

One Thought Commentary  
**The Epistle of Paul  
To The  
Jude**

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### Introduction...How it works?

The concept is very simple. The passages being treated will be considered not by verses only, but by complete thoughts. Not by entire sentences, but by whatever portions of them contain a thought. Each thought has One Comment. One Thought = One Comment. Thus the name One Thought Commentary.

Each comment will normally be a single sentence about the thought along with a cross-reference if appropriate. Any technical information will be in the form of fine print addendums under the main text. It is simple, because I am simple. It is simple, because the truth is simple.



### Book of Jude - Book Comments

Jude is the shortest book in the Bible, but its message is very large. Its message is summed up best by Jude's exhortation in verse 3: "that ye should earnestly contend for the faith". It is a book that is just about that...contending and defending in the face of opposer's and those who are derelict concerning the faith. The bulk of the emphasis here is upon false doctrines and those wicked people who teach it. Even though these false teachers are wicked men who oppose Christ, we are to have compassion on them and try to snatch them as brands from the burnings.



## Book of Jude - One-Thought Comments

**Jud 1:1** Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called:

### **Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James**

Jude identifies himself as a servant of Christ and as the brother of James.

*Lk. 6: 18*

### **to them that are sanctified by God the Father,**

Since all true believers in Christ are sanctified (or set apart by God for His holy purposes), then it is reasonable to believe that this book applies to all genuine Christians.

*Jn. 17: 17*

### **and preserved in Jesus Christ**

Not only are we sanctified by God, we are preserved in Christ, so that we do not ever lose our salvation.

*2Tim. 4: 18*

### ***and* called:**

We are sanctified, preserved and called because a threefold cord is not easily broken.

*Eccl. 3:12*



**Jud 1:2** Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

### **Mercy unto you,**

A greeting with a wish...the wish for mercy from God.

### **and peace,**

And on top of the mercy...peace.

**and love,**

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**be multiplied.**

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*1Pet. 1: 2*



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**Jud 1:4** For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**For there are certain men crept in unawares,**

The warnings against the wolves begins here, and it is important to note that it is not just abstract doctrines that are being pointed out, but actual people are being directly targeted.

*2Pet. 2: 1*

**who were before of old ordained to this condemnation,**

People who are predestined to condemnation, are here in view, not actions or sinful deed...actual people are foreordained to damnation.

*Rom. 9: 21-22; 2Pet. 2:3,8*

**ungodly men,**

A person who is foreordained to condemnation cannot be a godly man, so he is called "ungodly".

*2Pet.3: 7*

**turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,**

This is what ungodly men do...they turn God's grace into something filthy. Don't be fooled by their appearance or their sweet sounding words.

*2Pet. 2: 18-22*

**and denying the only Lord God,**

Their words, their deeds, either or both, will always deny the Lord.

*1Tim. 1: 15-16*

**and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

They deny not just the Father, but also the Son.

*2Pet.2: 1*



**Jud 1:5** I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

**I will therefore put you in remembrance,**

My purpose is to remind you so these things do not slip out of your brain.

*2Pet. 1: 12-13*

**though ye once knew this,**

It is easy to forget the things of God which you once fully knew.

*2Pet. 1: 12*

**how that the Lord,**

The most important things, which we should never forget, are the things that the Lord has done.

**having saved the people out of the land of Egypt,**

Here is a physical demonstration of the spiritual salvation which we have from the Lords hand and not our own.

**afterward destroyed them that believed not.**

Just as salvation comes to the believers, destruction comes to the unbeliever.

*1Cor. 10: 1-5*



**Jud 1:6** And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

**And the angels which kept not their first estate,**

These are not special class of fallen angel (as some falsely maintain). these are all the fallen angels being spoken about as one class only.

*2Pet. 2: 4*

**but left their own habitation,**

This is the description of their sin...they left their heavenly realms of

light, (their original estate), and they entered into a different habitation of darkness.

### **he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness**

Note that these are not literal chains of metal, but are special everlasting chains made to hold them spiritually in darkness as it says in 2Pet.2: 4. *Rev. 20:1-2.*

### **unto the judgment of the great day.**

The judgment day is a great day, not because it is a party or a time for celebration, but because it is the climax of the history of this universe. *2Pet. 2: 4*



**Jud 1:7** Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

### **Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner,**

This is not Sodom and Gomorrah and associated cities sinning in like manner as the fallen angels, this is the associated cities sinning in like manner as Sodom and Gomorrah.

