

JUDE 8-10. INTRODUCTION:

1. Three examples have been given of the certainty of divine punishment upon those who continually indulge in gross sins. They are:
 1. Israel delivered from Egypt yet punished in a great measure for their unbelief. Verse 5
 2. The case of the fallen angels "reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Verse 6
 3. Sodom and Gohmorrhah and cities about them, "are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Verse 7
2. "Likewise also" (Verse 8) identifies the misconduct of some others in our lesson today.
 1. We have description of apostate teachers: those who with purpose and design wandered far afield concerning the truth.
 2. Three characteristic of these libertines in Jude's day. They are:
 1. Gross licentiousness. They "defile the flesh on the body. The body should be the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 3:16,17.
2 Cor. 6:19
 2. Such sins lead men into destructive error
 2. They are hostile to restraint civil or divine. "They set at nought dominion." V.8
 1. They deny the Lord Jesus; they will not have this man to reign over them.
 2. This evil temper springs from:
 1. False pride.
 2. Self-sufficiency
 3. From dislike of God's commands.
 4. From anger at all restraint in their evil actions.
 3. They revile the word of God. "They rail at dignities."
 1. Great is the excess of the unsanctified tongue.
 2. Fools rail at powers that would restrain them.

JUDE 9

1. Michael the archangel
 1. "Archangel" a term meaning chief or captain of the angels.
 1. first mentioned in scripture in Dan.10:11
 2. The last time in Revelation 12:7,9.
 3. It may be that Michael will lead the group of angels who will descend with the Lord at his second coming. 1 Thess. 4:16
2. Note the deportment of Michael.
 1. He appears in scripture as a fighting warrior.
 2. He contended and disputed with the devil about the body of Moses. YET:
 1. He did not bring against him "a railing accusation." Verse 9.
 2. He left the decision to the Lord: "The Lord rebuke thee."
 3. It would have been inconsistent with angelic perfection to rail out at even the devil.
 4. Therefore, what is wrong for angels to do can not be right for man to do.
 5. By "railing accusations" we make ourselves to be on the same level as the devil.

JUDE 10 In this we see:

1. The deplorable perversion of knowledge.
2. "But these speak evil (rail) of those things which they know not." The ignorance in question is like unto that of which David speaks: Psalms 82:5;
 1. "They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course."
 2. Peter described such individuals as "willingly ignorant" (2 Peter 3:5). See Romans 1:18-32
 3. We should reprove known evil, and praise what we know to be good.
3. We see the ruin wrought by sensual knowledge.
 1. "What they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves."
 2. Like the irrational animals, they readily discover the means of gratifying their desires.
 3. Like the beasts, they receive all their blessings without thought or thanks to the Giver.

