according to the truth and it will come to nothing.

9 *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished [curtailed]:*

What was the temptation that God was talking about? It was and is the temptation to deny that whom God called holy is Holy. The unjust are those who look to the law as the measure of their righteousness rather than to God and according to this law, all will come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

2 Peter 2:10 *But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.*

Jude 8 *Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile[taint] the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil [defame, blaspheme] of dignities [dignity, glory, honor].*

They bring accusations that defile and condemn those people that God calls honorable [speak evil of dignities]. Angels don't even do that. **2 Peter 2:11; Jude 9**

These people speak evil of the things of the Spirit that they don't know understand. They are carnal thinkers and bring carnal condemnation not only to others, but to themselves as well. **Jude 1:10; 2 Peter 2:12-14**

2 Peter 2:15 Which have forsaken [abandon] the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages [to pay for service, reward] of unrighteousness;

Jude 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

These false prophets have gone back to teaching the law and works, laying aside the finished work of the cross. Balaam's mission was to pronounce a curse on those people that God had called blessed. Cain slew his righteous brother Abel. Core or Korah was guilty of gainsaying [disagreeing with the truth.]

2 Peter 2:17-19; Jude 1:12-16

The teaching that puts the focus on man's works sounds good because it appeals to the flesh, but it is worthless because it brings those who were once set free by grace back under the bondage of the law.

2 Peter 2:20-22 That man that is once again brought under bondage is now worse off than he was at first.

2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled [involved] therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. **Hebrews 6:1-6**

Jude 1:17-19 Remember: This is going to happen. There

will be false teachers who will turn the grace of God into works.

Jude 1:20-25 Don't listen to them. You keep yourself in the love of God!

***Jude 1:20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,*

***21** Keep yourselves [guard from loss or injury] in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

Not only do we need to keep ourselves in the love of God, but we also need to extend that attitude towards those who are promoting the lie. They do what they do in ignorance because they don't have a revelation of the truth! Jesus came to set the captives free. He did not come to condemn people. He came to condemn the lie!

***Jude 1:22** And receive some with mercy, discerning; **23** And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.*

***24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

***25** To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

*Don't be like the angels mentioned in **Jude 1:6 and 2 Peter 2:4**. They did not stay true to their calling. They left their first estate! They were created to minister to the heirs of the kingdom and to those who inherit salvation. They were not created to inherit the father's name like we were. **Hebrews 1:4-5, 13-14**. These particular angels were*

followers of Lucifer who was jealous of our position as heirs of the kingdom. They want what we have. **Isaiah 14:12-13**

Embrace who God created you to be!

Ephesians 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will*

We are sanctified by God and preserved by Jesus Christ.
Jude 1:1.

Hebrews 10:23 *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;*

Romans 3:3 Mirror Word *The question is, how does someone's failure to believe God affect what God believes? Could their unbelief cancel God's faith? (What we believe about God does not define him; God's faith defines us.)*

