

Jude: It's Time To Stand For The Truth!
"Why the Battle Is Worth the Bother"
Jude 1:5-16 (page 848)

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Review (Jude 1:4): The *progression* of apostasy...

Ungodliness Behavior Rationalization
(*Volitional*) (*Moral*) (*Intellectual*)

Apostasy = a d e p a r t u r e from the t r u t h
(2 Tim 4:3-4; 2 Pet 2:1-3; Titus 2:16; 1 John 4:1)

Why the battle is worth the bother...

- Because apostates face *certain* j u d g m e n t (1:5-7)
 - *Israel: r e b e l l i o n* against God's will
(v 5; Num 14:20-35; Heb 3:16-19)
 - *Fallen angels: a b a n d o n e d* God's placement
(v 6; Gen 6:4; 2 Pet 2:4))
 - *Sodom and Gomorrah: d e n i a l* of God's purposes
(v 7; Gen 18-19)
- Because apostates are s e l f - w i l l e d and p r e s u m p t u o u s
(1:8-10). They are *characterized* by...
 - I m m o r a l i t y (2 Pet 2:2)
 - I n s u b o r t i n a t i o n (Titus 1:10-11)
 - I r r e v e r a n c e (2 Pet 2:10-11)
- Because apostates are *spiritually* e m p t y (1:11-13)
 - *The way of Cain: Without* l o v e (v 11a; Gen 4; 1 Jn 3:11-12)
 - *Balaam's error: G r e e d y* for financial g a i n
(v 11b; Num 22-24; 2 Pet 2:3, 15-16)
 - *Korah's rebellion: R e j e c t i o n* of God-appointed
a u t h o r i t y (v 11c; Num 16; Matt 28:18; Heb 13:17; Jas 4:7)
 - They are i m p o s t e r s who would be j u d g e d
accordingly (vs12-13; 2 Pet 2:17-22)
- Because apostates have *godless* l i f e s t y l e s (1:14-16)
They are...
 - C r i t i c a l and c o m p l a i n e r s
(v 16a; 1 Cor 10:10; Jas 5:9)
 - S e l f-absorbed (v 16b; Eph 4:19)
 - P r i d e f u l (v 16c; 1 Cor 1:31; Jas 4:13-16)
 - P h o n y and s e l f - s e r v i n g (v 16d; Rom 16:17-18)