

**PP Jude: False Teachers are Rebels**

Part 8-Jude 8-11

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False teachers and authority have always had a very interesting relationship

It is the thread woven through the 3 examples Jude gave from the Old Testament

Israel in verse 5, rebelled against God, refusing to believe Him, despising Him, wanting to go back to Egypt

Some of the angels, verse 6, would not stay within their place of authority, committing horrible atrocities

The men of Sodom and Gomorrah, verse 7, rebelled against natural desires and pursued unnatural in sexual immorality

Now look at how Jude began verse 8: ***“Yet in like manner these people also”***

***‘These people’*** are the false teachers, and rebellion lacing through them ***in like manner***

And notice in verse 8 what is fueling them: ***‘relying on their dreams’***

Not meaning that they are wishing and hoping for their own way, dreaming about something...

They are claiming to have visionary experiences and claiming God spoke to them uniquely

**PP** Video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=yN9Ay4QAtW8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=yN9Ay4QAtW8)

05:29-06:04 Todd Bentley (God told me to kick her in the face)

The word ***‘dreams’*** has a trace of the word hypnotism and means something seen in the sleep that produces vain and empty opinions

**PP** One expert defined it *"to be beguiled with sensual images and carried away to an impious course of conduct."* Thayers

False teachers often claim visionary experiences that come directly from God to them, and sometimes they do have them, but they are not coming from God

The church rests on the ***‘foundation of the apostles and prophets’***, a foundation laid only once, and fully captured in the inerrant, inspired Word of God

Meaning that what was spoken by the Apostles is entirely trustworthy, while today, and prophetic statement must be examined against God’s Word

**PP First**, no vision or dream, if it is from God will contradict the Word of God, for God never contradicts His Word

**PP Second**, no vision or dream, if it is from God will contradict the character of God, for God never contradicts Himself

**PP Third**, no vision or dream will bring new revelation that is not already in the Word of God, for with the final Apostle’s death, John, the Word of God was completed

**PP Fourth**, no vision or dream or word, if it is from God, will fail to come true

**PP** ***“As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”*** Jeremiah 28:9

It is this claim that God has given a word, or a vision, that fuels the rebellion of false teachers

And that rebellion was making itself clear in three ways:

### **PP 1-These false teachers ‘defile the flesh’**

In 1983, Oneness Pentecostal Pastor Don Barnett of the Community Chapel began to use fear tactics, telling his people that they didn’t want to be left out of the bride, miss the rapture. He got the church ready to go for anything that seemed ‘spiritual’, even what was called, ‘dancing before the Lord’

Members were encouraged to find a dance partner, and ‘connect’ during the week, in church and outside the church, staring into each other’s eyes as they worshiped Jesus

They taught that this would bring about greater unity in the church

These partners were not their spouses, but others in the church, and the most spiritual (who were ironically the most beautiful) were invited to dance with Pastor Don in front of the church

Don’s wife, Barbara, shared a vision she had where Jesus came to her and was intimate with her

What resulted in this church was a host of affairs, church-reimbursed abortions, lawsuits, the death of a child and eventually, mercifully, the pastor being kicked out

**PP** Listen to what was said about Pastor Don: *“Don lost his grip on the Bible. It was the Book which kept the place reasonably sober over the years. He gradually diminished and de-emphasized the bible as something to preach from, as something to live by. He had to get rid of the Book.”*<sup>1</sup>

When any of us rebel against God, it will be by rebelling against His Word

People do that by insisting it needs re-interpreting, re-imagining, a fresh Word for today, that the old one is antiquated, irrelevant, not modern enough

The result will always be the same...defilement

Recall if you will, that the heresy creeping was Gnostic philosophy, which believed that all matter, certainly the physical body, was morally evil and unredeemable, so it didn’t matter what you did with it

Grace trumps sin, so go ahead and sin, and you will see more grace!

