

JUDE: Lesson 11

Verses 17-19: CARNAL, LUSTFUL MOCKERS WHO SEPARATE THEMSELVES

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Vs 17 “...remember ye the words.” It is so important to spend time in the word of God. Remembering what the Lord said is what keeps us living like the Lord. When the bible is neglected, sin creeps in.

Read Jude 17-19

THEY ARE MOCKERS (Jude verse 18)

***Note the differences between Jude 17-19 and 2 Peter 3:1-4**

2 Pet 3:1 “...stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.” This matches Jude 17: “remember.”

2 Pet 3:2 “...be mindful of the words which were spoken by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour.” Another match from Jude 17. Read the words of the Lord and of the apostles. Be mindful of the commandments.

2 Pet 3:3 “...there shall come in the last days SCOFFERS, walking after their own lusts.”

- “Walking after their own lusts” occurs in both references.

“...There shall come...scoffers...” Jude says, “there should be mockers.” The distinction is important.

Peter is warning about **scoffers**: people who treat with insolent ridicule or manifest contempt by derision. These are people who will laugh at you and make fun of you.

- These are unbelievers outside the church who make fun of and ridicule Christianity.

Jude is warning about **mockers**: people who imitate in contempt or derision.

- These are people pretending to be like you (imitation) who make fun of the way you live, criticizing your desire to live for the Lord.

2 Pet 3:4 The scoffer denies the truth of the word of God. They don’t believe God cares if we sin.

- This would include the doctrines of Hollywood movies and Nashville songs. These are unsaved people who do what they want because they don’t believe God cares.

Jude, verse 19 says the mockers “**be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.**”

- Mockers don’t deny bible truth. They may believe all the same fundamentals of the faith that you believe.
- They are sensual. Therefore, they hate when preachers preach about living holy lives and they despise Christians who want to live for Jesus.

THEY ARE SENSUAL (Jude verse 19)

Vs 17 “Beloved...” Jude is writing to people he loves and cares for.

- You will warn your loved ones of dangers, so they don’t get hurt.

Vs 19 These mockers in the church are “**sensual**.” Their focus is on things pertaining to the senses rather than things pertaining to the mind or soul. How they feel about something is more important to them than reading the bible to learn what is right and good and has eternal value.

- If your feelings violate the word of God, you need to deny your feelings.

“Sensual” people are carnal. They emphasize matters of the body. Sensual people will seek out “healing churches” and charismatic preachers that make them feel good.

THEY SEPARATE THEMSELVES (Jude verse 19)

“...These be they who **separate** themselves, sensual, having **not** the **Spirit**.”

Eph 4:1-16 Believers are to endeavor “**to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace!**” (vs3). We are not to separate ourselves from that bond.

- “Certain men” (Jude 4) want to unite church members by separating them from the Holy Spirit’s influence. Men can’t be unholy unless they separate themselves from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ **gave gifts unto men** (vs 8) “¹² **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:** ¹³ **Till we all come in the unity...**”

- God wants to unite members of the body of Christ.
- He warns you to beware of those who separate themselves; those who do not want to be a part of the unity of the Spirit.
- We are part of the body of Christ. Each (body) part is more effective when it is united to the body. A separated body part is useless.
- Beware of anyone who tries to convince you to separate your union with your spouse, your parents, or your brethren.

“But speaking the TRUTH in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:” (vs 15).

- Truth must accompany love. Love without truth is carnal.
- Christ is the head. We unite with the body so we can become more like Christ.
 - The carnal crowd wants to separate themselves from the parts of the body of Christ that are trying to live for Christ.

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted...” (vs 16) The Holy Spirit is working to join the body of Christ together. “Certain men” (Jude 4) want to pull us apart.

THEY FOLLOW THEIR OWN UNGODLY LUSTS (Jude verse 18)

1 Pet 2:21-23 We are expected to follow the steps of Christ. He is our example.

- When you follow Christ, you will be reviled by others, but you will not return the same treatment. You will suffer at the hands of others, but you will not retaliate.
- The Lord wants the members of His body to do their part to help bring His church toward perfection.
 - Those who fight against that perfecting process are in league with the “certain men” whose aim is to ruin the body by magnifying the errors of the brethren.
 - Those who are following the lead of the Holy Spirit will access the grace of God and let it control your actions toward your erring brothers and sisters.