## JUDE 1:22-25

Jude had just urged his readers to "Keep themselves in God's love." The "Prodigal Son" in Luke 15, comes to mind. Though loved by his father, he did not benefit from that love when



he chose to distance himself from him. Now, Jude tells how *'remaining in God's love'* turns our hearts to the lost.

## <sup>22</sup> Be merciful to those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear--hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

Who are these doubters we are to be merciful towards?

How can we "save people from the fire?"

What does Jude mean when he says we are to hate "clothing stained by corrupt flesh?" (See Leviticus 13:52)

As Jude closes his letter, he shares a doxology that has been shared more times throughout church history than any of us can possibly know. It is a benediction worth writing on our hearts and minds. Take time to ponder it and consider the questions that follow... <sup>24</sup> To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy--<sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

What does Jude say that "God is able to keep" us from doing – and what does he mean by that?

What else does Jude say "God is able to do" and how does that make you feel?

What does Jude say God deserves for all this?

## Points to Ponder

Earlier Jude said judgement awaits the godless people who distort the gospel, but now he says be merciful to those who doubt, Are these the dame people?



Do you think our love for God and others motivates us as it should to do what we can to try to save souls?

If God is due all that Jude says he is, does it appear to you that most believers revere and obey God as much as they should?