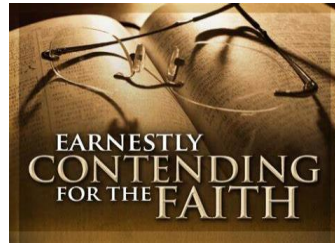


JUDE 1:14-21

As pointed out last week, Jude references some things that may seem strange to us. For instance, in this next section he quotes from a source we won't find in our Bibles.



¹⁴ Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones ¹⁵ to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Enoch is mentioned in the **Genesis 5:24** and **Hebrews 11:5** as one who walked with and pleased God. Though well admired by God's people, his writings have not been preserved for us. Yet, Jude quotes his writings in reference to what event?

Jude indicates that this judgment is coming for those hypocrites he had warned them about earlier. He further describes them in the verses that follow. ...

¹⁶ These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage. ¹⁷ But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. ¹⁸ They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." ¹⁹ These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

List the words and phrases that Jude uses to identify them.

What did Jude warn them such people might be able to cause in the church?

Jude now offers a stark contrast. God's children should certainly not be like those godless people. Instead, he says...

²⁰ But you, my dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. ²¹ Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

How does one "build themselves up" in the faith?

What does it mean to "pray in the Holy Spirit?"

How do we "keep in God's love?"

Points to Ponder

Why don't we have the Book of Enoch in our Bibles?

How important is it to remember that judgement is coming?

If God love us unconditionally, why would we need to be concerned about the charge "to keep in His love?"

Why would we "wait for mercy" if we already have it?

