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6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day-

7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

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11 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.

12 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;

13 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.

14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones,

15 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."

16 These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

18 They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."

19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

22 And have mercy on those who doubt;

23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

24 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,  
25 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 1:1-25

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

JUDE TELLS US FIRST HOW HE RELATES TO JESUS. HE IS A SERVANT.

SECOND THAT HE IS THE BROTHER OF JAMES. THIRD TO WHOM HE IS WRITING. THE CHURCH. THOSE THAT ARE BELOVED IN GOD AND KEPT FOR JESUS.

WE CAN DEDUCE. HE HAS SOME OVERSIGHT OF THIS CHURCH.

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2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

THIS IS A CHURCH FAMILY.  
AS AN OVERSEER HE BLESSES THEM.

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3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

JUDE WAS GOING TO WRITE THE COZY FAMILY LETTER:

BLESSINGS: ITS BEEN A GOOD YEAR, I CONGRATULATE YOU ON 5 BAPTISMS. YOU ALL ARE GROWING IN JESUS.

LETS GET TOGETHER AND RE READ LEVITICUS NEXT TIME I AM IN TOWN.

IN STEAD HE WRITES....

I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

CONTEND: STRIVE FIGHT

FAITH HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE FAMILY.

BUT THE FAMILIES FAITH IS UNDER ATTACK.

HOW?

4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE FAMILY OF FAITH IS BEING ATTACKED BY PEOPLE..... WHO JUDE IN A NOD TO SOVERGNITY SAYS.....WERE, DESIGNATED FOR CONDEMNATION.  
UNDERSTAND. THEY ARE NOT BORN AGAIN.

THEY ARE.....FALSE CONVERTS, CREEPERS.

IT WOULD BE NICE IF LIKE CANE THEY WERE BRANDED.  
BUT THEY ARNT. THEY CREEP.... IN.... UNNOTICED, BRINGING THEIR WORLD VIEW.

THE CREEPERS ARE ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

THEY HAVE NO JOY IN JESUS. THEY DENY HIS SAVING GRACE HAS ANY POWER. INSTEAD THEY CHOOSE THE CESSPOOL OF WORLDLY SENSUALITY. THEY ARE NOT BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR.

JUDE SAYS:

5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

SOME FAMILY HISTORY. THEY ....MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN.

HE REMINDS THEM THAT JESUS RESCUED A PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT. REMEMBER JOSEPH OF THE MANY-COLORED COAT?

THE PROSPEROUS DAYS OF THE JEWS HAD PASSED,

NOW INSTEAD OF OCCUPYING FERTILE LAND IN EGYPT.

THE JEWS WERE SLAVES TO THE EGYPTIANS. AND THEY WANTED OUT.

THE LORD SENT MOSES AND PLAGUES.

PHARO AT LAST LET THE LORDS PEOPLE GO.

FREE AT LAST DID THEY DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD? NO.

THEY PRACTICED DISOBEDIENCE.  
THEY WERE REBELS WANTING MORE.

“WE ARE TIRED OF THIS MANA GIVE US MEAT.”

THEY DEMANDED THAT. THEIR APPETITES BE SATISFIED.

?HOW DID THEY FORGET THAT GOD HAD PROVIDED FOR THEM? SET THEM FREE?

FOR THEIR GRUMBLING DISOBEDIENCE GOD MARCHED THEM AROUND THE DESSERT UNTILL ALL BUT TWO DIED.

DISOBEDIENCE IS NOT JUST A HUMAN PROBLEM:

6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling,

he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day-

WHY DID THE ANGLES LEAVE THEIR PROPER DWELLING?

THE SPECULATION IS: THAT THE ANGLES ENJOYED THE SENSUALITY OF CROSSING THE ANGLE HUMAN BARRIER. AND SO THEY TOO WERE JUDGED.

JUDE GIVES A THIRD EXAMPLE.

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7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

SO WHOLE TOWNS WERE INDULGING IN SENSUAL SIN. THEIR EYES WERE NOT ON THE GLORY OF GOD BUT ON THE PLEASURES OF THE FLESH.

WORSE UNNATURAL PLEASURES OF THE FLESH.

THEY REJECTED NATURAL GOD ORDAINED RELATIONS. AND CHOOSE PERVERSION.

GOD PUNISHED THEM WITH ETERNAL FIRE.

SOO..JUDE HAS REMINDED THE CHURCH OF  
THEIR FORE FATHERS DISOBEDIENCE.  
AND THE CONSEQUENCE:

GOD JUDGES THE DISOBEDIENT.

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8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

BACK TO THESE PEOPLE  
THE CREEPERS THE IDEA OF BEING JUDGED  
MEH....

THE CREEPERS RELY ON....THEIR.... DREAMS  
THEY HAVE ROLLED OVER AND TURNED THEIR  
BACK ON GODS PLAN.

