

# A Day to Remember

Jude 5-7  
April 24, 2020

## Introduction

**Today is a day of warning  
Warning from heaven to me to you to the world  
Christians are loving walking warnings**

**I am not necessarily going to teach you something new**

**Warnings are often forgotten, rejected, ignored, and  
eliminated**

**Heeding the warnings are a matter of life and death  
Today's warnings are addressed to all**

**Jude 5-7**: *“Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire”*

**T/S: Before we unpack this, the context is key**

**CONTEXT:** Focus on apostasy- turn away from the truth

A **warning** against false teachers and apostasy

### **Issue and the basis for the letter**

#### **Christ Calls, Commands, and Commissions Christians**

- 1. Defend biblical truth, refute false teaching, reprove immorality**
- 2. Defend the family of God (1 John 3:16-18)**

*Jude was writing against godless teachers who were saying that Christians could do as they pleased without fear of God's punishment*

### **Big Idea/ Timeless Truth is this:**

***Christians Certainly Contend to the End and Creeps are Certainly Condemned in the End***

**T/S: By way of preview, everyone will receive 3 warnings today**

## Preview:

I. Warning #1: You may be in the church, but not in Christ

II. Warning #2: God opposes the proud

III. Warning #3: God eternally punishes all the ungodly

**T/S: First, let's *understand and heed* warning # 1**

**I. Warning #1: You may be in the church, but not in Christ**

**Illustration: Part 1 of 2 (6:44 min)**

**Introduce you to Richard- a walking warning**

**Busy- not born again-in the building-not in the body**

**Church was his life, not Christ**

*A. Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all*

**i. What? (The Pattern of Warnings)**

**Genesis to Revelation**

**Genesis-** *in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*

*If you do not forgive, your Father will not forgive you*

*Deny Jesus before men, He will deny you before the Father*

*The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God*

**Revelation-** *Remember, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you*

## ii. Why? (The Purpose of Warnings)

Repetition means emphasis

1. Keep us from falling away
2. Designed to develop greater Christlikeness
3. Strengthen our assurance

## iii. How? (The Promised Power of Warnings)

How do the warnings of God keep us from falling away?

- *Disengage our affections from the perishing glory of this world*
- *Make our hearts tremble at the prospect of falling under the wrath of God*

Warnings strengthen eternal assurance by

*Produce an awareness of the real danger of careless spiritual drifting, and send His children to the main sources of assurance:*

1. Looking to Christ
2. Exercising faith in the pursuit of the holiness

**LET ME EXPLAIN WARNING #1 AND I PRAY IT SERVES THESE GOD GIVEN PURPOSES**

*B. the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe*

**i. Saved by the Lord, but not eternally**

**Exodus 14:31- *When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and His servant Moses***

**Are these the same people whom the Lord destroyed?**

**Yes- did not have biblical faith**

**Loved the miracles, but had no love for the Messiah**

*C. Subsequently destroyed those who did not believe*

**i. Miraculous preservation is not spiritual salvation**

**God showed Israel grace and fed them miracles**

**Miraculous Guidance**

**Miraculous Preservation**

**Miraculous Provision**

**1 Corinthians 10:5- *Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness***

***Beware of the kind of faith that is void of faithfulness***

**God's common grace to all and  
His effectual grace to some**

**ii. Common grace and effectual grace**

**Life, breath, food, water, shelter, clothing, children**

**What is Effectual Grace?**

**God's Saving Grace**

**To understand effectual grace- we need to understand  
our default condition**

**Default Condition**

**Dead in sin**

**Unable to please, choose, trust, love, and obey Christ**

**Dependence**

**No one comes to the Son unless the *Father draws Him***

**Delivered by the Miracle from the Messiah**

**Miracle of saving grace from the one and only Messiah**

## **Deliberate- Mission**

**Live like Christ, for Christ, and by His power; not perfectly, but passionately**

**Not a flash in the pan; Christians endure to the end**

**Full circle:** The Lord preserved Israel, but destroyed those who did not receive His miracle of effectual grace

**Evidenced by their persistent unbelief and disobedience**

**Application:** There is application through inspection

**Trusting in resume or the Redeemer?**

**Religious activity, ecstatic emotions and experiences, life in church, reading, prayer, giving, missions, leader?**

**May be the fruit of salvation, but will not make you right with God**

**What counts is **faith working through love** (Gal. 5:6)**

True faith is a **working grace which works by love**

The **fruit of love is faithful obedience** to God's word, will, and ways (1 Corinthians 7:19)

**Do you have Genuine FAITH?**

**Results in action- doer of the word**

**Grows- conformity to Christ**

**All of who you are- heart, soul, mind- 24/7- on/off**

**Look for a growing awareness of Christ's presence and power in your life. Only then will you know if you are genuine or merely an imposter**

