

“A FAITH WORTH FIGHTING FOR” - *DANGER WILL ROBINSON* - (JUDE 8-11)

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**Jot down your first reactions to these questions - be honest, this is not a test!**

1. What initial thoughts or memories come to mind when I read Jude 8-11?
2. What emotions do I feel when I read these scriptures?
3. What do these scriptures have to do with the church today?
4. What do these scriptures speak personally to me about my walk with Christ?
5. What questions do I have from these scriptures?

<sup>8</sup>Yet, in the same way, these people also, dreaming, defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak abusively of *angelic* majesties. <sup>9</sup>But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him an abusive judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” <sup>10</sup>But these people disparage all the things that they do not understand; and all the things that they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed. <sup>11</sup>Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay, they have given themselves up to the error of Balaam and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

If we are to contend (*to struggle earnestly for; to fight; labor fervently; or to strive*) for **THE FAITH**, what is this faith: Our common salvation, which is faith in Jesus’ death burial and resurrection. Unwavering belief that HIS work gives us GRACE and PEACE – WHOLENESS IN THIS LIFE AND THE ONE TO COME.

**Scriptures:**

Deuteronomy 6: 4 “Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! 5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength

Romans 1:17 For in it <sup>ⓐ</sup>the righteousness of God is revealed <sup>ⓑ</sup>from faith to faith; as it is written, “<sup>ⓓ</sup><sup>Ⓔ</sup><sup>ⓔ</sup>BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Hebrews 10:22 Let’s approach God with a sincere heart in full assurance of *faith*, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Jeremiah 14:14 Then the Lord said to me, “The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them, nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a false vision, divination, futility, and the deception of their own minds.

**DANGERS TO THIS GOSPEL OF FAITH**

- Defiling the flesh/body/temple of God- contaminate, infect, pollute, foul, taint -MAKE DIRTY
- Rejecting authority – God’s order not ours /self- motivated -REBELLIOUS
- Speaking boldly and unashamedly abusive about angelic majesties (things of God)-BLASPHEMY