

## little books BIG LESSONS Jude

- Introduction Matthew 13:53-58; John 7:3-5
- Greeting and Prayer v. 1-2
  - Jude the brother of Jesus and James
  - Bond servant of Jesus Christ
  - Sent to faithful saints—called of the Father
  - May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you
- The Purpose in writing v. 3-4
  - Originally to discuss their common salvation
  - However, an appeal has taken greater priority
    - Content for the faith
      - Passed down once- for all
    - Because certain persons have crept into camp unnoticed by you
      - Beforehand marked for condemnation
      - Ungodly
      - Persons now turning grace into license for sin
      - Denying our ONLY Master and LORD, Jesus Christ
- The Lesson of God's pattern and way—by way of reminder v. 5-7
  - You know these things once for all
  - The LORD—saved Israel out of Egypt
    - Yet destroyed those that would not act in faith
  - Angels
    - Not keeping their own domain
    - HE has kept in eternal bonds, under darkness
      - Held for the great day judgment
      - Just like Sodom and Gomorrah
        - Since they too indulged in gross immorality
        - Going after strange flesh
  - They are all examples of those undergoing punishment of eternal fire
- These unnoticed men v. 8-13
  - Defile their own flesh by even dreaming
  - Reject authority
  - Revile angelic majesties
    - Something that even Michael wouldn't do when contending with Satan for Moses' body
    - They revile things they don't understand
      - Instinctive unreasoning animals
      - Destroyed by that instinct
  - Woe to them

- They take the path of Cain
    - For money they take the path and live the error of Balaam
  - These men are hidden reefs in love feasts 1 Cor. 11
    - Without fear
    - Caring for themselves only
    - Clouds without water
    - Fruitless autumn trees
    - Doubly dead, uprooted,
    - Wild waves, casting up shame like so much debris
    - Wandering stars, for whom the darkness has been reserved, FOREVER
- Even Enoch gave a warning and v. 14-16 Genesis 4:17
  - Wrote of these men by way of prophesy
    - Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of angels 1 Enoch 1:9
      - To execute judgment
      - Convicting the ungodly of their ungodly deeds done in ungodly ways
      - To address the harsh things spoken by ungodly sinners against HIM
  - These men
    - Are grumblers always finding fault
    - They following after their own lusts
    - Speaking arrogantly
    - Flattering people to gain an advantage
- But you beloved v. 17-19
  - Remember the warning! The words spoken by the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ
    - In the last days there will come mockers
      - Following after their own lust they will cause divisions
      - Worldly minded, not having the Spirit of God
- But you beloved v. 20-23
  - Build yourselves up in the faith
  - Praying in the Spirit
  - Keeping yourselves in the love of God
  - Waiting expectantly for mercy that comes from Jesus Christ to eternal life
  - Extend mercy to those who may be doubting
  - Save others from the fire
  - And on some have mercy with fear, their flesh even pollutes their clothes
- Closing prayer
  - Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.