

Purity or Popularity, what is your goal? #1

Jude 1-11

Preliminaries: (vv. 1-3)

- Message - The Gospel is worth fighting for.

Observations: (v. 4)

- The ungodly (apostates) are worming their way into your churches.
- They desire to change the message of the Gospel. (Gal. 1:8-9) **How?**
 - They encouraged sin.
 - They denied the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
 - They separated the physical from the spiritual.

Reminders: (vv. 5-11)

- God rewarded His people for obedience and punished them for disobedience. (Deut. 28, Luke 11:28, Rom. 6:16)
- God punished the angels when they strayed away from their limits of authority.
- God punished those that would not change their sinful behavior in Sodom and Gomorrah.
- God will punish these apostates who are trying to change the Gospel. **Why?**
 - Their claim to truth is baseless.
 - Their deeds are immoral.
 - They think they're accountable to no one.
 - They scoff at the things of God.
- Destruction and Sorrow await them. **Why?**
 - They followed in the footsteps of Cain. Human works (Gen. 4:1-7, Heb. 9:22, 11:4)
 - They emulated Balaam's actions. Monetary greed. (Num. 22, Deut. 23:3-4, Neh. 13:2, 2 Pet. 2:15-16)
 - They rebelled against God like Korah. (Num. 16:1-33)

Points to Ponder:

- Beware, sin is something that works subtlety in our lives, but its effects are very obvious!
- Beware, culture wants to change Jesus to fit their image, not have Jesus change us to fit His!
- Beware, disobeying the Word of God results in divine punishment but obeying the Word of God results in God's blessing!