

"Clouds Without Water"

Part Two of Two

~The Jude Scriptures~



Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: (Jude 1:1 NASB)

Both James and Jude in the opening of their epistles show their Christian humility and their faith in the deity of Jesus by referring to themselves as “bond-servants” of Jesus Christ, rather than their brothers in the flesh. This one verse alone shows the humility and the avoidness of the flesh.



What if Jesus had been our older brother? We would probably be running around and telling everyone that Jesus was our brother, the Savior of the World. But no, James and Jude didn't do this! They told it the way it was; “A bond-servant” of Jesus Christ. As mentioned, his brothers didn't even believe in their half-brother Jesus until after His resurrection. Let us look at John 7:5; *For not even His brothers were believing in Him.* (John 7:5 NASB) After the resurrection they believed, let us see Acts 1:14; *These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.* (Act 1:14 NASB)

The second part of verse one says; *that we are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ.* Yes, we are called to be His disciples; we are beloved in God the Father. King James translation says, “That we are sanctified by God the Father.” We are also preserved or kept in Jesus Christ. Hebrews says we are; *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* (Heb 12:2 KJV)

May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

(Jude 1:2 NASB)

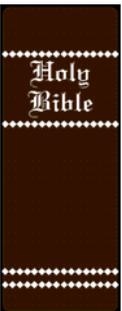
The second part of Jude's salutation contains three graces that God bestows on us, His children. The first is mercy. As one author said, "We deserve judgment, sorrow, and death. But, Jesus in His mercy gives us pardon, joy and eternal life." So we are at peace with the Father since we have received mercy and not justice. Last and not least we have the Love of God; always. Jude the writer prays that these graces of mercy, peace and love be multiplied unto you. You see there is a coming light in the clouds and the spiritual rain will be falling. Jesus has signed the peace treaty between you, me and the Father in His own blood.

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints. (Jud 1:3 NASB)

Jude first talks about our common salvation. I believe he is talking about salvation through Jesus Christ. The common salvation by Jesus Christ alone, there is no other way. Reference to one way is that verse in John 14:6; *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14:6 NASB)*

You can't get to heaven by Islam, Buddha, Hinduism or any other religion except Jesus Christ. You can get to heaven only by the blood of Jesus Christ, His death and Resurrection. All the other religious leaders are still in their graves; Jesus Christ's grave is empty. He has ascended to the right hand of The Father and He's coming back for all His saints with a loud shout. Amen!

Now we come to the section of this verse that probably Jude is best known for; "contending earnestly for the faith." I like to say it this way, "contending for the truth," which is in Jesus Christ's Words. Why do you think that Jude felt so urgent that he should exhort or confront the church? There was one common salvation with Jesus and the original apostles, all in



one accord, all thinking correctly and alike. But this one common salvation and Jesus Christ was being undermined by others that wanted to change the message to their own liking.

He was alerting the church of the dangers that they were facing and for some reason I don't believe the church was aware of their responsibilities of contending for the faith. The original faith of Christ that was given to the Apostles. The Lord has entrusted us with this glorious Gospel. We are to keep



it pure, truthful, and upholding the commandments of God. The devil goes around like a roaring lion as recorded in I Peter 5:8; *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* (1Pe 5:8 NASB) Contend for the faith, know the Word of God. Don't let others sway you away from the true word of God. Not by tradition, man-made interpretations or anything that is not in the Bible.

For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. (Jud 1:4 NASB) (lie-sense-us-ness)

This emergency was the infiltration into the Christian ranks of men who were "turning the grace of our God into licentiousness¹ (lie-sense-us-ness), and denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. It sounds as if the error was a type of antinomianism, (and-t-known-me-ism) which made license out of liberty and repudiated the lordship of Christ. The heresy swung away from legalism that it observed no restraints and it possessed no fixed moral standards. It was idle intellectual speculation accompanied by fancy oratory, and no duties attached.²



Antinomianism: Theology. The doctrine or belief that the Gospel frees Christians from required obedience to any law, whether scriptural, civil, or moral, and that salvation is attained solely through faith and the gift of divine grace.

¹ Having no regard for accepted rules or standards.

² Merrill C. Tenney, New Testament Survey, Page 372

It says “for certain men crept in unaware.” *No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.* (2Co 11:14 NASB) Since Satan himself is capable of appearing to be an angel of light, it is not to be deemed strange that those who are in his service also should resemble him; “As angels of light.”

Concerning keeping the truth of Christ, Paul said in Galatians 1:8; *But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!* (Gal 1:8 NASB)

We are to put on the full armor of God, and again Paul talks to us about this in Ephesians 6:11: *Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able*



to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. (Eph 6:11 NASB) Just remember what Jesus said in Matthew 16:18; *"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.* (Mat 16:18

NASB) Jesus' church will be built and will continue until His return. He is not without a Church and never has been and never will be. Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen. Can we get an Amen?

Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. (Jude 1:5 NASB)

Jude reminds us here that God brought the children of Israel out of



Egyptian bondage. We probably all know the story. They witnessed the dividing of the Red Sea, they ate the manna from heaven, they followed the cloud by day and the fire by night. They even drink water from the rock. It was miracles upon miracles, but they still didn't believe. They did not believe that God would give them the land of Canaan and as a result all unbelieving adults died in the desert without entering the promise land.

They did not believe that God would judge sin. But we all now know God always has the last word. “We read the end of the Book; we know who is going

to win.” They had the idea that they could make their own gods and worship as they pleased.



They chose leaders who would tell them what they wanted to hear. Paul writes about the same thing in II Timothy 4:3; *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,* (2Ti 4:3 NASB) Paul warns us that a time will come, well folks, that time is here, in the now. And that is why the book of Jude is so important. He writes for the believer in the now. It's here; it's time for us to see all the apostasy that has been changed by the desires of man and their traditions.

We have forsaken God for the ways of man. Jeremiah talks about this; *"For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water.* (Jer 2:13 NASB) God supplies the living water that



only the watertight clay jugs can hold. Jeremiah says that the living water is put into the broken cisterns that hold no water, no living water. Do you thirst for the living water, or are you satisfied to drink from the polluted wells and broken cisterns. The true living water of the Good News Gospel of Jesus Christ was told to the woman at the well, it's recorded in John 4: *Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; (Joh 4:13 NASB) but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."* (Joh 4:14 NASB)

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, (Jude 1:6 NASB) Read with verse 7.

Jude is endeavoring to impress upon us God's extreme displeasure with those that would corrupt the gospel. He speaks of angels who kept not their

first estate, but left their own habitation. There are several trains of thought about the angels in this verse; which we won't discuss today. But just remember, God can and does pronounce judgment whenever His holiness demands it. He is God, you know.

just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. (Jude 1:7 NASB)



Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them were judged for immorality and perversion, or homosexuality. God in his wrath sent down fire and brimstone and destroyed every person in these cities. In Genesis 19:24 it tells us; *Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven,* (Gen 19:24 NASB) See II Peter 2:6.

If God did not spare Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, why would He spare the United States? With the sin we have here in this so-called Christian nation, I can no longer say "God bless America." We must turn from our sins including homosexuality. God said: *and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* (2 Ch 7:14 NASB) I agree with what I



heard the other day. "This nation is under judgment, God has lifted His hand from this nation and has turned the other way."

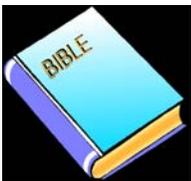
When we read of churches anointing gay pastors and bishops we can only remember God's response to this sin in days of old. Let us look at what God's law book says; *If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.* (Lev 20:13 NASB) We just have to remember Jesus is coming back and He will judge all.

The writer of Hebrews says; *For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."* (Heb 10:30 NASB) And then in the next verse it tells us about falling into the hands of the living God; *It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.* (Heb 10:31 NASB) I don't want the wrath of God on me and I don't think you do either!



Isaiah shows us a little light on calling good evil and evil good: *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!* (Isa 5:20 NASB) Isaiah starts with the word "woe" which means "cursed" so when you read it, it would go "Cursed to those who call evil good, and good evil." It takes on a little meaning; doesn't it?

What have people done with the Bible? "Have they thrown the baby (Bible) out with the bath water," as the saying goes? It seems to be what



someone believes or someone says and a lot of times it's the person with all those Christian educational degrees. Some of these people are never learning the truth. Paul again speaks to this issue in II Timothy; *"always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."* (2 Ti 3:7 NASB) Let's face it folks, the truth is in the simple Words of Jesus Christ. Don't read more into the Scriptures than there is. "Let the Bible interpret the Bible."

Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. (Jude 1:8 NASB)

Maybe at this point it's time to revisit the theme of this book of Jude. Jude is exhorting the church to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. The reason for the concern was that these terrible sins had been brought into the church. Certain men had crept into the church

unaware. We may ask ourselves, why were they unaware of this undermining of the Gospel and these false prophets coming in?

- Were they complacent?
- Were they given to compromise?
- Did they substitute tolerance for diligence?

Jude is issuing a warning to church leaders to be sober and cautious about the enemy of our souls, and that warning is specifically aimed at people



who come into the body of believers to carry out the work of Satan. They may sow discord. They may subtly and slowly distract from the sovereignty of God. They may deny the deity of Christ. But may I suggest; that this apostasy in Jude was probably compromising standards of the Bible and the One and Only Living God. If Satan can get our focus off Christ and onto the latest gossip, cliques, splits, or whatever may divide us, then he has accomplished his purpose. If the devil can get you to compromise and excuse sin you will be clothed with filthy rags instead of your robes of righteousness.