There can be in us, the thought, *I know God will forgive me, so what I want to do is not really that harmful*

**(Deleted Kenneth Copeland quote here)**

### **PP 2-‘reject authority’**

Not only did the rebellious false teachers defile the flesh, but they also rejected Jesus’ authority

I introduce to you Jose Luis De Jesus Meranda, the Puerto Rican pastor of Growing in Grace International Ministry

He has a large following, who all celebrate Christmas on April 22, the day of his birth

**PP** Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfgnNHJ2zQc>  
1:48-2:37

If that isn’t enough to make you simultaneously angry and sick, there is more on Jose, who, along with many of his followers has a 666 tattoo on his forearm...

**PP** Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2ucZlQCx0c> **(NOT AVAILABLE)**  
0:50-1:00 Jose Luis De Jesus

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<sup>1</sup> Churches That Abuse, p. 44

**PP** “those who say, “*With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?*” **Psalm 12:4**

**PP** “Embraced by the leadership of all the mainline Protestant denominations... liberal Christianity has been hailed by its boosters for 40 years as the future of the Christian church. Instead...all the mainline churches...are demographically declining and, in the case of the Episcopal Church, disintegrating. The Presbyterian Church USA is famous for its 1993 conference, co-sponsored with the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other mainline churches, in which participants “reimagined” God as “Our Maker Sophia” and held a feminist-inspired “milk and honey” ritual designed to replace traditional bread-and-wine Communion. The Episcopalians overwhelmingly refused even to consider a resolution affirming that Jesus Christ is Lord.”<sup>2</sup>

False teachers reject Christ’s authority in favor of their own

**PP** Video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=AVkoQHCXSK80:7:09-0:7:53](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=AVkoQHCXSK80:7:09-0:7:53) Bishop Eddie Long

Thousands are being led astray by this man, who recently was alleged to have had sexual relations with underage boys, those lawsuits having been settled out of court

**PP 3-‘blaspheme the glorious ones’**

Not only were the rebellious false teachers *defiling the flesh*, and *rejecting authority*, they *‘blasphemed the glorious ones’*

The point Jude is making is that rebellion is carried on the back of arrogance

**PP** Video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=kOTrMSOrYew](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=kOTrMSOrYew) Jesse Duplantis 0:47:01-0:47:30 You choose when you live and die, not God

There is debate over whether *‘glorious ones’* means fallen angels or faithful ones

**PP** The word *‘blaspheme’* means to slander or speak evil of, and when it is combined with the word *‘glorious’* (doxa), it seems clear that good angels are in view

The false teachers despised these powerful messengers of God who represent His authority. They viewed angels as the servants of the Creator OT god, who in their pagan, Gnostic beliefs was entirely evil and blinded the eyes of ‘true believers’ preventing them from seeing their own godhood.

The Jews believed that there were 7 archangels, or ‘chief princes’, who stood before God. One of them, Michael, according to their apocryphal book, *The Assumption of Moses*, was sent to retrieve the body of Moses and bury it in an undisclosed location.

But Satan met him at the grave of Moses, claiming the rights to it, likely to take the bones of Moses to set before Israel as relics and idols of false worship.

But Michael would not refer to his own power and authority, raising himself above God.

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<sup>2</sup> Los Angeles Times, *Liberal Christianity is Paying for its Sins*

***“But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” 9***

Michael did not claim his own authority in an act of rebellious anger, he appealed to the authority of the Lord

But these false teachers, verse 10, “...***blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.***” **10**

Blinded in their rebellion, they live by instinct like animals, having sunk to the level of beasts  
Whatever they want they pursue and take, guided by their senses rather than the mind of Christ

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09:24-10:50 Todd Bentley, of Fresh Fire Ministries

What should our response be to this passage in Jude?

As you and I examine our own hearts, will we find humility, glad dwelling at the foot of God’s throne rather than on its seat?

**PP** As we look at our hearts, will we find that we love God’s Word like David, ***“I love Your commandments above gold, above fine gold.”*** **Psalm 119:127**

Do we affirm, in each and every circumstance, that Jesus is our Master and Lord, and has the right to do whatever He wills!

Are you developing the discernment to know false teaching when you see and hear it?

Are you growing in your courage to contend for the faith?

**AMEN!!!!**

Pray