

Contending for the Faith

"Faithlessness"

Jude 5-8

Introduction

pToday we will look at Jude 5-8 and examine his examples of faithlessness. Faithfulness is a subject Jude understood. Jude was the half-brother of Jesus. They grew up together. But Jude did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah until after the Resurrection.

1. In this letter, there is no doubt that Jude believes Jesus is _____.
2. Jude is concerned about those who are _____ the gospel about Jesus.
3. Jude uses as his examples Israel and the Exodus, Fallen _____, and Sodom and Gomorrah.
4. Jude draws a parallel between these Old Testament false teachers and those the _____ has let slip in unnoticed.
5. Today we'll look at these three Old Testament examples of _____.

I. Faithlessness Destroys Hope

6. The first lesson for us to consider is that faithlessness destroys your _____ for the future.
7. It was _____ that destroyed the Exodus generation and cost them their lives.
8. We are a product of our _____.
9. Jude refers to the writing of the Old Testament, the teachings of Jesus, and the letters of the apostles as witnesses of God's _____ for man.
10. As the first-century came to a close, the Church became more

dependent upon those _____ records.

11. The first-century leaders believed that Jesus Christ would _____ in their lifetime, but they also instructed the Church that if the "Parousia" should be delayed, not to become faithless.
12. When Israel got to the Promised Land, they chose to believe the _____ report of the ten spies over the witness of Joshua and Caleb.
13. You can learn from the past, but you can't _____ in the past.
14. Israel's love of the world triumphed over their love for God, and they _____ in the wilderness.
15. The consequences of faithlessness are eternally _____.
16. A genuine Christian is one that has a personal _____ with Jesus Christ and demonstrates faith in Him.
17. All apostasy stems from _____ in God.
18. Anyone who believes that God's plan is hopeless, and Christians are doomed to failure has succumbed to the teachings of the _____.
19. Faithlessness causes a person to act in _____ to God that will ultimately result in their own destruction.

II. Faithlessness Rejects Authority

20. The second lesson to learn is that faithlessness rejects _____.
21. The Jews believed that every nation had its presiding _____.
22. The Jews believed that there was a group of _____ angels.

23. These angels did not fulfill their obligation to _____ and maintain the purpose of their creation.
24. Angels were assigned specific responsibilities, but some of them perverted their created _____.
25. These fallen angels descended to earth to join Satan in his efforts to _____ the human race.
26. Jude's point is that these angels violated the sacred _____ God gave them and abandoned their position and responsibility.
27. The path of faithlessness can only lead to your _____.
28. Faithlessness renders a person _____ to fulfill the purpose for which they were created.

III. Faithlessness Despises Godliness

29. Jude's final lesson is that faithlessness despises _____.
30. The Bible refers to the destruction of these cities as an example of God's _____.
31. Jude's point is that sin and judgment go hand in hand and that a person should _____ while they still have time to do so.
32. Gross immorality is a sign of total _____.
33. Hell is a destruction so utter and permanent, that simply a glance at Sodom and Gomorrah ought to be a warning to every person to put their faith in _____.

Conclusion

34. It's incredible that even though we have these examples of Divine Judgment, there are still those who despise God and run after the _____.

35. Jude says the dreams and pictures these apostates have are _____ images.
36. These people live in a dream world of unreality and _____.
37. When a person despises authority, they feel free to be _____.
38. Jude's words should make every believer overwhelmingly grateful that Jesus has _____ us from the wrath to come.

People today need a word of hope and encouragement, but they also need to know the consequences of sin and disobedience. Here is my prayer for you: If you need and want the peace of God to rule in your life, today is the day and now is the time to ask Jesus to help you.

Answers:

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| 1. God | 20. Authority |
| 2. Perverting | 21. Angel |
| 3. Angels | 22. Fallen |
| 4. Church | 23. Guard |
| 5. Faithlessness | 24. Purpose |
| 6. Hope | 25. Destroy |
| 7. Faithlessness | 26. Trust |
| 8. Past | 27. Demise |
| 9. Plan | 28. Unfit |
| 10. Written | 29. Godliness |
| 11. Return | 30. Judgment |
| 12. False | 31. Depravity |
| 13. Live | 32. Sin |
| 14. Perished | 33. God |
| 15. Costly | 34. Devil |
| 16. Relationship | 35. False |
| 17. Faithlessness | 36. Delusion |
| 18. Apostates | 37. Disobedient |
| 19. Disobedience | 38. rescued |