

The Book of Jude

Contending for the Faith

Sermon Outline for Jude 17-25

- **Jude's Exhortations (vv. 17-23)**
 - ➔ Remember the Apostles' Teaching (vv. 17-19)
 - ➔ Remain in the Love of God (vv. 20-21)
 - ➔ Rescue the Struggling (vv. 22-23)
 - **Jude's Doxology (vv. 24-25)**
 - ➔ Our God is Able (v. 24)
 - ➔ Our God is Worthy (v. 25)
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Big Idea of Jude 17-25

While trusting in God's ability to keep us, believers must contend for the faith by remembering the truth, keeping ourselves in God's love, and reaching out to the struggling.

Next Steps from Jude 17-25

- Will you develop a plan to make Scripture intake and Spirit-empowered prayer a regular part of your week?
 - Will you pray for someone struggling with doubts and look for an opportunity to have a spiritual conversation with them?
 - Will you praise God for who He is and what He does, particularly His activity of keeping believers?
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Sermon Notes

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Triads in the Book of Jude

A well-known literary feature of the book of Jude is the use of triads. Sometimes, the number three is used in Scripture to symbolize completeness. The triads in the book of Jude are both an interesting feature of Jude's style and an excellent means of reviewing the content of the letter.

- **Three Descriptions of a Christian's Identity**
 - 1) Called
 - 2) Beloved
 - 3) Kept
- **Three Spiritual Blessings in a Christian's Life**
 - 1) Mercy
 - 2) Peace
 - 3) Love
- **Three Old Testament Examples of God's Past Judgement**
 - 1) Unbelieving Israel
 - 2) Rebellious Angels
 - 3) Sodom & Gomorrah
- **Three Descriptions of the False Teachers**
 - 1) They defile the flesh
 - 2) They reject authority
 - 3) They blaspheme angels
- **Three Old Testament Figures that Exemplify Ungodly Conduct**
 - 1) Cain
 - 2) Balaam
 - 3) Korah
- **Six (3x2) Metaphors Applied to the False Teachers**
 - 1) Hidden reefs
 - 2) Selfish shepherds
 - 3) Waterless clouds
 - 4) Fruitless trees
 - 5) Wild waves
 - 6) Wandering stars
- **Three More Descriptions of the False Teachers**
 - 1) They cause divisions
 - 2) They are worldly
 - 3) They are devoid of the Spirit
- **Three Ways to Keep Yourself in the Love of God**
 - 1) Build yourself up in the faith
 - 2) Pray in the Spirit
 - 3) Wait on the Lord
- **Three Approaches to Take When Reaching Out to Others**
 - 1) Have mercy
 - 2) Save by snatching
 - 3) Show mercy with fear
- **Three Periods Denoting the Eternal Glory of God**
 - 1) Before all time (past)
 - 2) Now (present)
 - 3) Forever (future)