Judgement | Jude 11-16

Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

MAIN IDEA

The same God who judges the ungodly is the same God who, by His mercy, saves the ungodly.

God Judges the Ungodly for their Decisions

- 1. The anger of Cain
 - a. In anger, not only does Cain reject God, but leads people astray; void of love;
- 2. The greed of Balaam
 - a. Balaam leads Israel into sin and error for financial profit; filled with greed
- 3. The rebellion of Korah
 - a. Korah challenges and rebels against leadership; full of dissatisfaction

God Judges the Ungodly for their Deception

- 1. Hidden Reefs;
- 2. Self-serving Shepherds;
 - a. "As I live, declares the Lord God, surely because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep..." (Ezekiel 34:8)
- 3. Waterless Clouds:
- 4. Fruitless Trees;
 - a. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:15-20)
- 5. Wild Waves:

6. Wandering Stars

God Judges the Ungodly for their Deeds

- 1. Grumblers
- 2. Malcontents;
- 3. Narcissistic

What Must We Do?

- 1. Examine Ourselves
 - a. "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith." (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- 2. Humble Ourselves
 - a. "For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51:16-17)
- 3. Confession and Repent of Our Sin
 - a. "For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of the summer. SELAH. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.'" (Psalm 32:3-5)

Benediction | Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.