

The Epistle of Jude

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we take another look at the epistle of **Jude**, but this time we will focus on the important Old Testament examples that Jude draws upon in order to instruct his readers.

- **Example #1 (verse 5)** – The destruction of Israel in the wilderness because of unbelief (read **Hebrews 3:15-19; 1 Corinthians 10:5-12**).
- **Example #2 (verse 6)** – The angels who lost their positions of authority because of rebellion (read **Matthew 25:41; 2 Peter 2:4**).
- **Example #3 (verse 7)** – Sodom and Gomorrah being punished with “eternal fire” because they “gave themselves up” to perversion (read **Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 2:6**).
- **Example #4 (verse 11)** – The way of Cain, who sought a righteousness through self-effort, but ended up consumed by sin (read **Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12**).
- **Example #5 (verse 11)** – Balaam's error, who used his gift of prophecy to make money for himself (read **Numbers 22-24; Deuteronomy 23:4-5; 2 Peter 2:15-16**).
- **Example #6 (verse 11)** – Korah's rebellion (read **Numbers 16**).

Now read through the epistle of **Jude** once more, taking particular note of **verses 4-16**. Once you have finished reading Jude's letter, answer for yourself this important question:

- How do these six examples that Jude lists describe the fate of the “godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord” (**verse 4**)?

Memory Verse

Be merciful to those who doubt;
snatch others from the fire and save them;
to others show mercy mixed with fear
– hating even the clothing stained
by corrupted flesh.

Jude 22-23

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!