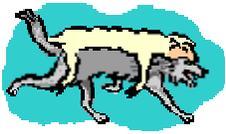
Since we can be attacked so many ways we are compelled to exhort ourselves to earnestly contend for the faith. *"If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."* (Gen 4:7 NASB) Sin is always at the door just waiting for us to open the door and let the devil in. Please, just stay in your Bible, the Word of God, for "Truth will always Prevail."

But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"
(Jude 1:9 NASB)

According to several church fathers, Jude based this verse on "The Assumption of Moses," writings. Rebuke the devil; he cannot operate in the presence of God. For God is Holy and Righteous. He is of no sin!

But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed. (Jude 1:10 NASB)

In verse 10, Jude calls them “unreasoning animals.” I like some of the other translations which call them “brute beasts.” Just like Paul called them



“savage wolves” and Jesus called them “wolves in sheep clothing.” They have sunk down to the level of animals in that their only desire is to satiate (say-she-ate) or satisfy their lust, their drive that we share with animal kind: food, security, sex, being the head of the pack, etc.

They really cannot comprehend the higher values because they only think in terms of gratifying themselves. You try to argue with them the points of the law, but they’ll never quite get it, because they don’t care about the other person. All they want is what they think is theirs; their position, their food, their this and their that. It doesn’t matter what it is. They are not thinking along the same level as you are. They’re being driven by their physical desires and not their spiritual desires or the will of God.

Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. (Jude 1:11 NASB)

Woe to them, a warning from Jude that judgment is coming. Three of Old Testament examples of the kind of persons Jude warn his readers about.

- The Way of Cain – The way of selfishness and greed as well as hatred and murder of his own brother. See Genesis 4:3-8. Also see I John 3:12.

Gen 4:3-8 NASB

(3) So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

(4) Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

(5) but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

(6) Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"



(7) "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

(8) Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

- The error of Balaam – The error of consuming greed.

2Pe 2:15 NASB –

(15) forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

You may read more about Balaam and his talking donkey in Numbers, chapters 22-24.

- The rebellion of Korah – Korah rose up against God' appointed leadership. You may read Numbers 16 for a full account of his rebellion.

These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; (Jude 1:12 NASB) Read with verse 13.



Instead of feeding the sheep with godly spiritual food for which they are responsible for, they feast on caring for themselves only. They eat with you both in the natural and the spiritual.

These false teachers are clouds without water, they produce no rain. They are carried along by the winds and no structure of the Good News Gospel in their life. They have no revelation of the truth of Jesus Christ. They are like clouds promising moisture for the parched land, the false teachers

promising soul-satisfying truth, but in reality they have nothing to offer. They are carried away by passions, greed, and ego. They are trees without fruit, looking beautiful, but diseased. Jude even says they are twice dead and plucked up by the roots.

wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever. (Jude 1:13 NASB)



Jude goes on to let us know that they are like waves of the sea, they go anywhere and everywhere. No solid rock: Casting up their own shame like foam. You've seen the ocean foam; it comes to shore and disappears. He talks about they are wandering stars. Have you ever seen a shooting star in the dark nightly sky, it goes through the sky and then disappears.

So these false teachers are headed for the darkness. This is the reason you must be very careful who you follow. Paul said; follow me as I have



followed Christ. You can't follow the leadership of many captains. You are absolutely bound to go off course. The only captain you need will be and is Jesus Christ, the captain that will never sink or go off course.

It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, (Jude 1:14 NASB) Read with verse 15.

Jude appears here to be quoting from I Enoch who wrote of the Lord's judgment on these kinds of people. I Enoch was not canonized as the other books of the Bible, same with the Assumption of Moses. But was apparently written before the time of Jude since he was quoting from I Enoch or quoting from tradition of Enoch which is the seventh generation of Adam. I Enoch Chapter 1, verse 9 goes; "And behold! He cometh with ten thousands of His holy ones to execute judgment upon all, and to destroy all the ungodly; and to convict all flesh of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly

committed, and of all the hand things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” As you can see it is close to what Jude was quoting.

to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” (Jude 1:15 NASB)

Verse 15 emphasizes on godliness. They are the total opposite of what God is, and if you know what God is, then you’ll know what these people are. Verse 15 also continues in the verse 9 of I Enoch above in verse 14.

These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage. (Jude 1:16 NASB)



Here in verse 16, Jude lists the description of and more characteristics of false teachers. In another translation (King James) their descriptions are; “*These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.*”

(Jude 1:16 KJV)

But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Jude 1:17 NASB) Read with verse 18

Words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles; Yes, this was words spoken of the truth directly from Jesus Christ during their discipleship. You can check other sections of the Bible that has references to these false prophets. The book of Acts tells us that they were savage wolves: “*I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;* (Act 20:29 NASB)

We are to have some spiritual discernment concerning the doctrines of demons versus the doctrines of Christ.

