

## Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

### Title: Doxology

**Series:** Jude, An Ancient Letter Written to Believers of THIS Day ... 14

**Text:** Text: Jude 1:1 – 25 (vs. 24-25)

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

### **Introduction:**

Last week our devotional theme was, ‘Keep Yourselves in the Love of God.’

1) Maintain a Hunger for God’s Word, 2) Maintain a Merciful Attitude, (3) Maintain a Spirit of Discernment

~ Jude 1:24 – 25, “*Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, (25) to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before time and now and forever. Amen.*”

~ Doxology is an expression of praise to God

~ Jude instructs Believers to contend for the faith due to a growing apostasy prior to the return of Christ Jesus; at which time there will be divine judgment as evidenced by His holy nature dealing with sin in the past and His unchanging character of holiness.

~ Of 31,124 verses in the Bible 8,352 deal with the Second coming of Christ Jesus. That is more than ¼ of the verses. From J. Barton Payne, Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy

### **1. Now to Him Who is Able:**

~ It is important that we do not disconnect verses 24 – 25 from vs. 21, “*keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.*”

The issue is DAILY fellowship with God!

~ John 17:22 – 24, “*The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, (23) I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (24) Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*”

~ Philippians 2:14 – 16, “*Do all things without grumbling or disputing, (15) that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, (16) holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.*”

~ 1 John 1:9, “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*”

~ God is indeed “able to keep you from stumbling” and my willingness to yield to God is evidence of my new birth!

~ Hebrews 12:2, 5 - 11

~ 1 John 3:3, “*And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*”

~ “The purpose of salvation is not simply to rescue sinners from hell, as wonderful as that is. The grand purpose is that God may be glorified for all eternity (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).”

Warren W. Wiersbe

~ Ephesians 2:1 – 10

### **2. Now...to the God, Our Savior:**

~ This is the only time in Jude that the Holy Spirit identifies Christ Jesus as our Savior compared to 2 Peter where He is so identified 5 times (2 Peter 1:1, 11; 2:20; 3:2, 18).

~ Jude 1:25, “*to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*”

~ “glory” G1391, doxa: a thing belonging to God – a kingly majesty which belongs to him as supreme ruler, majesty in the sense of the absolute perfection of the deity; a thing belonging to Christ the kingly majesty of the Messiah, the absolutely inward or personal excellency of Christ; the majesty. Glory – the totality of all that God is and does!

~ “majesty” Used three times Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; Jude 1:25. Only in Biblical and ecclesiastical writings. Greatness; of the majesty of God

~ “dominion” Vigor (“great”) (literally or figuratively): - dominion might(-ily), power, strength. Has to do with God’s sovereignty and rule over all things.

~ “authority” G1849 exousia: this is the right to use power.

~ John 1:12, “*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right (exousia) to become children of God,*”

~ Matthew 28:18, “*And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority (exousia) in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”*”

~ Ephesians 1:19 – 23

### **Conclusion:**

Communion

Hymn – I Know Whom I Have Believed

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