THESE DREAMERS ARE DREAMING ABOUT WHAT  
THEY WANT. DREAMS IN CONFLICT WITH WHAT  
GOD WANTS. THEY DREAM DREAMS THAT  
ENCOURAGE THE DEFILEMENT OF THE FLESH,  
THE REJECTION OF AUTHORITY AND  
BLASPHEMY. THERE MAY BE A HINT OF

SAUCERY, OR SOOTH SAYING. WE CANT SAY FOR CERTAIN.

IN THE END ITS THE SAME COMPLAINT. FORGET THIS MANA. GIVE ME MEAT.

SO WHILE JUDE GOT HIS PEN OUT TO ENCOURAGE THE CHURCH FAMILY IN THEIR COMMON FAITH HE, INSTEAD IS COMPELLED TO TELL THEM TO CONTEND FOR THEIR FAITH.

JUDE DOESN'T TELL US WHAT ALARMED HIM. BUT BASED ON THE WHAT HE WROTE WE CAN SPECULATE:

DISOBEDIENCE: LEADING TO SENSUALITY.

PEOPLE ARE ARE CREEPING INTO THE CHRCH FAMILY.

PLUGGING IN AS PART OF THE FAMILY.

SAYING AMEN BROTHER.

BUT NOT LIVING CHANGED LIVES.

POLLUTING THE CHURCH FAMILY ONE PERSON ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME. SUBTLY CORRUPTING THE CHURCH FROM WITH IN.

JUDE GOES ON TO TALK ABOUT CONTENDING.

9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

JUDE IS CITING AN EXTRTA BIBLICAL SOURCE. JUST LIKE I MIGHT CITE A BOOK TO MAKE A POINT.

HIS POINT? ITS NOT JUST OUR BATTLE BUT THE ANGLES ALSO CONTEND. TOGETHER WE ARE FIGHTING THE CREEPING DEVILS.

BUT THEN HE CAUTIONS DONT GO TOO FAR: REMINDING US.

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL STOPED SHORT OF PRONOUNCING JUDGMENT. THAT WOULD BE BLASPHEMY. SO CONTEND BUT LET THE LORD DO THE JUDGING THE REBUKING

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10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

REMEMBER WHEN JESUS HEALED A DEMON POSSESSED MAN. THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED. BUT:

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24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." Matthew 12:24

BLASPHEMY: IS ASSIGNING TO SATAN WHAT IS HOLY. AND TO GOD WHAT IS UNHOLY.

TURNING HOLINESS, BACKWARD, INSIDE OUT AND UPSIDE DOWN.  
REJECTING GOD

SO WE HAVE DISOBEDIENCE LEADING TO SENSUALITY.

ITS THE SAME OLD SAME OLD. GODS WAY OR MY WAY. GOD DELIVERS HIS PLAN

AND PEOPLE SAY..... I WANT MORE FOR ME.

HEAD VS HEART

IN SPITE OF ALL GOD HAS DONE PEOPLE DONT UNDERSTAND THAT GOD WANTS THE BEST FOR THEM. AND THAT BEST IS HIM.

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THEY WANT WHATS BEST FOR THEMSELVES HERE AND NOW AND WILL PERVERT A WHOLE CHURCH TO GET IT.

EVER WATCH A HUNGRY DOG EAT?

YOU DONT HAVE TO TEACH YOUR KIDS TO EAT. YOU DO HAVE TO TEACH THEM TO EAT RESPONSIBLY.

THE HUMAN ANIMAL INSTINCTIVELY LUSTS AFTER WHAT IS WORLDLY.

THE UNGODLY SEIZE WHAT THEIR FLESH DESIRES AND USE IT FOR THEMSELVES. ENJOYE IT WITH OUT REGARD FOR OTHERS OR EVEN THEM SELVES. THEIR DESIRES ARE CARNAL NOT SPIRITUAL.

THE CREEPERS CHOOSE TO DESTROY OTHERS AND THEMSELVES SPIRITUALLY. ASKING, HOW DARE GOD RESTRICTS OUR CARNAL PLEASURE. THEY CALL THEM SELVES CHRISTIANS THEY GO

TO CHURCH, THEY WORSHIP THEIR APPETITE.

?THEY MAY BE SITTING NEXT TO YOU?  
THINKING I DONT WANT WHAT GOD GIVES  
FREELY. .... FORGET GRACE FORGET MANA I  
WANT MEAT AND I WANT IT NOW.

GODS OFFERING TO ME? ITS NOT ENOUGH.

THATS BLASPHEMY.

SO THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE GOING ON IN  
THAT CHURCH. IT WAS STARTED BY CREEPERS.  
AGENTS OF THE DEVIL.

NOW WE GET TO THE WOE.

11 Woe to them! (THE CREEPERS) 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.

A WOE AND THREE EXAMPLES FROM OLD  
TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: THE WAY OF CAIN,  
BALLAM'S ERROR, AND KORAH'S REBELLION.

