

JUDE: Lesson 3

Verses 4-5: Remember, the God of Grace and Mercy Still Judges Sin Today

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God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He changes not. He judged sin in the Old Testament, and He judges sin in the New Testament. Any preacher who denies this truth will end up encouraging men and women to sin based on a “*God of grace.*” This is a wicked practice.

God, in the book of Jude repeats the same warnings that are found in the Old Testament and applies them to the New Testament Christian. God’s grace does not give men and women today a license to sin.

Vs 4 Certain ungodly men turn the grace of God into lasciviousness (a license or alibi to sin).

- These are men who try to convince you that you don’t need to worry about living a clean life because God is gracious and merciful.

Vs 5 The Lord who saved the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt later destroyed those that didn’t believe.

- Jude is warning New Testament believers that unbelief could cost you your life (not eternal).

Vs 6 God did not tolerate sin in His angels.

Vs 7 God gives Sodom and Gomorrah as an example to New Testament believers. This is what happens when you sin against God. You will be destroyed like they were destroyed.

- The warning is that we’d better not listen to lascivious people who tell us we can live any way we want without worry of judgment.
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Psalm 19:7-13 God gives us warnings in His word (vs 11). We need those warnings because there is still trouble ahead even though we’re saved and on our way to heaven.

¹³ **Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins.** Don’t allow me to presume that I can sin as much as I want because God is so good that He won’t punish me because He loves me. Don’t presume on the grace and mercy of God or soon, you’ll be a slave to sin and your little transgressions will lead to the great transgression.

Romans 5:1, 8-9 These instructions are written to people who are justified, have peace with God, and are saved from wrath through Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:1-2 “**Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid!**” Jesus Christ died to pay for sin’s penalty. Are you going to spit in His face by committing sins now?

Romans 6:12-15 “**Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body... shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace?**” People who are under grace are expected to stop sinning. There is no excuse for a Christian to sin.

Romans 6:16 You will be controlled by whatever you choose to yield yourself to. Therefore, yield yourself to the things of God.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Acts 20:29-31 Remember (vs 31) the warnings about men who will enter into the church and attempt to turn your faith away from biblical truth and get you to trust them instead of the bible.

1Tim 4:1-6 Remember (vs 6) the warning about someone who has departed from the faith trying to seduce you into sinning with him. If you give heed to his seducing, your conscience will become seared like his.

2 Tim 2:14-18 Remember this warning (vs 14). There will be people who will quote the bible trying to shake your faith (vs 18) so you will live an ungodly life (vs 16).

2 Pet 1:8-12 Don't forget that salvation is about the purging of your sins (vs 9) and results in right living.

2 Pet 3:1-3 Remember to watch out for lustful scoffers who mock your desire to live a holy life.

Watch out for saved people who try to get you to loosen up and tell you not to concern yourself with holy living. Be careful who you listen to.