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
(1Ti 4:1 NASB)

holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. (2Ti 3:5 NASB)

that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."

(Jude 1:18 NASB)



Peter tells us about these mockers just as Jude does;
Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,

(2Pe 3:3 NASB)

I think we are seeing more and more of this “me” culture. It’s all about me and other people do not matter. If you don’t believe it, just look around.

Charles Spurgeon said; “To part with truth to show charity is to betray our Lord with a kiss.”

These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit *(Jude 1:19 NASB)*



Here Jude says, “they cause trouble or divisions, they are like the world and are devoid of the Spirit:” they do not have the Spirit of God in them and you can tell by their actions and their fruit that falls from the tree. They are among us, but they are not of us. Jesus said; ***"He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.*** (Mat 12:30 NASB)

It is now time to look at the Spirit as it discusses in I John 3:24- 4:6. We will let the Bible interpret the Bible.

The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

(1Jn 3:24 NASB)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1Jn 4:1 NASB)

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; (1Jn 4:2 NASB)

and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. (1Jn 4:3 NASB)

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. (1Jn 4:4 NASB)

They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. (1Jn 4:5 NASB)

We  *are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (1Jn 4:6 NASB)*

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, (Jude 1:20 NASB)

Finally Jude gives us some good news and a contrast of false teachers who come into the church to bring discord and strife. These are those who would compromise the gospel, and discount the importance of the holiness of God. You must be different than those that Jude has exposed. We are the beloved, united in God in the bonds of holy love.

keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. (Jude 1:21 NASB)

Love Keep yourselves in the love of God for He loves us so much. Let me share with you what one writer wrote; “We find great comfort in His promise that I will never leave you nor forsake you. Take all the love of all the sweethearts, from Adam and Eve to the present. Add all the love of every mother who ever held her baby to her breast. Multiply this by

the love of every soldier for his homeland. Factor in all the love of every child who felt the warm embrace of mommy and daddy. Combine all the love of any



kind from beginning until now, and Jesus says, I love you more. You are my beloved. I love you with my whole heart. I love you with my entire mine. I love you with all my strength. I loved you

before the worlds were framed. I will love you when time shall be no more. There has never been a time that I did not love you, nor will there ever be, no, not for a moment. If you truly believe and understand that the God of the universe, and the God of Heaven and Earth, loves you personally, singularly, individually, completely, unconditionally, and eternally, and you can trust Him.”

And have mercy on some, who are doubting; (Jude 1:22 NASB) Read with verse 23.

There may be some wavering here and they’re just beginning to turn, Jude says to have compassion on them and try to turn them back by the spirit of God.



Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

(Gal 6:1 NASB)

If you find someone in fault, be gentle, and try to turn them back so that you’re not snared as well.

save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh. (Jude 1:23 NASB)

Jude writes to us that some may and can be saved, even to the point of snatching them out of the fire. Oliver B Green, a great preacher of days gone by, used to conclude his prayer with these words: “Lord save that soul that is nearest Hell.” Yes, we need to settle our account as song in the 1902 song by F. M. Graham, “The old account was settled long ago.”

Long ago

Long ago

Yes, The old account was settled long ago

And the record's clear today.

For He washed my sins away

When the old account was settled long ago

The old account was large

And growing ev'ry day

For I was always sinning,

And never tried to pay

But when I looked ahead

And saw such pain and woe

I said that I would settle

I settled long ago

So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

(Rom 14:12 NASB) God has no grandchildren! "It's one on one."



Good News: Don't despair just because things look bleak right now. In the end Jesus Christ will fix all the situations, hurts and problems here on this earth.

This book of Jude closes with one of the great benedictions of the New Testament. It emphasis is on the lordship of Christ and His ability to keep his servants from falling into error. Referring to verses 24 and 25. This is where the clouds are clearing and we see the light of Jesus Christ.

Clouds that have been without rain are now producing spiritual rain; they are not floating around where every wind takes them. It's the rain of the Lord. Jude has shown us that not every cloud produces rain, they are some false rain clouds. Some clouds have showers coming down from heaven and these are the showers we depend on for salvation.



Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,
(Jude 1:24 NASB)

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. *(Jude 1:25 NASB)*

Hope you will whole heartily agree with John Calvin that said; “That even a dog barks when his master is attacked.” When we are being attacked by the Devil, we need to check it out. We need the discernment; are these doctrines of false prophets or are they doctrines from God?

I read the other day and it may be worth repeating. “True unity comes not when we sacrifice sound doctrine, but when we focus on the core truth of the gospel. The proper response to the attack on doctrine is not retreat, but to march forward with ever greater resolve, unity, and love.

Amen – in the name of Jesus



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