THE WAY OF CAIN.

CANE KILLED ABLE. THATS NOT SUBTLE.

THE MURDER WAS EVIDENCE OF CANES  
SELFISH HEART.

REMEMBER? CANES OFFERING WASN'T  
ACCEPTABLE. GOD LIKELY GAVE SOME  
OFFERING GUIDELINES AND CAN MADE UP HIS  
OWN. HE WAS SELFISHLY DISOBEDIENT TO THE  
POINT OF MURDER.

SO THE WAY OF CANE?

THANKS LORD FOR THE INFO. ILL DO IT MY WAY.

BALAMS ERROR.

A KING WANTING TO DESTROY ISREAL OFFERED  
A REWARD TO THE PROFIT BALAM.  
IF BALAM WOULD PRONOUNCE A CURSE ON  
THE ISRAELITES.

THAT SHOULD GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF THE RESPECT THAT KING HAD FOR GOD AND BALAM.

BALAM WAS AFRAID TO DO THE CURSE.

BUT, BALAM EVENTUALLY DID OFFER A PLAN TO CORRUPT THE ISRAELITES BY GIVING THEM FOOD DEDICATED TO IDOLS AND IMMORAL SENSUOUS WOMEN.

CORRUPT AN ISRAELITE GET A CHECK.

BALAMS ERROR?  
THINKING HE COULD PLAY BOTH SIDES.

HE KNEW GOD BUT, CHOOSE TO SERVE HIMSELF.

LIKE CANE HE DID WHAT HE WANTED. BUT WORSE HE USED HIS GOD GIVEN POSITION TO PERVERT A NATION.

KORAH'S REBELLION

KORAH ARGUED THAT AARON DIDNT HAVE ANY SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT GOD.

IN OTHER WORDS WE ARE ALL EQUIL. A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS WITH OUT A HIGH PRIEST AND. HE PERSUADED OTHERS TO FOLLOW HIM.

IT IS EASY TO SEE THROUGH KORAH. HE WANTED TO DIMINISH AARON SO THAT HE, COULD DO THINGS KORAH'S WAY. KORAH RECOGNIZED THE GOD OF ISREAL BUT REFUSED TO OBEY HIS WORD. AS EXPRESSED BY HIS CHOSEN PRIEST.

IN THE END GOD AFFIRMED AARONS AUTHORITY OVER THE HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE.

THE REBELS?

THE EARTH OPENED  
SWALLOWED THEM

THEIR FAMILIES THEIR STUFF.

KORAH'S REBELLION?  
IN HIS LUST FOR POWER HE SELFISHLY LEAD OTHERS TO ETERNAL DESTRUCTION.

SO ONE FARMER, ONE PROFIT, ONE WANTS TO BE LEADER . ALL REBELS.

ALL KNOW GOD. ALL WANT MORE FOR THEMSELVES THEN GOD GAVE THEM.

ALL WANT IT THEIR WAY.

LET ME IMAGINE IT FOR YOU THIS WAY.

MR BUSINESS MAN WORSHIPS AT A CHURCH. HE IS BAPTIZED AND A MEMBER. HE IS SAYING AMEN OUT OF ONE SIDE OF HIS MOUTH AND IS COLDLY WORKING THE CHURCH FOR BUSINESS, SALES, AND PERSONAL GAIN OUT OF THE OTHER. WHATS HE WANT? HE WANTS TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE FOR HIMSELF. VALUE FOR TIME AND DOLLARS SPENT. YOU CANT BANK THAT SPIRITUAL STUFF.

I ONCE HEARD ABOUT A LOCAL DENTIST THAT FREELY ADMITTED THAT HE WAS CHURCH HOPPING FOR BUSINESS REASONS. CREEPER.

SUPPOSE MR BUSINESS MAN USED HIS MONEY  
MUSEL. TO CREEP INTO THE GOOD GRACES OF  
CHURCH LEADERSHIP. A GOLF ROUND HERE, A  
FISHING TRIP, AN EXOTIC HUNT. TICKETS TO  
THE GAME, A PASTORAL RETREAT AT THE  
LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE PASTOR.

SUCH PERKS BUY FAVOR AND  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE LEADERSHIP.  
CHRUCH BECOMES PROFITABLE IN ANOTHER  
SENSE. THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE  
LEADERSHIP.

PASTOR.....go soft on the sin STUFF YOU WONT  
FILL SEATS IF YOU KEEP HARPING ON SIN.

YOUR MAKING PEOPLE FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE.

PASTOR DONT SAY THAT ..... HALF THE  
CHURCH IS DIVORCED.

I ONCE KNEW A BUSINESS MAN WHO DID NOT  
HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION AROUND TOWN  
NEVER THE LESS HE TOLD THE CHURCH  
LEADERS THAT HE WANTED TO BE AN ELDER  
AND THAT HE WAS OLD ENOUGH AND HAD PAID  
HIS DOLLARS. I MEAN DUES. CREEPER.

