NOTES FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1976: Johnson City (Jude 5-7)

OUR LESSON CLOSED LAST SUNDAY:

I. With a brief description of "certain men who crept in unawares" (verse 4) to disturb the church with false teaching.

1. Read Jude 4 for this description.

IN OUR LESSON TODAY, SUNDAY JUNE 27, WE CONSIDER THREE INSTANCES THAT JUDE GIVES OF DIVINE JUDGE-MENT FALLING UNPOM SUCH INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS.

WE SEE FIRST: (See 1 Peter 4:12-14; 2 Pet. 3:1-4)

1. The necessity of reminding Christians of the possibility and the certainity of such things to come.

1. We should remember that the heart is the hidden laboratory of all perversions of truth.

 So to neglect the heart is certain loss. Proverbs 4:23.

3. An "evil heart of unbeleif" leads away from God. Heb. 3:12

THE THREE EXAMPLES:

(Chap.)

1. Israel delivered from Egypt. (Exedus 1 - 14)

1. Israel went down to Egypt as a family and emerged out of Egypt as a nation.

1. This nation carried the destinies of the world in its bosom.

Yet Jude tells us that God "afterward destroyed them that believed not."

1. No difficulties could hinder Israel's deliverance from Egypt.

2. Yet through an "evil heart of unbelief" many of them were destroyed.

3. The Lord's judgement in this case proves to us the punishment cannot be averted when high privileges are abused.

- 2. The case of the fallen angels. (2 Peter 2:4-6)
 1. Peter calls them "the angels who sinned."
 - 2. An evil nature cannot endure or enjoy the holiness of heaven.
 - 3. Their punishment: "reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Matt. 25:41

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3. The case of Sodom and Gomorrha and the cities about them. Jude 7. (See Genesis 19)

1. The cause of their destruction: "Given themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh." Jude 7

2. Here God shows his hatred of sin and hs de-

sire to prevent our ruin.

1. If fifty righteous can be found: Gen. 19:24

2. If ten can be found: but ten could not be found. Gen 19:32

LESSON:S:

- 1. If angels which sinned did not escape neither will the false teachers referred to in verse 4.
- 2. Neither will man escape who sins and at last stands before God in that sin.
- In view of these examples Let not one therefore presume upon past mercies as a guaranteed passage out of all dangers.

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