A whole system of false doctrines has been built around this verse, by unscrupulous teachers trying to say that the angels sinned by committing sexual sins like Sodom. They go so far as to say that some of the fallen angels had sex with human women. See my book *The Son's of God and the Nephilim*, for a complete treatment of this subject.

### **giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh**

This is what the humans did in Sodom and the surrounding cities, not what angels did.

### **are set forth for an example,**

An example of God's judgment and wrath against sin.  
*Deut. 29: 23*

**suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

Eternal fire is another designation for hell, which the disbelievers in that doctrine wish to remove from the pages of the Bible, but try as they may they cannot do it.

*Matt. 25: 41*



**Jud 1:8** Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

**Likewise also**

Like the sinful cities which were judged.

**these *filthy* dreamers**

They are dreamers, because they imagine in a false fantasy, that they will get by with their sins and not be judged.

**defile the flesh,**

Sinful passions, whatever they may be are generically called "the flesh".

*2Pet.2: 10*

**despise dominion,**

One of the worst sins is refusing to submit to authority when such submission is required and warranted, as in the case of submitting to the doctrines of the word of God when they are faithfully taught by the Holy Spirit.

*2Pet. 2: 10*

**and speak evil of dignities.**

Out of the evil of the heart the mouth speaks.

2Pet. 2: 10



**Jud 1:9** Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

**Yet Michael the archangel,**

This shows that there are different classes of angels, the archangel class being one of them.

*Rev. 12:7; 2Thess 4: 16*

It is assumed that there are only two archangels one evil, called the "Devil", and one holy, called "Michael". This assumption is made based on the fact that the term archangel is never found in the plural, but if that is true, then there would be only one archangel, and the devil would have to be of some other class of angelic creature.

**when contending with the devil**

This shows the opposition that exists between the unfallen angels and the fallen ones.

*Rev. 12: 7*

**he disputed about the body of Moses,**

Contrary to all the theories that are rampant concerning this is a somewhat cryptic statement, we really do not know what it all about.

**durst not bring against him a railing accusation,**

A railing accusation is an "accusation of blasphemy" in the Greek.

**but said, The Lord rebuke thee.**

We would be wise to follow Michael's example and leave the business of condemning our opposer's to The Lord.

*Zech. 3: 2*



**Jud 1:10** But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

**But these speak evil of those things which they know not:**

Here we see a common trait of false teachers, they speak evil of things that they are ignorant of.

*2Pet.2: 12*

**but what they know naturally,**

Instead of learning the truth, which they lie about, they teach natural and carnal reasoning's which hatch in their own brains, and do not come from the Holy Spirit of truth.

*1Cor. 2: 14*

**as brute beasts,**

Brute beasts are irrational animals who do not and cannot reason things out logically or scientifically.

*2Pet.2: 12*

**in those things they corrupt themselves.**

They cannot blame their corruption on God, they do it to themselves.

*Rom. 1: 21-25*



**Jud 1:11** Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

**Woe unto them!**

The word "woe" is used in the most serious cases of divine judicial pronouncement. *Matt. 23:13-16*

**for they have gone in the way of Cain,**

Cain, a child of the Devil, was the first murderer.

*1Jn. 3:12*

**and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward,**  
Greed will pursue any falsehood in reckless abandon and with no regard for the consequences. *2Pet.2:15*

**and perished in the gainsaying of Core.**  
Gainsaying means strife or rebellion. *Numb. 16:1-20*



**Jud 1:12** These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

**These are spots in your feasts of charity,**  
The word here is really dangerous hidden rocks in the sea, reefs upon which ships can crash and be lost. So it is with sinners in Zion who really ought not be there, they are a dangerous snare, an unseen underwater ridge, which can dash the true people of God to pieces with their false doctrines and hypocrisy.  
*2Pet.2: 13-14*

**when they feast with you,**  
This indicates that these people were allowed to continue in the fellowship rather than being disciplined and excommunicated.  
*1Cor. 11: 21-22*

**feeding themselves without fear:**  
It would have been proper to censure these people and get them out of the church; but no, they ate without fear of reprisal, or fear of any serious consequences, because the true people of God were content to tolerate their sinful behavior rather than being bothered to correct them to repentance and godly behavior.  
*Lk. 16: 19*

**clouds *they are* without water,**

Clouds without water are dust clouds not rain clouds.

*Prov. 25: 14*

**carried about of winds;**

Dust clouds blown like a sandstorm in the wind.

*Eph. 4: 14*

**trees whose fruit withereth,**

These are trees in late autumn whose leaves are bare and whose fruits are withered.