CHURCH CONTEND THE CREEPERS ARE AT THE DOOR.

WEALTH IS A BLESSING BUT IT IS NOT AN INDICY OF SPIRITUAL INSIGHT. IT IS MORE LIKELY A STUMBLING BLOCK.

REMEMBER THE RICH YOUNG RULER?

JUDE GOES ON AND IT GETS VERY SERIOUS. HE PAINTS A PICTURE OF HOW BAD THE PROBLEM IS.

12 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;

NICELY PUT.

A REEF IS: JAGGED ROCKS BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE SEA. IF YOU HIT THE REEF YOUR BOAT SINKS AND YOU SWIM.

MR BUSINESS MAN IS A REEF.  
BUT THE PROBLEM IS BIGGER THAN JUST HIM.

JUDE SAYS DANGER LURKS BELOW THE  
SURFACE. IN THE CHURCH. THE CHURCH  
FAMILY ACTUALLY IS FEASTING WITH DANGER,  
SHARING FELLOWSHIP MEALS AND TALK.  
PASSING THE BEANS IN LOVE. ALL FRIENDLY  
LIKE.

BUT UNDER THE SURFACE OF LOVE LURKS  
DANGER AND HERE JUDE PUTS THE UGLY FINE  
POINT ON IT.

THE DANGER IS THE LEADERS.  
THE SHEPHERDS ARE FEEDING THEMSELVES.  
JUDE IS NOT TALKING BEANS HERE. HE IS  
TALKING MONEY, POWER, POSITION,  
AUTHORITY, INFLUENCE.

HOW DO THE SHEPHERDS FEED THEMSELVES?  
BY SOFTENING THE GOSPEL AND TICKLING  
EARS TO FILL THE SEATS.

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HERE PAUL REMINDS US OF THE SHEPHERDS  
JOB.

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,  
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,  
13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,  
14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.  
15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,  
16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.  
Ephesians 4:11-16

**BUILD THE CHURCH, BY EQUIPPING THE SAINTS. THROUGH THE PREACHING OF THE WORD AND MODELING JESUS.**

THESE.... SHEPHERDS ARE NOT FEEDING THE SHEEP.  
THEY ARE STARVING THE SHEEP OF THE BREAD OF LIFE.  
JESUS.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. John

WATERLESS CLOUDS. JUDE MOVES FROM FOOD TO WATER. CLOUDS PROMISE RAIN.

THESE CLOUDS ARE WATERLESS.  
RATHER THAN A REFRESHING. THERE IS NOT EVEN A DROP OF WATER.  
THE BELOVED, THE CHURCH, THE SHEEP NEED SPIRITUAL REFRESHING  
LIVING WATER. HOPE. IN A REDEEMER.

WHERE DO WE GET LIVING WATER?  
whoever believes in me shall never thirst. JESUS.

BUT IN THIS CASE: NO BREAD, NO WATER, NO JESUS.

THE CHURCH IS STARVING FOR AN ANSWER TO  
SIN.  
BUT THE SHEPHERDS WONT OFFER HIM.

TODAY:  
DURING THE WEEK YOU MIGHT DRIVE BY A  
CHURCH.  
A CROSS ON A STEEPLE.

A SIGN IN FRONT OFFERING WORSHIP TIMES  
AND A BIBLICAL QUOTE.

YOU WOULD THINK THAT IF YOU ENTERED THAT  
CHURCH YOU WOULD GET A WARM WELCOME  
A SHOULDER TO CRY ON, WISE COUNSEL,  
SPIRITUAL ANSWERS TO LIFES QUESTIONS.

SO SUNDAY YOU DECIDE TO GO TO THAT  
CHURCH FOR SPIRITUAL FOOD.

YOU ARE GREETED.

MABY WITH LOVE AND CARE OR MABY.....

THE GREATER LOOKS PAST YOU TO YOUR CAR  
IN THE PARKING LOT. HUMM.

LATE MODEL LUXURY?  
OR BEATER?  
THEN METERS OUT A GREETING BASED ON  
YOUR AUTOMOTIVE QUALIFICATIONS.

IF SO ITS A SENSUAL CHURCH ROTTING FROM  
THE HEAD PASTOR DOWN THROUGH THE  
RANKS TO THE GREETER.  
SHEPHERDS STARVING THE FLOCK.  
TEACHING SOMETHING LIKE THE TRUTH. BUT  
NOT.

THE RESULT IS SPIRITUAL STARVATION OF THE  
FLOCK.  
DEATH.

WHO IS BEING FED? THE SHEPHERDS AND THEY  
GROW FAT.

