

JUDE: Lesson 6

Verse 8: Watch Out for Filthy Dreamers

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“Likewise also...” In verse 8, this next group of people to watch out for in the church assembly is like the unbelieving Israelites (vs 5), like the angels that kept not their first estate (vs 6), and like the dwellers in Sodom and Gomorrah (vs 7).

“...these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.”

- Beware, dreams are being promoted to today’s younger generation. “Pursue your dream!” “Fulfil your dream!” “Live your dream!” “I have a dream.” God’s instruction to us is “**now it is high time to awake out of sleep.**” (Rom. 13:11).
- Promoting dreams above the principles of the word of God may provide people with what they want to hear, but it causes people to defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.
 - Any dream we may have must line up with the word of God or else be ignored.

Jeremiah 23:25-32

These “prophets” use dreams to deceive people (vs 26), causing them to forget God (vs 27).

If you have God’s word and know what it says, then speak God’s word faithfully (vs 28). If your dream contradicts God’s word, why trust or even acknowledge the dream?

- The reason people look to dreams is because the Bible doesn’t support the thing they want to do. The dream provides support for your desire to live like the devil.

“**What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.**” (vs 28). If you eat chaff (a dream), you’ll die (spiritually). Eat wheat (God’s word), you’ll live. But God gives you that choice.

“**I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.**”

- When you replace the word of God with something else, God opposes you.

God is against prophets that say, “Thus saith the Lord,” when the words are their own (from a dream or an opinion, etc.). (vs 31).

God is against them that cause people to err by their lies. They don’t benefit the people at all (vs 32).

- These liars may give you an excuse to do what you want to do, but it will not be helpful.
- Don’t look for advice from people who will easily disregard the Bible to encourage sinful practices.

Jeremiah 29:8 “Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.”

- Notice that the ones who will deceive you are right there in your midst.
- God warns you not to pay heed to your own dreams. You can cause yourself to dream up the answers that you like and then say, “God gave me peace about it.” God wasn’t in it.

Jeremiah 27:9-10 Filthy dreamers will try to persuade you to disobey the word of God.

Jude 8 “Likewise also these *filthy dreamers defile the flesh.*” This is the result of allowing a filthy dreamer to persuade you to disobey the word of God.

- You will end up in the flesh, which will end up defiling your testimony, your mind, your conscience, your good name, and your church’s testimony in the community (it only takes one church member).
 - Filthy dreamers will look for people in your church that aren’t committed to the truth of God’s word and encourage them to sin. That’s all it takes to ruin the church.
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1 Thes. 5:23 God wants us to be blameless, spirit, soul, and body. God wants us to live holy lives.

1 Cor. 5:34 If a man touches a woman one time, she is no longer a virgin. The virgin “*careth for the things of the LORD, that she may be holy...*”

- The world doesn’t need you to completely abandon your faith. They only need see you commit a sin (any sin) ONE time to destroy your testimony and your effectiveness as a witness for Jesus Christ.
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1 Cor. 9:27 If you don’t keep your body and your carnal impulses under control, you will ruin your ability to serve the Lord.

- It is crucial that you stay away from anybody claiming to be a Christian, who not only sin, but they try to convince you that it’s okay to sin. It’s not okay.

Rom. 6:12 God gave you the responsibility to not let sin reign in your body. No excuses will be accepted. You do not have to sin. Stay away from Christians that would encourage sin.

“**These filthy dreamers...despise dominion.**” They don’t want anybody to be in charge of them. They despise someone who tells them what to do.

- If you find that you hate being told what to do, you’d better humble yourself before God and take care of that attitude. If not, it will affect your job, your marriage, your friendships, and more.

“**...and speak evil of dignities.**” They are always saying bad things about good people who are living right and being a good example.

- Parents need to be careful about criticizing the church leaders and the brethren in front of their children. It will push them away from the church and they’ll be on their own against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Exodus 22:28 — “**Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.**”

Ecclesiastes 10:20 — “**Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.**”

- The devil loves it when we spread rumors and whisper gossip. He knows how to disseminate the bad talk so that it negates anything positive that might be said to magnify Jesus Christ.
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“**Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.**”

If you find any of those traits in your life, please bow before God and repent for your own good and for the good of those around you.