

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