

Satan's Shepherds Shipwreck Souls

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Jude 8-13

Introduction

A criminal escapes from prison and is in your neighborhood

How do you respond?

Most important questions you could ask?

**In a spiritual sense, this is happening in the church
Spiritual murderers in the church doing damage**

Christians are commanded to contend for the faith

**Christ equips Christians to contend by describing the
character & conduct of creeps**

T/S: We will unpack Jude 8-13; first context is key

CONTEXT: *Jude wrote to motivate Christians everywhere to action. He wanted them to recognize the dangers of false teaching, to protect themselves and others, and to win back those who had already been deceived*

*vv1-4 Christian's are called, commanded, and
commissioned to contend for the faith*

Contending is to defend the bible & the brothers

*vv5-7 Christians certainly contend to the end
and creeps are certainly condemned in the end*

Given 3 divine warnings

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

Warning #2: God opposes the proud

Warning #3: God eternally punishes all the ungodly

Big Idea/ Timeless Truth is this:
*Christians are called, commanded, and
commissioned to meet the creeps, mourn the
creeps, and mark the creeps*

T/S: By way of preview, today we will

- I. Meet the Creeps (vv8-10)**
- II. Mourn the Creeps (v11)**
- III. Mark the Creeps (vv12-13)**

T/S: First, Christ calls His church to meet the creeps

I. Meet the Creeps (v8-10)

Illustration: FBI Most Wanted Poster; Meet Robert

FBI seeks to protect from dangerous people

Christ warns Christians against dangerous creeps and calls them to protect one another for His glory

FBI make posters for fugitives

In v8 Jude gives us a poster of the perverts

A. Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming (v8)

i. the creep's cause of rebellion

In spite of the warnings, these creeps follow in ancient footsteps

Pro. 1:17- *For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird*

Clear as the warning is, it is in vain; still fly in it

Willfully blind rush into the great net of God's judgement

What is the cause of their rebellion?

***Dreamer-** one whose mind is numb to the truth of God's word so that being deceived and deluded, they fantasize wicked perversions being blind and deaf to reality and truth*

Jeremiah 23:25-27: *I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed! How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal?*

Why do they do what they do?

Dead in sin and the result is self-deception

B. defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties

i. the creep's course of rebellion

The fruit and conduct of their nature and character

Defile the flesh- slaves to the corrupt desires of the flesh

Where there is no prophetic vision, the people cast off
restraint- the people perish

Feel free to disobey God's law and live as they please

Reject authority

All authority comes from the throne of God

Set themselves up as their own authority,
And thus, reject the Scriptures and deny Christ

Reville angelic majesties

Curse, slander, and or speak evil of God's angels/ workers

Proud & hate authority; out of the heart the mouth speaks

*C. But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil
and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce
against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke
you!" (v9)*

i. the case and point

If Michael, the archangel, did not dare to slander the devil then Christians shouldn't either

Do not slander; speak truth in love

It may be necessary to state what we know of someone's character, to say things which are not in his favor, or things which he has said or done that were wrong, but we should never do this for the purpose of doing him injury or to find pleasure in it (Albert Barnes)

D. But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed

i. the consequence of rebellion

They *do not understand* the word of God....Why?

They don't know the God of the word

That which they don't understand they revile

Intellectually arrogant & Spiritually ignorant

***Unreasoning animals-* Follow feelings vs. by faith**

Follow the world vs. following the word

Live by the passions of the flesh vs. live by the Spirit

Destroyed refers to spiritual and moral self-destruction

APPLICATION

***Take care that you are not carried away by their error
and lose your own stability***

How can Christians avoid being deceived?

Begins w/ the presence and power of God's Spirit

Children of God- hear & heed God

Orphans-deaf-disobey-deny the Lordship of Christ

**Commit to study the bible; learn correct doctrine so that we
can recognize false doctrines and prevent wrong teaching
from undermining our faith and hurting others**

Beware and guard against those who:

Claim Christ, but deny His Lordship

Reject God's authority (word, will, ways)

Gossip or slander Christians (Korah)

Cast doubt and or attack God's word

**Complacency, disobedience, a middle road, lukewarm,
and balancing**

T/S Jude invites us into a time of mourning

II. Mourn the Creeps (v11)

Mourn miserable condition, condemnation, & carnage

Video Illustration: (8:44-15)

**David Wilkerson shines the light of God's word and
exposes the creeps**

Luke 17:2-3 *Jesus said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin*

A. Woe to them!

i. the condemnation of creeps is certain

Woe is a wail of sorrow- foretells destruction

*You don't ever want to be on the other side of a woe
from God (Pastor Jeff Pearson)*

T/S Jude shows us 3 men who are and why

B. For they have gone the way of Cain

i. Religious but not redeemed

Able's sacrifice was accepted

Cain despised God's instruction

Gen. 4:5- *For Cain and for his offering God had no regard*

Cain was not repentant; hostile toward God whom he could not kill; jealous of his brother whom he could

What can we learn from *the way of Cain*?

Able acted in faith; Cain acted in unbelief

Able was redeemed by God's grace

**Cain was outwardly religious- through the motions-
inwardly a child of Satan**

The “way of Cain” is the way of pride

Self righteousness vs. the Saviors righteousness

You can't add to or subtract from the work of Christ

**Galatians 2:16- *a person is not justified by the works of
the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ***

***C. and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error
of Balaam (Numbers 22-25)***

i. Money lovers are not Messiah lovers

Israel refuses to enter the promised land

**King of Moab freaks out; Hires a pagan prophet
named Balaam**

**Balaam tells Moab how to provoke the Lord's anger
against Israel**

Israel engaged in sexual immorality and idolatry

God commanded the leaders to be executed

What can we learn from the *error of Balaam?*

Rush to any course of life that promises gain

Lead others into sin to get rich, popular, & powerful

Love wealth and popularity over faithful obedience

1 Tim. 6:10- *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs*

D. and perished in the rebellion of Korah

i. Creeps contend against Christ and His Church (Numbers 16)

Korah- a Levite, duties at the tabernacle, and desired to be a priest

Claimed Moses and Aaron exalted themselves

God judged them & put them to death

What can we learn from *Korah's rebellion?*

1. Discontentment births grumbling
2. Grumbling births bitterness and resentment
3. Followed finally by rebellion and open hostility

Vertical rebellion is often seen through horizontal

Desire power and prestige VS. serving God and His sheep from a loving and obedient heart

APPLICATION

Are you religious or redeemed (new creature)?

