

PP Jude: X-ray Exposition

Part 10-Jude 12-13

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False teaching works like a cancer in the body of Christ, the church
 Sometimes it spreads slowly while other times it progresses aggressively
 But the Word of God works like X-ray pictures, and Jude places four pictures of false teaching
 and teachers on a wall backlit by the gospel of truth
 And notice that some of the Bible's angriest invectives are directed toward false teachers

PP First X-Ray: Dangerous Spots

PP Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=MJDmjFPFFJc
 Rod Parsley and sowing your \$54.17 1:05:36-1:05:57

"These are blemishes on your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, looking after themselves"

Some translations read 'blemishes', or 'spots' or even 'hidden reefs'
 Languages develop, and this word eventually came to be used for a spot on an opal stone or skin
 that mars its beauty, but earlier was used for submerged rocks that could wreck a ship
 These false teachers, heretics, are both uglifying the church and threatening to sink her
 And one way they were doing this was by perverting '***your love feasts***' or Agape feasts, which
 were similar to potluck dinners where everyone brought food and wine to share
 15 of my 20 overweight pounds have come from the cooking of people in this church...*delicious*
 These early churches, house churches mainly, would eat a common meal together to foster love,
 fellowship and unity, and afterward, they celebrated Communion together

Jude holds up his first X-ray, and shows these churches that false teachers were creating factions,
 introducing subtle false doctrines, denying Jesus Christ as Master and Lord (verse 3),
 filled with immorality, taking Communion in an unworthy manner

PP Paul, in teaching the church how to observe the Lord's Supper, wrote that ***"anyone who eats
 and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is
 why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died."*** 1 Corinthians 11:29-30

But these false teachers feasted '***without fear***'; without fear of God, they were spots, submerged
 rocks, and the church was in danger of being ripped apart

Jude points to one of the spots and says look, these false teachers are '***looking after themselves***'
 This literally means *shepherding themselves*, meaning they did not care about those in the
 church, but themselves

PP God spoke to Ezekiel about Israel's shepherds: ***"My shepherds have not searched for My
 sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed My sheep...Behold, I
 am against the shepherds"*** Ezekiel 34:8, 10

He calls Israel's elders, hirelings, who tend someone's sheep and aren't overly caring for their
 protection or providing for them

PP Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=MJDmjFPFFJc
 Mike Murdoch 1:11:56-1:12:25

PP The Apostle Paul couldn't be any more modern when he wrote, *"You put up with it when someone enslaves you, takes everything you have, takes advantage of you, takes control of everything, and slaps you in the face."* 2 Corinthians 11:20 (NLT)

Those who look after themselves, or shepherd themselves don't want anyone exercising authority over them, they want to be on top, exercising authority over everyone else!
The first X-ray was the dangerous spots of greed, power, selfishness, and immorality

PP Second X-Ray: Deceptive Promises

"waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted"

The Jews were an agrarian people, dependent on rain and crops
Jude gives them metaphors of desperate need: life-giving rain and life-sustaining produce
But the promising clouds do not release its water, nor do the promising trees yield its fruit
And the souls of the people of God are drying up and in danger!

PP Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xCwmw8tf7k>

Kerney Thomas failed healing 0:44-End

Examples of false promises are nearly limitless

And the way out that Word Faith false teachers have, is if you don't receive your miracle, the problem is not God, but you, and your lack of faith, or unconfessed sin, or the financial gift was not great enough

PP Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQtQinXtsKE>

John Hagee 34:09-34:30

Is this really true?

Does all sickness come from the devil?

PP *"the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"* Exodus 4:11

PP If anyone had rightness with God to heal his friends, the Apostle Paul did: *"Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus."* 2 Timothy 4:20

PP When Timothy was sick, Paul didn't tell him to go see a faith healer, but to *"No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."* 1 Timothy 5:23

These false teachers, Jude wrote, are offering and are in themselves deceptive promises
And horribly, they are *'twice dead, uprooted'*

These false teachers were not bearing spiritual fruit, or offering the living water of Jesus Christ,
and God will grab hold of them and pluck them roots and all, out of the soil of the church

PP Third X-ray: Defiled Conscience

"wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame"

The Dead Sea may in Jude's mind here

The salt content strips the bark from the driftwood and when that wood is cast up on the shore, it gleams black and white to look like dried bones
 But stormy, strong waters wash up more than just sand, they bring litter and garbage with them
 The third picture Jude offers is of these false teachers, brash and bold, whipping the people into a frenzy of worship and activity, but end up leaving them dried out and stripped of life, polluted as a shoreline after a storm

Verse 16 tells us that these false teachers were *'loud-mouthed boasters'*
 Proud and arrogant speech is a sign of a teacher not sent by God!

