

CONTENDING FOR OUR FAITH

Lesson 5: Contending Against the Insidious Influence of False Teachers Jude 20-25

Review: False teachers infiltrate Christian assemblies - vv.1-4
God will eventually judge them - vv.5-7
Their arrogance will be their downfall - vv.8-11
Their character is vaporous and ungodly - vv.12-19

- I. **Fortifying ourselves:** We need to fortify ourselves against the insidious influence of false teachers by deepening our personal relationship with the Lord – vv.20-21.
 - A. Our knowledge and experience of “the faith that once was delivered to the saints” must continually deepen – v.20a.
 - B. We must allow the Spirit of God to teach us greater dependency on the Lord through prayer – v.20b.
 - C. We need to see ourselves as beneficiaries of the Father’s unfaltering love – v.21a.
 - D. Actively waiting to see the Savior face-to-face to take us to heaven is essential to staying grounded in this life – v.21b.
- II. **Freeing others:** We need to take the appropriate steps to free those who come under the insidious influence of false teachers – vv.22-23.
 - A. We are to reach out to those who are wavering between orthodox Christianity and false teaching – v.22.
 - B. We need to act decisively to rescue those who are under the spell of false teachers without becoming overly vulnerable and potentially harmed in the process – v.23.
- III. **Focusing on God:** We need to rivet our attention on the Lord Who alone can provide the protection we need against succumbing to the insidious influence of false teachers – vv.24-25.
 - A. The Lord is the ultimate Protector against the influence of false teachers – v.24a.
 - B. Only He can escort us into His presence without being contaminated by false doctrine – v.24b.
 - C. He alone deserves our devotion as the preeminent Ruler over all He has made, including our lives – v.25.