CHURCHES CAN START OK. BUT. REMEMBER  
THE CREEPERS? THE CHANGES CAN BE SLOW  
AND SUBTLE. WHEN WE LIVED IN HOUSTON WE  
LOOKED FOR A CHURCH TEACHING SCRIPTURE.  
THAT WAS CLOSE TO US. TURNED OUT WE  
FOUND A LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH AN OLD  
PASTOR. IT WASN'T GREAT BUT IT WAS BETTER  
THAN THE SOCIAL CLUBS.

THAT PASTOR RETIRED THE ?NEW ONE? WAS YOUTHFUL, FRIENDLY AND MORE OF AN ENTRAINER.

WATER LESS CLOUDS WERE GATHERING.

WHEN WE MOVED TO FREDERICKSBURG WE CHURCH SHOPPED. I WAS SHOCKED TO FIND THAT AT ONE CHURCH THERE WAS A WOMAN DELIVERING THE SERMON. CREEPERS WHAT MUST SHE BE TEACHING?

SINCE THEN I KNOW OF A DIVORCED YOUTH PASTOR. WHAT IS CREEPING IN TO HIS TEACHING?

ANOTHER PASTOR THAT MARRYS OUT OF TOWERS FOR DOLLARS. HE SAYS HE COUNSELS. BUT IF THEY ARNT PART OF HIS CHURCH BODY ISN'T IT JUST A WINK AND A NOD. SENSUALISM CREEPING IN?

A FEW DAYS AGO A WOMAN TOLD ME SHE GOES TO A CHURCH FOF THE MUSIC. ADDING THAT SOME PEOPLE GO JUST FOR THE MUSIC AND THEN LEAVE. MUSIC CREEPERS.

POLITICALLY CORRECTNESS, GOOD MUSIC.  
GENDER TOLERANCE, WOMANS EQUALITY. ARE  
NOT THE GOSPEL. JESUS IS.

IN ANOTHER VEIN.

A FEW DAYS AGO A WOMAN ASKED ME WHAT I  
WAS UP TO THAT DAY.

I SAID I NEEDED TO PREPARE A SERMON. SHE  
SAID OH.....IN APPROVAL.

THEN ASKED HOW LONG I WAS GOING TO  
PREACH FOR. I SAID .....AROUND 35 MINS.  
HER RESPONSE OH..IN SHOCK...THATS  
LOOONG.....

THE CREEPERS ARE WINING.

SOME PREACHERS PREACH SERMONS SO  
SHORT THAT AFTER YOU RING OUT THE.  
PLEASANTRIES, JOKES, HUMAN INTEREST  
STORIES, AND NODS TO THE PLATINUM  
BENEFACTORS, ALL YOU GET ARE MERE DROPS  
OF SPIRITUAL RAIN. CRUMBS.

..... AND REMEMBER THIS JESUS LOVES YOU.

NOW GO IN PEACE.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE MR BUSINESS MAN  
MANIPULATING THE PASTOR WITH HIS  
CONTRIBUTIONS.

IT CAN BE THE CULTURE EXPRESSED THROUGH  
LUKE WARM OLD LADIES. EVENTUALLY THE  
PASTOR UNDERSTANDS HIS SERMONS ARE  
TOLERATED.

THE PASTOR STARTS TO SERVE HALF BAKED  
BREAD AND THE SPIRITUAL RAIN? ALMOST NON  
EXISTENT.

HIS SERMON PREP IS NOT SOMETHING HE  
PLANS TIME FOR.

ITS WHAT HE DOES WITH LEFT OVER TIME.  
STALE CRUMBS.

WHATS THE PASTOR DOING? SPENDING MORE  
AND MORE TIME WITH HIS SIGNIFICANT  
SUPPORTERS.

BY SUPPORTERS I DONT NECESSARILY MEAN  
THE PLATINUM BENEFACTORS.

SUPPORTERS ARE ALSO THOSE THAT.....  
INSINCERELY SPEAK IN TO THE PASTORS EAR  
SUPPORT FOR WHAT EVER HIS IDEA OF THE  
WEEK IS.

OH THATS A WONDERFUL IDEA.  
THEY SPEEK THE WORLDLY,  
THE GOSIP,  
MAYBE THE SLIGHTLY OFF COLOR JOKE.

THEY ALWAYS MAKE MUCH OF HIM.

THE POOR Neighborhood SHEEP? TRUSTING TO  
BE FEED AT THE CROSS ON THE STEPEL?  
THEIR BEING FED junk food.

MUSIC AND, TIME CONSTRAINTS, TICKLE ME  
PASTOR DEMANDS, CALCULATING OLD WOMEN  
AND THE CULTURE ARE HAVING THEIR WAY  
WITH THE CHURCH.

?BELOVED OF GOD KEPT FOR JESUS.....  
?HOW DO WE REACH PEOPLE WHO GO TO  
CHURCH FOR THE MUSIC?  
THE SHOW?  
TO BE TICKLED?  
AND ARE ONLY FED THE EMPTY CALORIES OF  
JUNK FOOD? NOT VICTORY IN JESUS?