One of the core beliefs of the Word Faith movement is called Positive Confession
 Gloria Copeland, in the video you are about to see, is speaking and tells the congregation that 'You're supposed to control the weather'

PP Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=kOTrMSOrYew
 0:19:23 ('One day')-0:20:15

PP *"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

This is strong language by the Apostle Paul, and we need to listen to it carefully
 Discern and examine everything carefully, hold on to what is good and of the Spirit, and throw away, and abstain from what is evil

Watch a healing service with young Prophet Manasseh, and if you give your seed offering of money, they will give you a bar of soap supposed made from the waters of Jordan that will anoint, bless, and heal you

Watch the terrible emotional manipulation washing on the shores of this young lady

PP Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-NYYjy7qaE>
 5:09-5:50

These so-called men of God have no conscience, as they exploit in the worst ways

What is their shame that is being cast up like foam?

The word *'shame'* in the Greek is plural, and referring to their greed, immorality, control, lies, false preaching and all other forms of spiritual deception

PP *"Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared"*

1 Timothy 4:1-2

PP Fourth X-Ray: Destined Outcome

One person explained why he enjoys reading the books of dead saints simply because these men and women endured in the faith until the end and did not turn against it

There are many pastors and teachers who once were bright spots in the pulpits of their churches, but become dark spots of cancer in the church

I'm not referring to church leaders stumbling in moral ways but rather leaders falling into heresy
 It is heartbreaking when it happens, and like cancer, it usually is a process of deception: their own and then their deceiving of others

Carlton Pearson, a rising star among Pentecostals, had a church of thousands, until he came out with a book called, The Gospel of Inclusion.

PP In it, “*I chose to unveil my heartfelt truth that everyone on the planet was already saved by the sacrifice of Christ but just didn’t know it.*” Carlton Pearson

What motivated him to teach against the bible and the orthodoxy of the church?

PP Video <http://www.nbcnews.com/id/14337492/#.Uo9IMcSsim4>

07:58-08:15 spliced with 08:19-08:37

When asked about Bible verses that could undermine his argument, he said the Bible is “paper and ink” and “shouldn’t be an idol”

It is personal revelation, hearing God personally that shifted Pearson toward an inclusive gospel Even Hitler, he declares, will be in heaven, and hell is the experience of suffering here on earth

Heretics lower the authority and centrality of God’s Word, and center on their own revelation They are ***“wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.”***

Stars do not wander, so what is in view are shooting stars that appear for a moment and are gone This picture is taken straight from the book of Enoch, where stars are depicted as angels-a Jewish view-and a wandering or shooting star was taken to be a disobedient angel, leaving their appointed orbits and being destroyed

Jude applies this tradition to false teachers, who, with all their bluster and boasting, quickly fade into darkness

As sailors used the stars to navigate by, those in the church who follow these wandering shooting false teachers will be led off course into danger

And their future is secure should they not repent: ***“for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.”***

Rob Bell and others are quick to say that the word ***‘forever’*** can also mean a very long time And that, some will experience punishment when dead, for a time, but will either be saved from it to be brought into heaven, or more conservatively, will be annihilated from existence It is true that this word can mean a very long time, but the overwhelming use of the word in connection to hell has another meaning: *utterly without end*

PP In fact Jesus connected the eternal nature of hell with that same nature in heaven: ***“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”*** Matt. 25:46

Hell and heaven are either both temporary, or without end

Jude holds up against the light, four X-ray pictures of false teaching, to teach us to discern

- 1-Look at the dangerous spots...they will shipwreck your faith
- 2-Observe the dangerous deceptions...they promises are empty
- 3-Discern the fruit of their defiled consciences...their shame will be obvious
- 4-Understand their destined outcome...God will remove them into darkness

Friends, know the truth so well, that you will be able to see what is false!

Be governed by love, and armed with biblical knowledge, and pray, pray, and pray!

Amen!

Pray