

Seven Bible Studies 2017

Epistles

December 24: Jude (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, December 24 ~ Jude

Jude was a brother to Jesus. He starts off by saying a servant of Jesus here as he had an active role in the church.

Jude here states his excitement for the gospel but makes it clear he's not writing regarding this excitement but his have concern of infiltrators seeking to mislead and corrupt the message of Christ. We were warned this would happen and now it is here. We need to fight for this message with everything we have to keep it pure for everyone..

He goes on to remind them how the Israelites were led from Egypt but destroyed those who did not obey and believe in God. He also reminds them of the angels who defected from God...also spoken of in 2 Peter 2:4. Jude emphasizes here of their eternal destruction to show what happens for going against God. Also the example of Sodom And Gomorrah and surrounding cities who they have into sexual immorality and now suffer from eternal fire.

We know that from Daniel 10:13 and 12:1 that Michael was a chief angel for God. Michael would stand up in defense of God's people as he stood against Satan here. Revelations 12:7 speaks of this battle with Michael and his angels against the dragon and his angels if you're interested in reading of this battle. Deuteronomy 34:5-5 speaks of the Lord burying Moses. It is possible that Michael could have buried Moses body so that the devil would not even know where he was buried with fear the devil would make an idoltry sacrifice to Moses is his body was known of its location.

Even Michael, the chief angel, did not dare condemn or slander Satan but left it up to the Lord God, who is the Judge of all. Yet these people slander whatever they don't understand. They are in severe trouble for their actions.

Jude goes on to describe these individuals very harshly. Even Enoch predicts this time happening and how Christ would be coming back to judge these ungodly individuals of their actions. "These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage." (vs. 16)

"But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life." 20-21

Jude encourages them like us to keep our minds focused on God until our time is over. When Christ returns to bring us the eternal life we so eagerly await.

What an excellent book to conclude our reading this year! This book really wraps up a lot of what the others books spoke of regarding false teaching and keeping yourself pure and on track for Christ.

I can't believe this will be the last post in this study this year! It has been an interesting experience. I have truly enjoyed the comments from others! I am truly hopeful everyone feels richly edified through these studies and look forward to next year!

Comment:

Beverly Schoonover Wattenbarger:

Thank you Ryan. I appreciate all the time and efforts that have gone into this study. I'm looking forward to next year. God's blessings

Comment:

Marc Hermon:

Thank you Ryan for your dedication to this study group this year. It was a good work.

Comment:

Butch O'Neal:

Thank you, Ryan! I have been edified by your posts!

Comment:

Joanne Caffie:

I am always edified by you my brother. Thank you so much for taking time from your busy schedule to lead us in the path of righteousness. May God reward your efforts!

Comment:

Steven Wright:

Thank you brother! I have appreciated your thoughts very much in these overviews. Thanks for this good work! Much love to you and your family!

Comment:

Yvonna Hartman:

Thank you Ryan for your work each week. I have enjoyed this study very much.

Comment:

Kevin Crittenden:

Thank you, Ryan! I owe you.

Comment:

Ginger Hermon:

Such an important lesson Jude brings to the early church and to us: being saved by grace does not give us a license to sin. We must be on guard against such teachings.

Ryan: I would also like to sincerely thank you for encouraging the saints this past year. You helped me stay accountable for reading through the Bible. I can honestly answer I've grown. I know you have as well. Thanks not only for these posts each Sunday but also teaching nearly every Wednesday night @ PHill. You are a great blessing in our life. Thanks to all your family as well, especially Jamie. It wasn't always easy (moving to new home, new job, court dates, etc.)

but you persevered! God has been glorified and we are grateful. ❤️ Love you!