TWICE DEAD AND UP ROOTED. THE POINT IS.  
ATTACH YOUR SELF TO A DEAD ROOT/CHURCH  
AND YOU WILL NOT DRAW LIFE.  
YOU WILL WITHER AND DIE FOR LACK OF FOOD  
AND WATER.

YOU WILL BE SERVED DEATH NICLY WRAPED IN  
PLEASANTRIES.

JUDE CONTINUES:

13 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.

WILD WAVES OF THE SEA. EVER BEEN AT THE  
SEA WHEN YOU CAN HARDLY CARRY ON A  
CONVERSATION OVER THE ROAR OF THE WAVES  
CRASHING?

PASTORS LIKE THAT RAVING ON LIKE THE SEA.  
SKILLED RETHORTIC  
ENCOURAGING STORIES, THE ADMONITION TO  
TOLERATE ALL..... THE VARIOUS GENDERS.

GUN RIGHTS,  
VOTE CHRISTIAN VALUES. POLITICS  
ASSURANCE THAT IF YOU JUST TRY HARDER  
GOD WILL REWARD YOUR EFFORTS. PRAY LIKE  
YOU MEAN IT AND GOD WILL OPEN THE  
WINDOWS OF HIS TREASURY.  
WEALTH AND HEALING ARE GUARANTEED FOR  
THE ASKING.

NOT GOSPEL. ONLY FROTH ON THE SHORE.

WANDERING STARS.  
IN THE OLD DAYS IT WAS ITINERANT TEACHERS  
TRAVELING FROM TOWN TO TOWN WORKING  
THE REVIVAL TENT.

TODAY IT IS MORE SUBTL.  
THE CREEPING INTERNET STRANGERS YOU  
VISIT WITH.  
OFFERING A SOFT GOSPEL. CREEPERS.

CREEPERS SHINE FOR A MOMENT BUT THEY  
ARE DESTIN TO BE EXTINGUISHED. THEIR  
DOUBLE MINDED HEARTS ARE DEAD.  
THE LIGHT IS OUT FOR WANT OF JESUS.

CONTEND ALONG WITH THE ARCH ANGEL  
MICHAEL AT SOME POINT THE WAR WILL END  
AND THE LORD WILL REBUKE.

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from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord  
comes with ten thousands of his holy ones,

THIS IS FROM THE BOOK OF ENOCH. IT IS NOT  
A BIBLICAL TEXT. AGAIN IT IS LIKE ME QUOTING  
SHAKESPEARE TO ILLUSTRATE A POINT.

THE POINT OF THS CITATION IS:  
THE LORD WILL JUDGE AND CONVICT THE  
UNGODLY

LISTEN.

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15 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."

## WHO ARE THE UNGODLY?

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16 These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

THE KIND OF PEOPLE YOU WANT TO EVANGELIZE. SERIOUS SINNERS THAT HAVE THEIR BACKS TURNED TO GOD. SOUNDS LIKE OUR CHURCH GOING MR BUSINESS MAN? CHURCH THE MISSION FIELD MIGHT BE SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO YOU.

GRUMBLING ABOUT THE WIDOWS BEATER PARKED OUT FRONT. BOASTING ABOUT HIS NEW MEGA MOBILE.

AND HOW HE JUST GAVE HIS OLD MEGA MOBILE TO THE PASTOR WITH THE STRONG SUGGESTION THE PASTOR GIVE HIS CAR TO THE WIDOW BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT BEATER IS A BLIGHT IN THE PARKING LOT AND ATTRACTS THE WRONG KIND OF PEOPLE.

SHOWING FAVORITISM FOR THE SAKE OF GAINING ADVANTAGE. THEN MAKING SURE EVERYONE KNOWS HOW IMPORTANT HE IS TO THE CHURCH.

CHURCH YOU NEED THE BREAD OF LIFE AND  
THE LIVING WATER.  
YOU NEED SHEPHERDS  
NOT SELF SERVERS.

AS AN ELDER HERE I AM ASKING YOU TO TELL  
ME TEXT ME, EMAIL ME. HOW CAN WE BETTER  
EQUIP YOU?

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17 But you must remember, beloved, the  
predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

18 They said to you, "In the last time there will be  
scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."

19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people,  
devoid of the Spirit.

HE IS QUOTING 2 PETER

JUDE REMINDS US OF WHAT PETER REMINDED  
HIS CHURCH OF.  
THERE WILL BE SCOFFERS.

SCOFFERS CREEPING IN HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM SINCE THE OLD TESTAMENT.

WHATS A SCOFFER? SOMEONE THAT RIDICULES.

