

# Sunday, July 2, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

**Title:** Two Previous Judgments

**Series:** Jude, An Ancient Letter Written to Believers of THIS Day ... 6

**Text:** Jude 1:1 - 25

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that God has judged rebellion and sin in the past and there are two examples given in Jude as warnings to us today.

## Introduction:

Two weeks ago our devotional was entitled “Danger of Being a False Believer,” and the major points were:

- 1) Professors of Faith, 2) Possessors of Faith,
- 3) People of Israel, 4) People of God’s Field Today

~ The key thought two weeks ago was the last phrase of verse 5 – “*afterward destroyed those who did not believe.*”

~ Unbelief has the potential of leading a person into two more severe positions of personal action:

~ Isaiah 53:6, “*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*”

~ 2 Thessalonians 2:3, “*Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,*”

~ Jude 1:6 & 7, “*And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.*”

## 1. Previous Judgment of Angels:

~ vs. 6, “*And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—*”

~ Revelation 12:4 – 9, “*His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. (5) She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, , but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ... (7) Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the angels fought back, (8) but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.*”

~ Luke 10:18, “*And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”*”

~ 2 Peter 2:4, “*For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;”*

~ 1 Peter 5:8, “*Be sober-minded be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*” Compare with 2 Cor. 4:4 and 11:14

~ Ephesians 6:10 – 20

~ Matthew 25:41, “*Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”*

## 2. Previous Judgment of People:

~ vs. 7, “*just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.*”

~ “indulged in sexual immorality” in the Greek this is ONE word (G1608) and is only used this one time in the New Testament; its meaning is: to go a whoring, “give one’s self over to fornication,” to be utterly unchaste:-- give self over to fornication. Seems to indicate a lust that gluts itself, satisfies itself completely.

~ “*The sin of the angels was rebellion against the throne of God. The sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was indulging in unnatural lust.*”

## 3. Positive Preventative Action:

~ The pulpit must uphold the Word of God. There must be no compromise to the authority of God’s Word. All believers are to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints;” and this must start with the pulpit ministry. Consider Galatians 1:6 – 9

~ Every believer should accept the call in 2 Timothy 2:15, “*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*”

~ Fellowships of the saints need to watch and pray with the understanding that there is an enemy who seeks to “pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.” Vs.4

~ Each believer ought to remain open to adjustment to the Word of God and to the Holy Spirit; both are in constant agreement with each other.

Psalms 139:23 – 24, “*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”*

## Conclusion:

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