Not working to be saved, but looking, living, & loving like Jesus

2 Corinthians 13:5 *Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!*

Money lover or Messiah lover?

Deep affection for the Father or things of the world?

Are you often discontent? skeptical? complaining? bitter?

Beware! These attitudes lead to rebellion and ultimately separation from God and eternal torment in hell

T/S Last but not least, Jude draws from creation to describe the creeps

III. Mark the Creeps (v12-13)

Illustration: Perverts/ predators of this world seduce, entice, and lure with bait

I will protect my daughter from the creeps in the world; I'm sure you will protect your children and your friends children as well

How much more should every Christian love & protect the blood bought children of God?

My prayer is that we will see in v11-12 how dangerous they are and how important it is to keep them out

***A. These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves* i. Satan's shepherds shipwreck souls**

Reefs rip out the bottom of your boat in shark infested waters

Creeps actively and intentionally spread lies and hurt people

The danger they impose is camouflaged and subtle-masks; double agents, traitors, and spies

Haters hide their hearts

Not obvious- 1 degree off- cloak of religion/ moralism

Hard to detect

Be an ambassador for Christ!!!

in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear

love feasts – sacred time of fellowship to prepare one's heart for communion

**Creeps turned them into a time of gluttony and drunkenness
(see 1 Corinthians 11:20-22)**

What's the tie in for the church?

No church function should be an occasion for selfishness, gluttony, greed, disorder, drunkenness, or other sins that destroy unity or take one's mind away from the real purpose for gathering together, namely, the glory of Christ (NASB Life Application Bible)

Caring for themselves - Shepherds feeding themselves

Eze. 34:2-4: *“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat sheep without feeding the flock. Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.”*

B. Clouds without water, carried along by winds

i. Satan's shepherds starve souls

Promise spiritual life, but are empty clouds which bring the hope of rain, but deliver nothing except dryness and death

Starve souls of the truth; stuff them with lies; leave them in spiritual death

Video: Paul Washer; Contemporary clouds

Not anchored in Christ & His word; carried along by subjective feelings and desires

C. Autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted

i. Physically alive, but spiritually dead

Rev 3:1 *You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead*

***Doubly dead-* no fruit AND plucked up by the root**

D. Wild waves of the sea, casting up their shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever

i. Satan's shepherds shamefully steer souls to spiritual ruin

Toss souls back and forth by their false teachings

Drowning lifeguards who drown the deceived in a sea of lies

Romans 16:17-18: *I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naïve*

Did God really say?

**Attack the word of God with doubt bombs-
Trained in deception- Lovers of lies**

The **Savior's shepherds equip the flock**

**Satan's shepherds comfort you in your sins
The **Savior's shepherds** confront you in your sins
Steer you to the Savior who saves and sanctifies**

cast up their own shame like foam

Glory in things of which they ought to be ashamed

Unblushingly sin; Worship their own appetites

**Like a boat in the sea, they leave a trail of lies and
wickedness everywhere they go**

**2 Peter 2:14- *Eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing
unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children***

**Titus 1:11- *They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole
families by teaching for shameful gain what they out not to teach***

Wandering stars - Steer away from the truth and into myths

The Savior's Shepherds

Magnify Christ and steer souls to the bright Morning Star

Gather the sheep to Christ for salvation, sustenance, and sanctification

Satan's shepherds scatter the sheep

Love compromise & seek means to reconcile Christ and Satan (Geneva Study Bible)

God has reserved for them the *black darkness forever*

APPLICATION

Mark the creeps; hear and heed the warning

Does this description describe you? Those you call friend?

No more ignorance- granted divine description

Standing on the sideline is standing with Satan

Doing nothing is doing deadly damage

Love that does not protect is hate

**Love without truth is a lie
BE your brother's keeper**

**Watch out! Beware! Be sober, be alert, be on guard,
be strong and courageous, and do everything in truth
and love**

T/S My earnest prayer; take to heart the C.C.C to...

I. Meet the creeps II. Mourn the creeps III. Mark the creeps

T/S As we close, I want to give you the final takeaway

**Creeps: destroy your faithful commitment to christ,
credibility of the bible, and unity of the church**

How much do these things matter to you?

**Christ calls, commands, and commissions Christians
to defend the faith & family of God**

**James 1:22- *But be doers of the word, and not hearers
only, deceiving yourselves***

**Christ unmask the creeps to equip Christians by
warning them of the very real danger creeps impose
and to expose blind spots in the Christian's life**

Are you making the mark of a creep or a Christian?

Creeps are like lampshades SMOTHERING the light

Lukewarm Christian put a lampshade over their light
Ashamed of the gospel? Afraid to lose a job or friend?
Self preservation?

Luke 9:23- *And Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me"*

Ambassadors for Christ are the light of the world

Christians are like greenhouses; they allow the light of the word to come into them in order to kill sin and to cause Christlike growth

Confidently and joyfully shine the light of the Lord in this dark and dying world

Let come what will when you shine His light without shade or shame

LET'S PRAY