



## THE BLINDNESS OF FALSE TEACHERS

Jude 8-16

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Good morning Church! In this book, Jude continues to explain God's judgment that falls upon those who teach falsely and those that believe and follow falsehood. God judges Israel for their unbelief, angels for their sin, and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah for their unfaithfulness & sexual sins. In verse 8, Jude issued a strong warning against heresy. He called the false teachers "dreamers" who engaged in immorality and rebelled against authority, specifically the authority of Christ.

### Jude 8-16

*"Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. **9** But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you.'"*

***10** But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. **11** Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. **12** These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; **13** wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. **14** It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, **15** to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.' **16** These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage."*

### 1. MENTAL ARROGANCE Causes Blindness to False Teachers. (v 8-10)

*"I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! **2** For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. **3** But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. **4** For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. **5** Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles."* **2 Corinthians 11:1-5**

- DEFILE the BODY
- REJECTS Legitimate AUTHORITY

*"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

**2 Timothy 4:3-4**

- MOCKS Angelic BEINGS

## **2. SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE Causes Blindness to False teachers. (v 10)**

### **3. All FALSE Teachers LEAD Others Into SIN. (v 11, 16)**

- Cain MURDERED Abel his brother.

*"For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous." 1 John 3:11-12*

- Balaam advised SEDUCTION on Israel.

*"Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, 16 but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness." 2 Peter 2:15-16*

- Korah led REBELLION against Israel's leaders.

### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*