I MEAN IF HE SAVED OTHERS WHY DIDNT HE GET OFF THE CROSS.  
HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD? WHERE IS HE?  
YOU ARE SILLY FOR BELIEVING THAT STUFF.  
THEY INFECT THE REST OF THE CHURCH WITH DOUBT.

THE EFFECT IS BLASPHEMY.

GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF AND HIS PLAN OF SALVATION, IT IS FINISHED

BUT.....THE SENSUAL THE CREEPER, THE SCOFFER?

THEY YAWN ....A QUIET SCOFF: HAVE YOU READ THE LATEST SCIENCE ON GENES?  
OR ITS NOT A HUMAN, ITS JUST A CLUMP OF CELLS.

YES YES THERE IS A GOD THATS WHY I AM HERE WITH YOU IN CHURCH.

BUT THERE ARE MANY PATHS TO GOD  
JESUS WAS JUST A MAN...  
PASTOR SAID AS MUCH LAST WEEK WHEN WE WERE HUNTING.

THERE IS A CREEPING CONSPIRACY TO STRIP THE GODHEAD FROM JESUS. MAKING JESUS A NOTHING.  
IF JESUS ISNT GOD.  
THEN THERE IS NO POINT IN FOLLOWING HIM.  
I AM FREE TO DO IT MY WAY.

AFTER REMINDING THE CHURCH OF THE LURKING DANGER. JUDE CIRCLES BACK TO WHAT HE WANTED TO DO AT FIRST.  
ENCOURAGE.

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20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,  
21 keep yourselves in the love of God,

HE SAYS BUILD YOURSELF UP IN THE FAITH.

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HOW SHOULD WE BUILD OURSELVES UP IN THE FAITH?

HOW ABOUT THIS?

YOU EXERCISE YOUR FREE WILL.

CHOOSE PRAY, LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD AND NOT YOUR WANTS.

CHOOSE TO READ SCRIPTURE.

CHOOSE ENTERTAINMENT THAT DOESN'T GLORIFY SIN. EDIT WHAT YOUR KIDS SEE AND HEAR.

CHOOSE CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.

CHOOSE TO DO THE GOOD WORK THAT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU.

CHOOSE TO LIVE YOUR FAITH THROUGH THE WEEK NOT JUST ON SUNDAY

CHOOSE TO SIT UNDER GOOD TEACHING.

CHOOSE A TEACHING CHURCH AND SUPPORT IT.

THERE ARE MANY GOOD TEACHERS THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO THROUGH TECHNOLOGY.

BUT RC SPROLL ISN'T GOING TO COME TO FREDERICKSBURG TO SHEPHERD YOU. JOHN MACARTHUR WONT BAPTIZE YOU OR DEDICATE YOUR KID. JOHN PIPER WONT MARRY YOU. ALISTAR BEGGS WONT VISIT YOU IN THE HOSPITAL.

THEY WONT BRING YOU COMMUNION ON YOUR DEATH BED.

FIND A LOCAL PASTOR THAT IS TEACHING AND PASTORING AND .....AND SUPPORT HIM. TELL OTHERS

FAMILY, IT IS BLASPHEMY TO PUT A CROSS ON A STEPLE OR AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH PROMISING THE HOPE AND GRACE OF JESUS

WHILE THE PASTOR ROARS ON LIKE THE SEA. FOAMING AT THE MOUTH ABOUT WORLDLY ISSUES, WORTHLESS FROTH ON THE BEACH.

WATERLESS CLOUDS.  
CRUMBS

AS I SAID BEFORE  
THE FISH ROTS FROM THE HEAD.  
HOLD YOUR ELDERS RESPONSIBLE. DONT LET  
THEM SERVE JUNK FOOD.

CONTEND.

ON THE OTHER HAND IF THEY ARE SERVING THE  
BREAD OF LIFE AND LIVING WATER THEN  
ENCOURAGE THEM BY LIVING CHANGED LIVES  
THAT LOOK LIKE JESUS.  
OUR STRENGTH IS JESUS. DRAW CLOSE TO  
HIM.  
HE, WILL BUILD YOU UP.

JUDE SAYS, KEEP YOUR SELF IN THE LOVE OF  
GOD. HOW DO YOU DO THAT? THIS IS THE  
PERSEVERANCE THAT SCRIPTURE TALKS  
ABOUT.

IF YOU ARE MARRIED THEN YOU KNOW YOU  
HAVE TO WORK AT IT.  
YOU CHOOSE TO LOVE AND EXPRESS LOVE  
EVEN WHEN YOU KNOW YOU ARE RIGHT  
AND SHE IS DEAD WRONG.

LOVE IS A GIFT  
YOU GIVE LOVE AWAY.

IMAGINE A COUPLE DRIVING. SHE SAYS TURN  
HERE,  
YOU KNOW SHE HE IS WRONG.  
YOU CAN ARGUE OR YOUR CAN LET IT PLAY  
OUT  
?AND WHEN IT HAS AND YOUR ARE RIGHT?  
INSTEAD OF SAYING I TOLD YOU SO. CHOSE TO  
SAY I LOVE YOU..... BETTER YET DO IT WITH A  
KISS.