**Do you know that you are saved?**

**Do not assume anything- test yourself**

**Is there anything more important?**

**T/S The second warning draws from an event that precedes the beginning of time**

## II. Warning #2: God opposes the proud

### Illustration: Richard's Testimony- Part 2 of 2

**Pride kept him in love w/ religion- *Separated from Christ***

**In the world of religion-*Separated from the Word of God***

*No contentment until he received the miracle of saving grace*

***A. And angels who did not keep their own domain***

#### **i. Discontentment births division**

**Proud angels rebelled against God**

*Discontent with the posts and stations that God had assigned to them and thought they deserved better so they quit their post, and rebelled against God*

**The Root of Discontentment is Pride**

**Root of Pride is Unbelief**

**Pride says 'I deserve better and I deserve praise'  
Always seeking for more- never satisfied or grateful**

**A warning to the *pompous Christian*  
who is puffed up**

**Do you think that God needs you?**

**Are you better than others?**

1. God is eternally blessed
- 2 All about Christ and His glory

**Discontentment is dissatisfaction in Christ = Idolatry**

**Are you enjoying something over  
God in an unhealthy way?**

**Test yourself:** You know the enjoyment is becoming idolatrous when its loss ruins our trust in the goodness of God

**We learn from the fallen angels:**

**Discontentment births a divided, idolatrous heart  
and**

**A divided heart taints our vertical relationship  
and horizontal relationships**

***B. But abandoned their proper abode***

**i. Division births divorce**

**Created to worship and serve God**

**Despised this privilege and responsibility**

**Pride despises God's goodness, wisdom, and authority**

**Pride says, *"I've got a better plan- I'll do things my way"***

**Pride refuses to be ruled- *"I'm king of my kingdom"***

**The persistently proud divorce themselves from God  
through self- idolatry**

***C. He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the  
judgment of the great day***

**i. Divorce births eternal damnation**

**Notice the terror of their punishment- no second chances**

**Notice the mercy and grace of God to provide His Son**

**We learn that persistent pride leads to spiritual divorce**

**IF you never repent and return to Christ,  
you will be eternally punished by Christ**

## **Application: How is this warning applied?**

**For believers**: this warning is like don't touch the hot stove or the electric socket

To call us back out of a stumble-keep us faithful and from falling away

Ask God to keep you humble you so you may *live by His word, depend on His strength and glorify Him*

**For the religious, cynic, and unbelieving:**

A call to come to the cross of Jesus Christ and surrender to Victory

**T/S LAST BUT NOT LEAST**

### **III. Warning #3: God eternally punishes all the ungodly**

**Illustration: Jude illustrates this warning very clearly**  
***A. Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire***

**i. How you live matters eternally**

**Moralism? No**  
**Championing Christ empowered, Christ glorifying,**  
**Christ-likeness**

**WITHOUT FAITH WE ARE SLAVES TO SIN**  
False teachers say *'you can have faith and be unfaithful'*

**Faith always births faithful obedience**

**Faith is a heart thing- not just intellectual assent**

**You can have a head full of truth- heart full of lies**

**Resume full of religious activity and be void of the**  
**Holy Spirit**

**Full of good works and lack the redemptive, restoring,**  
**miraculous work of Christ**

**Rich Young Ruler**

**Religious, moral, and impressive, but spiritually dead**

**Disobedience reveals unbelief and no love for God**

## **Zaccheus bore the fruit of genuine faith**

**His faith shined through loving, faithful obedience to Christ**

**The fruit of your life reveals the root of your life**

*Lifestyle should magnify God, not just our highlight reel*

**Called, commanded, and commissioned to be holy**

**1 Peter 1:14-15: As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct**

***B. Are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire***

**i. The promised judgement is coming**

**A warning sign to the ungodly that God has and will judge all sin**

**Reveals God's hatred for sin**

**Application: How is this warning applied:**

**For Christians-** warning against careless spiritual drifting

**Exhortation to remain faithfully obedient to Christ- only those who endure to the end will be saved**

**For the lost,** a loving warning to repent and believe

**For Christians,** this is a reminder of our commission

**Call all to be reconciled to God through Christ**

**You can't own the name of Christ and disown the privileged responsibilities of the Christian**

**T/S My prayer is that you heed these three timeless warnings**

**Review:**

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**T/S As we close, I want to leave you with the final takeaway**

God's judgement warns Christians against *drifting away from a faithful commitment to Christ*

Warnings serve to strengthen their security in Christ and faithfulness to Him

*Christians are*

**Called** to remember Christ and His word

**Commanded** to heed Christ and His word

**Commissioned** to warn Christians to heed Christ and His warnings

**Commissioned** to make known the Gospel  
If not us, who will?

*For the Lost*

Are you breathing? Hope happens here

Anyone who wants to be saved by Christ, can be saved

We all deserve eternal punishment

Therefore, we all need God's miraculous grace

Cry out to Him sinner for mercy

There is *ONE CURE* for unbelief and eternal death

The gift of faith from God and Christ' free gift of  
eternal life

A free gift to us, but it cost Christ everything

Those that receive the gift will no longer live for  
themselves but for Christ

**LET'S PRAY**