*Matt. 7: 17-19*

**without fruit,**

This is a tree which should have fruit, like a fig tree and not a pine, but it is utterly barren, not having the fruit that should be on it.

*Matt. 21: 19-20*

**twice dead,**

Dead on the outside, like trees in winter that lost their leaves; and dead on the inside, having no life at all and no hope of ever regaining it.

**plucked up by the roots;**

Trees like this deserve this fate.

*Matt. 15: 23*



**Jud 1:13** Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame;  
wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for  
ever.

**Raging waves of the sea,**

But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose

waters cast up mire and dirt.

*Isa 57:20*

### **foaming out their own shame;**

The picture is of surf on a beach that just keeps rolling back upon itself, and churning itself over and over into a slimy froth. *Isa. 57: 20*

These are like the sea in a storm, where the swells are like mountains; the breakers lash the shore, and sound like thunder; and the great deep, stirred up from its very bottom, rolls its muddy, putrid sediment, and deposits it upon the beach. Such were those proud and arrogant boasters, those headstrong, unruly, and ferocious men, who swept into their own vortex the souls of the simple, and left nothing behind them that was not indicative of their folly, their turbulence, and their impurity.

*Adam Clark*

### **wandering stars,**

Lit. "Star wanderers". May be an allusion to beings from other stars or planets wandering about the universe like Lucifer has done. See the reference to morning stars in Job. 38: 7.

My reference here to beings on other planets, and from other star systems, may seem quite controversial to some of my readers, but that's OK. I see no reason to say that the Bible excludes life in other galaxies, on other planets, or in other star systems. In fact there are many verses like this one which seem to strongly suggest that that is exactly the case. Here an illustration is made concerning these wicked false teachers comparing them to "star wanderers". Other forms of life are called stars in Job (they could also be translated as "Star-gazers of the dawn"). Of course I am not dogmatic about this concept, but I see no reason Biblically why it should not be so. There are numerous mentions in the Bible of classes of higher life-forms which we know nothing about. The beasts in Revelation 4 and the Cherubim and the beings called "living creatures" in Ezekiel 1 and 10 are just a few of the examples like this that suggest that there are many other intelligent creatures in the universe besides us. There is no reason to limit God, or expect that He should have made only one intelligent physical being. We are not alone.

### **to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.**

This seems to be the fate of the star-wanderers and also the fate of these false teachers.

*2Pet. 2:17*

It is possible that one form of punishment that God has, and which we know nothing about, is to be cast into "outer darkness", to wander in the blackness and emptiness of space forever and ever. "Outer darkness" is described as a form of eternal punishment in

Matt. 8:12; Matt. 22:13 and Matt. 25:30. Darkness, thick and black was one of the judgment plagues on Egypt (Ex. 10:21). Certain heinous sins are called "the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11). Darkness is said to be a judgment in Isaiah 60: 2. Job. 10: 21 seems to use the term to describe death. There is no reason to think that hell is God's only form of punishment. There is no doubt that hell was originally created for the devil and his demons (Matt. 25: 41), and not originally for man. Man's original punishment is said to be "death" (Gen. 2:17). But I see no reason to exclude any form of punishment (known or unknown, revealed or unrevealed) which God deems appropriate at the time that He sentences any guilty, deserving being. It's up to God to sentence and judge however He sees fit. This verse seems to indicate that eternal wandering through the darkness of outer space is just such a punishment which God has at His disposal. This verse says that this punishment is "reserved" for these false teachers. Look up and compare 2Pet. 2:4; 2:17 and Jude 1:6.



**Jud 1:14** And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

**And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam,**

Some have tried to build a case in this book that Jude used Apocryphal literature ("the book of Enoch", or the lost book: "the assumption of Moses") to develop some of his statements.

I do not see a problem with Jude quoting from non-biblical sources. It is done in other books of the Bible. See 2Tim. 3:8. There are true things stated in all sorts of non-canonical books, and if God wants to use these things He is absolutely free to do just that. This is the case here and in verse 9, where he also alludes to a non-canonical statement. If God can speak through a donkey, or make the stones cry out in testimony of His greatness, then He can use pagan writings and traditions as He sees fit.

**prophesied of these,**

This seems to be the only place in the Bible where Enoch is said to be a prophet, and where his prophecy is given.

**saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**

The second coming is in view here, and saints should be translated

"holy ones".

