

JUDE: Lesson 14

Verses 24-23: The Doctrine of Eternal Security

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“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling...” This verse speaks of the Lord’s ability to keep us from falling. Other verses give reasons and proof that the Lord desires to keep us from falling:

- We are the sons of God (John 1:12, 1 John 3:2).
 - God is love (1 John 4:8).
 - We need not worry about losing our salvation because we are not sustained and preserved by our own ability, but by the Lord’s ability. He is able; it doesn’t matter that I’m not able.
 - **Romans 8:32**, salvation was a free gift (Eph. 2:8-9). Now that you are a child of God, He has many more things to freely bestow upon you: protection, loving care, keeping power
 - **Romans 8:37-39**, nothing is able to take you away from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the promise of God.
 - **John 10:27-31**, Jesus is the Good Shepherd. If you are saved, you are one of His sheep, you hear His voice, He knows you, and you follow Him.
 - **“I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish.”** (vs 28). You cannot lose it.
 - **Psalm 121:1-3**, **“The LORD...will not suffer (allow) thy foot to be moved.”** You could not lose your salvation if you tried. The Lord won’t allow it.
 - **1 Samuel 2:6-9**, no matter what your current situation in life, if you belong to the Lord, He will take you home to His throne of glory (vs 7). **“He will keep the feet of his saints.”** (vs. 9). God’s saints don’t have to hold on to their salvation. He’s the One holding onto us.
 - If I’m the one holding on, I get the glory.
 - If the Lord is the One holding on, He gets all the glory. That’s how it ought to be.
 - **Psalm 121:3-8**, **“The LORD is thy keeper”** (v 5). **“He shall preserve thy soul”** (vs 7). You may suffer illness, you may die, but those things cannot separate you from the love of God. Your soul is secure.
 - **Psalm 23**, if the Lord is your Shepherd:
 - You shall not want. You’ll not lack anything you need. (vs 1).
 - He’ll get you home to green pastures (vs 2). You can’t get there without the Shepherd.
 - He’ll restore your soul whenever you become unsure or worldly.
 - The Shepherd will walk with us THROUGH the valley of death. He won’t leave us there (vs 4).
 - He has a rod and a staff (vs 4) to keep us from straying and to protect us from dangers.
 - You will dwell with Him forever (vs 6).
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“And to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.” The Lord is able to prepare me for heaven, so I fit in there.

- The Lord will change me when I’m caught up to meet Him in the air (1 Thes. 4:17).
 - I will be delivered from my vile body of death (Rom. 7:24, Php. 3:21) in a moment (1 Cor. 15:52) because this old body isn’t fit for glory (Exod. 33:20). We must put on incorruption (1 Cor. 15:53).
 - Jesus can present me to the Father because of the work He completed in me (Php. 1:6), not because of anything I did (Titus 3:5).
 - We shall be like the Lord (In character, not appearance). 1 John 3:2
 - **Romans 8:28-29**, God saved you so he could begin conforming you to the image of His Son.
 - **Ephesians 5:25-27**, Jesus is presently working in our lives to sanctify and cleanse us so He can present to Himself a glorious church (no spots or wrinkles).
 - Our purpose in living right is not so we can hold on to our salvation.
 - We live right because we love the Lord and, therefore hate the thought of doing anything that would prevent us from being like Jesus. **“Hating even the garment spotted by the flesh”** (Jude 22).
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“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling” (vs 24). This is part of sanctification (vs 1).

“And to present you faultless...” (vs 24) because we are **“preserved in Jesus Christ”** (vs 1).

“...with exceeding joy” (vs 24). Is this the Lord’s joy or the believer’s joy? —It is both.

- God rejoices to see us standing faultless before Him.
- We rejoice because Christ made it possible for us to stand faultless before the presence of His glory.
 - **Luke 15:10**, **“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”** The Lord is the one who rejoices when a person gets saved (Heb. 12:2).

“To the only wise God our Saviour...” (vs 25). Jesus Christ is the Saviour. He is the only wise God.

“...be glory and majesty...” Both of these words relate to the throne of God.

“...dominion and power...” These words speak of the strength and authority of the One on the throne.

“...both now and ever.” Present and future.

“Be” is a key word here. Christ receives all glory, majesty, dominion, and power now and forever. Let it be!

“Amen” This word signifies agreement with a statement.

Summary: certain men will try to mess up the believer within the church. You must deal with them, but no matter what happens, they cannot separate God’s children from His love.