

## Sunday, August 20, 2023

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

**Title:** Unholy Trio of Cain, Balaam and Korah

**Series:** Jude, An Ancient Letter Written

to Believers of THIS Day ... 8

**Text:** Text: Jude 1:1 – 25 (vs. 11)

*Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation to three erroneous ways of walking that result in JUDGMENT from the Lord God.*

### Introduction:

~ Why spend time and attention on the book of Jude... “Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.” Jude 3

~ Acts 2:42, “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

~ Jude 1:11, “Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion.”

### 1. Way of Cain:

~ Genesis 4:1 – 7

~ Pride, Cain’s offering lacked blood!

~ Hebrews 9:22, “Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

~ Genesis 4:7, “If you do well, will you not be accepted. And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

~ 1 John 3:12, “We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous.”

~ Hebrews 11:4, “By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.”

~ Cain’s way is that of man-made religion which expects God to accept them and their actions resulting in relationship with God. Action produces relationship. God’s way, through the blood of Christ Jesus, gives relationship with God that results in progressive right behavior!

### 2. Way of Balaam:

~ Numbers 22:4 & 5, “And Moab said to the elders of Midian, “This horde will now lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field.” So Balak the son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, (5) sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River [on the west bank of the river Eurphrates in northern Mesopotamia] in the land of the people of Amaw, to call him, saying, “Behold, a people has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of the earth, and are dwelling opposite me.”

~ Balaam merchandizing his gifts for fame, favor, and fortune.

~ 2 Peter 2:15 & 16, “Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, (16) but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet’s madness.”

~ Revelation 2:14, “But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:5 & 6, “For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed— God is witness. (6) Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.”

### 3. Way of Korah:

~ Numbers 16:1 – 10

~ 1 Corinthians 12:14 – 31

~ 1 Corinthians 13:1 – 13

### Conclusion:

Cain rebelled against God’s authority regarding our personal worship!

Balaam rebelled against God’s authority in the matter of our personal gifts and separation from sin.

Korah rebelled against God’s authority in the matter of service.

**Jude 1:11, “WOE TO THEM!”**