*1Thess. 3:14; 2Thess. 1:7-8*

The idea here is that when He comes this innumerable company of holy beings will come with him. This includes dead believers who are in heaven, and it could also refer to angels, principalities, cherubim, beasts, elders or any other kind of holy being that he chooses to bring with Him.



**Jud 1:15** To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

**To execute judgment upon all,**

Enoch's prophecy was originally spoken to the antediluvians, and was an announcement of the coming of Jehovah in judgment in Noah's flood, but by prophetic extension it also applies to the second coming of Christ.

*Acts 17: 31*

**and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed,**

God's wrath will be clearly displayed as the basis for their conviction and judgment at the bar of God's righteous indignation against all ungodliness.

*Rom. 2:5*

**and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.**

Jude is here still quoting Enoch's prophecy, and this is an allusion to the fact that Enoch himself was ridiculed, mocked, and verbally abused by the dis-believers of that wicked pre-flood world. *Ps. 31:18*

*2Pet.3:3*



**Jud 1:16** These are nurturers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

**These are murmurers,**

*Ex.16:7-8; Num. 14:27; 1Sam.2:3*

**complainers,**

These people are everywhere!

*Phil. 4:11*

Nothing is more common than for men to complain of their lot; to think that it is hard; to compare theirs with that of others, and to blame God for not having made their circumstances different. The poor complain that they are not rich like others; the sick that they are not well; the enslaved that they are not free; the bereaved that they are deprived of friends; the ugly that they are not beautiful; those in humble life that their lot was not cast among the great and the frivolous. The virtue that is opposed to this is "contentment" - a virtue of inestimable value.

-Albert Barnes

**walking after their own lusts;**

Feeding their own voracious, selfish, indulgent, never-ending, appetites for sinful pleasures and wicked deeds.

*2Pet. 3:3*

**and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*,**

Talk is cheap, but wicked talk and big words, can bring forth the judgment of God quicker than you can say Boo!

*2Pet.2:18*

**having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.**

They will esteem, and exalt, their own scholars and experts, or rich and influential colleagues, whenever it is advantageous, in order to make themselves look good.

I call this: "the mutual-self-admiration society".



**Jud 1:17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**But, beloved, remember ye**

In the light of all that has just been said, call this to the forefront of your brain.

In 2Pet. 3: 1-3 a similar statement is made along with a couple of other mental attitude statements:

1. Sir up your pure mind
2. By way of remembrance
3. That ye may be mindful
4. Knowing this first

These phrases ought to emphasize the fact that Christians, who have the mind of Christ, ought to exercise thought control, and have mastery over their own brain functions. We are transformed by the renewing of our minds. (Rom.12:1-2)

**the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

Here Jude encourages us to remember all the Apostolic words which have been spoken regarding the second coming of Christ, the false teachers of the last days, and the judgment of God which will come upon them.

*2Pet.3:2*



**Jud 1:18** How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

**How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time,**

These false teachers mock the truth and those who follow it.

*1Tim.4:1-2*

**who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.**

This is how the unsaved always walk.

*2Pet.3:3*



**Jud 1:19** These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

**These be they who separate themselves,**

It should be rendered "These are those who cause divisions". *Rom.*

*16:17*

**sensual,**

Sensual is the opposite of spiritual, and it denotes basic animalistic and fleshly patterns of thinking and acting out evil lusts.

*1Cor.2:14; 1Cor. 15:44*

**having not the Spirit.**

No matter what men may think that they have, if they follow sensual desires, sinful lusts and false teachings, they do not and cannot have the Holy Spirit.

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**Jud 1:20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

**But ye, beloved,**

Jude recognizes the great fact that even in churches where false teachers have gotten a stronghold, there are still precious and beloved "sheep in the midst of the wolves".

*Matt. 10: 16*

**building up yourselves on your most holy faith,**

Self-edification is one of the most important things that a child of God can do when surrounded by false teachers.

*Eph. 4:12*

**praying in the Holy Ghost,**

This is one of the sacred means ordained for the end of edification.

*Eph. 6:18*



**Jud 1:21** Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**Keep yourselves in the love of God,**

We are kept by God in a state of grace (Jude 1:1), but we are also commanded to keep ourselves in that state also (Phil. 2:12); so that He works it in us, and we work it out of us. Faith is always accompanied

with obedience.

*1Jn. 5:18*

### **looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Our attention is always supposed to be upon Christ and His mercy, and never upon ourselves or our own deeds, no matter how good they may be.

*2Tim.3: 14-15*

### **unto eternal life.**

Because the eye of faith is looking unto Christ alone, and His mercy, we shall at last arrive at the destination...Eternal Life.

