

## MOCKERS AND THEIR DOOM

Jude 11-19

Intro: The theme in this part of Jude's Epistle is an elaboration on the first part (vv. 1-10). This is true both as to what they were and what they were doing, as well as to their doom.

The one word that is used to describe them more than any other is the word, "ungodly," in some form. We have it in v. 4, 4 times in v. 15, and then used again in v. 18. It describes a person who has no respect or reverence for God, or the things of God, including the Word of God. And he practices and encourages others to do even the opposite of what God has commanded in His Word.

The other word which we need to notice in identifying these false teachers is the word, "mockers." It fits right in with "ungodly" because it describes a person who dares to trifle with the things of the Lord -- treating sacred things as though they were a joke. A mocker refuses to take them serious, makes fun of them.

All of this may not be done with a direct attempt to blaspheme God, as we can see from the examples which Jude cites in v. 11. He mentions three men who were "ungodly," "mockers," to illustrate what he means, and to show, regarding the ungodly men that he was writing about,

## I. THEIR PLACE IN HISTORY (Jude 11).

A. Cain in Genesis 4.

B. Balaam in Numbers 22-24.

C. Korah in Numbers 16.

If you want to know what Jude is talking about, this will help you. Here were three "ungodly men." It shows how history has a way of repeating itself.

In what sense were they "ungodly"?

Cain was "ungodly" in that he trifled with the God-given way of approaching God. The application here would certainly have to do with God's way of salvation.

Balaam placed "reward," money, and honour, above the will of God as revealed in His Word. He fell under the judgment of 1 Tim. 6:10.

Korah was one who despised the authority of God's leader.

He led a rebellion along with Dathan and Abiram against Moses and Aaron. Korah was a Levite, but he was not satisfied with the place that he had, and so he tried to get Moses place.

ALL THREE OF THESE UNGODLY ATTITUDES WERE EVIDENT IN THE PROBLEM THAT JUDE WAS WRITING ABOUT. THESE MEN WERE TRIFLING WITH SALVATION, WITH THE WORK OF GOD, AND WITH THE SERVANTS OF GOD.

(Note the nature of these problems today.)

But, so his readers will know more clearly the character of these ungodly men, he does another thing:

## II. THEIR CHARACTER REVEALED IN FIVE METAPHORS (Jude 12, 13).

- A. They are "spots," or hidden rocks (v. 12).
- B. They are "clouds" (v. 12).
- C. They are "trees" (v. 12).
- D. They are "raging waves of the sea" (v. 13).
- E. They are "wandering stars" (v. 13).

Let us take just a minute on each one.

Three things are apparent:

- 1) Subtlety and deceit -- under A.
- 2) False pretences, promising more than they give -- under B. and C.
- 3) That which has departed from its place in nature -- under D. and E.

But this is not all. Jude now turns to

## III. PROPHECIES AGAINST THEM (Jude 14-18).

To show how ungodliness and ungodly men have been a problem from the very earliest times to the latest, Jude cites an unrecorded prophecy of Enoch, and then comes down to the latest of prophecies -- from "the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ"!

"Enoch" is identified as "the seventh from Adam" to show how far back God expressed Himself about these "ungodly men," these "mockers."

So this is not a problem that God is unconcerned about, but He has expressed Himself from the very beginning and down to

what was then the present time. And the Apostles spoke of this whole present age as "the last time" -- from our Lord's first coming to His second coming -- when ungodly men, mockers, would be a problem.

What is to be the outcome of those who turn against God. We sometimes get impatient with God because we see their evil works continue, but this is the point where we need to turn to the Word of God.

#### IV. THEIR DOOM.

Note how he describes them in v. 19. Review what we considered in v. 4.

Then notice the end of vv. 5, 6, and 7.

But then in our present text note the end of v. 13, and the end of v. 14 coupled with the beginning of v. 15.

Concl.: What are we to learn from this?

Several things:

- 1) There will always be "ungodly men" with us in the world, and they will fit into the pattern of "ungodly men" who have gone before.
- 2) This is evidence that, as God has His elect in every generation, so there are the reprobate. We are not to identify them, but we certainly can be warned against such activity and warn others who are inclined to trifle with the things of God!
- 3) We have in this a great lesson in the sovereignty of God throughout all time, and ultimately in the judgment of the last days.
- 4) We see how precious the truth is to the Lord.
- 5) We see what men will do when left to themselves. What an illustration of the effects of the fall of man into sin and his consequent depravity of heart.
- 6) The main application for believers I leave until next week, but you can see it in vv. 20-25.