CHOOSE TO LOVE THE LORD. EVEN WHEN  
WRONG TURNS COME IN TO YOUR LIFE. LET IT  
PLAY OUT KNOWING JESUS IS SUFFICIENT FOR  
THE DAY.

EVERY ONE OF YOU IS LEAVING IN A BOX.

TRUST JESUS IN THE LITTLE THINGS BECAUSE YOU LOVE HIM.

AFTER ALL YOU ARE TRUSTING HIM WITH YOUR ETERNITY.

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22 And have mercy on those who doubt;

DOUBT IS DIFFERENT FROM, I DONT BELIEVE. FROM SCOFFERS. DOUBT IS I BELIEVE BUT I NEED TO KNOW MORE.

JUDE IS TALKING TO THE FAITHFUL ABOUT THE WEAKER BRETHREN SITTING NEXT TO THEM THAT HAVE DOUBTS.

BE MERCIFUL TO THOSE THAT ARE WEAKER MABY THEY ARE NEW TO THE FAITH, MABY THEY HEAR A DIGITAL FALSE TEACHER AND WONDER?

REMEMBER FALSE TEACHERS ARE SKILLED AT MAKING A LIE ALOMST THE TRUTH. JUST ENOUGH TRUTH TO TAKE YOU OFF YOUR GUARD.

WHEN YOU KNOW SOMONE IS LISTENING TO PASTOR LYER LYER.. ASK THEM WHY? IN LOVE. AND IN LOVE STEAR THEM BACK TO THE TURTH OF THE GOSPEL.

IF THEY CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE DEVIL? DONT FOLLOW THEM HOPING TO RESCUE THEM.

STAND YOUR GROUND AND PRAY FOR THEM. GENTEELLY CONTEND IN LOVE.

THIS WEEK A WOMAN WANTED TO TELL ME A JOEL OLESTINE JOKE. SHE SAID I KNOW YOU DONT APPROVE OF HIM. BUT ITS FUNNY. LADY. ITS NOT FUNNY WHAT IS CREEPING IN TO YOUR SOUL.

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23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

THIS IS TOUGHT STUFF. YOU ARE. CALLED TO BE A SNATCHER FROM THE FIRE. BETTER PUT ON YOUR OVEN MITTS . THIS IS HAND TO HAND THERMAL COMBAT.

SURE YOU DONT SAVE.

JESUS SAVES.

BUT YOU ARE HIS INSTRUMENT. THROUGH YOUR PERSISTENCE THE HOLY SPIRIT MAY SPEAK AND SNATCH THEM FROM THE FIRE.

I IMAGINE A DEATH BED CONVERSION HERE. FOR YEARS YOUR CHILD CAME UP HERE FOR THE CHILDREN'S SERMON. DID THE CRAFT. YOU DID THE WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL WITH THEM. THEY WATCHED YOU LIVE FOR JESUS. FOR YEARS THEY HEARD YOU PRAY.

BUT,  
IT HAS COME TO THIS:  
SINCE LEAVING HOME, YOUR TATED UP, ...DRUG RIDDLED, FELLON DAUGHTER HAS CONTINUED IN HER WORLDLY WAYS UNTILL.....

ON HER PREMATURE DEATH BED SHE SURRENDERS IN TEARS.

A MUSTARD SEED OF FAITH BUT NEVER THE LESS SNATCHED FROM THE FIRES OF HELL.

PARENTS PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

JUDE CONTINUES: to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

SO THERE ARE THE FAITHFUL, THE WAVERING,  
THE SNATCHED FROM FIRERY HELL AND FIALLY  
THE OTHERS: THIS IS A HARD LESSON. JUDE  
TELLS US TO HATE EVEN THE GARMENT  
STAINED BY FLESH.

HATE THE FILTHY GARMENTS THAT HANG ON  
THE SINNERS. STAINED WITH THE FILTH OF  
SENSUAL FLESHLY LIVING.

THESE ARE DANGEROUS PEOPLE.  
JUDE SAYS FEAR THEM.  
THEY ARE LIVING THE LIES OF SATAN.

PRAYER MIGHT BE AS CLOSE AS A WEAKER  
SAINT SHOULD GET.

BUT REMEMBER OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY IS TO  
CONTEND IN MERCY.

WHO KNOWS THEY TOO MAY YET BE SNATCHED  
FROM THE FIRES OF HELL.

REMEMBER THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF  
GOD GO YOU.  
CHURCH, PERSEVERE, CONTEND FOR THE  
FAITH THAT WAS DELIVERED TO YOU.

## Family meeting

THE BOOK ENDS WITH A DOXOLOGY. WE SAVE  
THAT FOR THE END OF OUR SERVICE.

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