*Rom. 6:23*



**Jud 1:22** And of some have compassion, making a difference:

### **And of some have compassion,**

Some people fall into false teachings because they are simple and unsuspecting souls who have been easily led astray, so we are supposed to deliver them in a caring and compassionate way. *Gal. 6:1*

### **making a difference:**

The idea here seems to be that we should distinguish individual cases that are different, and treat each person differently as his case merits; some with gentleness, others with more force (as in the next verse where they are pulled by force from the fires of hell).



**Jud 1:23** And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

### **And others save with fear,**

The old timers used to speak of "putting the fear of God" into

someone, and how we need to be able to do this today, goes without saying.

*Prov. 1:7*

**pulling *them* out of the fire;**

Dragging them out from the fire.

*Amos 4:11*

**hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.**

Their souls can be saved but anything that they carry along with them that is spotted by the flesh, should be abhorred and left behind, so that they enter the kingdom totally naked, with all the filthy rags of sin, left behind in true repentance.

*Zech. 3:3-5*

**Jud 1:24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

**Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling,**

Specifically He is able to keep us from falling into false doctrine and sinful behavior.

*2Tim. 4:18*

**and to present *you* faultless**

If you are one of God's dear children, you will make it safely to heaven, and you will be unblemished when you arrive.

*Col. 1:22*

**before the presence of his glory**

We are not destined for some backroom of heaven, but we are destined to be directly right in front of Him, where His awesome glory is the greatest.

**with exceeding joy,**

For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

*Psa 21:6*



**Jud 1:25** To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

**To the only wise God our Saviour,**

This benediction is dedicated to our Savior God who alone is wise.

*Rom. 11:33*

***be* glory and majesty,**

Brilliant light and ineffable splendor.

*1Tim. 1:17*

**dominion and power,**

Absolute government and Sovereign energy.

*Matt. 6:13*

**both now and ever.**

In time and in eternity, in the present and forever more.

**Amen.**

So let it be, so it is, and so shall it always be.



## Concluding remarks:

The scope of this epistle, and the warnings and directives which it contains, are such that it has tremendous bearing upon our own age. We are undoubtedly living in the last days. We do not know how long they will last, how long God will wait with patience before the second

coming of Christ, but we do know that the warnings about the ravenous wolves who seek to devour little sheep, is a very serious and stringent warning, fit for reception in our own days. Never have there been more cults, isms and false teachers than now. The ease and speed of communications with the computer age has caused these false shepherds to abound in every corner of the globe. But God has not left us without clear warnings concerning them, and clear precepts with which to discover them wherever they may be.

Because that is true, it behooves every faithful pastor, teacher and evangelist to be on the watch, to edify the body so that they too will be on the watch. If we do this, then any fertile soil wherein they may try to plant their seeds of poison, will not yield to their to their evil plantings. Farmers spread herbicides on their fields so that weeds won't grow, and that's what we have to do with our churches. We need to inoculate the soil with truth, so that those sinful weeds of greed and gain planted by these treacherous and adulterous false prophets will bake and die, unfertilized under the scorching sun of God's holy word.

I'm afraid that far too many pastors do not address the issue of false teachers among the flock, because they are men pleasers, and are afraid that it will ruin their popularity, or cause people to leave their churches. I know of one pastor who refused to identify the wolves in his church, because the wolves were well respected deacons, who were responsible for writing his paycheck every week. We serve God, not money. We answer to the almighty, not the board of deacons. The deacons answer to God also. So if their are unfit deacons they must be exposed and dealt with Biblically. Come on pastors? You should know better than that? Serve God, and not men. Be faithful in the least things, and God will make you faithful over a lot of things. Protect your dear sheep. Drive out the wolves at any cost. Lead your people to the safety of truth, the sheepfold of security. Do not lie down and ignore the sound of their bleatings, when they are being ripped and torn apart by the wily beasts. Do your job. Moreover, if you cannot do it, then do everyone a favor, and quit the ministry, because you do not belong in a job that requires you to care for the souls of men. Go become a

garbage man, or a postal worker, but get out of the pulpit if you cannot liberate the sheep from the wolves.

Jude ends his little epistle on a very high and glorious note. His benediction is replete with the glory of God. His light shimmers brightly. His power is magnified to the point of being limitless. His sovereign dominion is over everything. In addition, all that He is, is all that He will ever be, now and forever. It is all wrapped up and sealed with a final Amen. To God be the glory, great things He hath done.