

Sunday, September 10th, 2023

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

Title: Warned, Now Stand and Remember

Series: Jude, An Ancient Letter Written to Believers of THIS Day ... 11

Text: Text: Jude 1:1 – 25 (vs. 17 - 19)

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the reality of the coming judgment from God.

Introduction:

Last week's devotional we considered the warning of judgment declared by Enoch:

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| 1) Divine Judgment, | 2) Universal Judgment, |
| 3) Righteous Judgment, | 4) Detailed Judgment |

~ Jude 1:3, "*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 1:17 – 19, "*But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. (18) They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." (19) It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.*"

~ Nehemiah 4:1 – 23

1. Warned, Now Stand:

~ Nehemiah 4:17, "*who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other.*"

~ Ephesians 6:10 – 18; vs. 13, "*and having done all, to stand firm.*" vs. 14, "*Stand therefore,*"

~ Hebrews 10:25, "*not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*"

~ Jesus sent the disciples out two by two, Mark 6:7. We all need someone to stand with us. Peter was alone warming himself by the fire when he denied Christ Jesus, John 18:18.

2. Warned, Remember the Apostles Words:

~ Acts 2:42, "*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*"

~ "continually devoting themselves" notice this is a verb, the tense is present, and is the active voice

~ They devoted themselves to:

~ the apostles' teaching – do I maintain a regular reading schedule?

~ fellowship – do I have meaningful personal times with other believers?

~ breaking of bread – do I seek to have social encounters with other believers?

~ prayers – do I regularly intercede for believers and friends?

3. Warned, Remember Our Weapons:

~ 2 Corinthians 10:4 – 6, "*For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. (5) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, (6) being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.*"

What are some of our "weapons":

~ vs. 1, "*meekness and gentleness of Christ*" – this is to become our character

~ vs. 2, not "*walking according to the flesh*" – Romans 8:1 – 8

~ vs. 3, "*we are not waging war according to the flesh.*"

We avoid arguments.

~ humility, James 4:6. This includes repentance and renunciation. (TM)

~ love, 1 Corinthians 13

~ blessing, Romans 12:14, "*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.*"

Romans 12:19, "*Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*

Daniel 2:20 – 22, "*Daniel answered and said; "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. (21) He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; (22) he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him."*"

Conclusion:

Matthew 16:18, "*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*"