

# Sunday Morning in the Word



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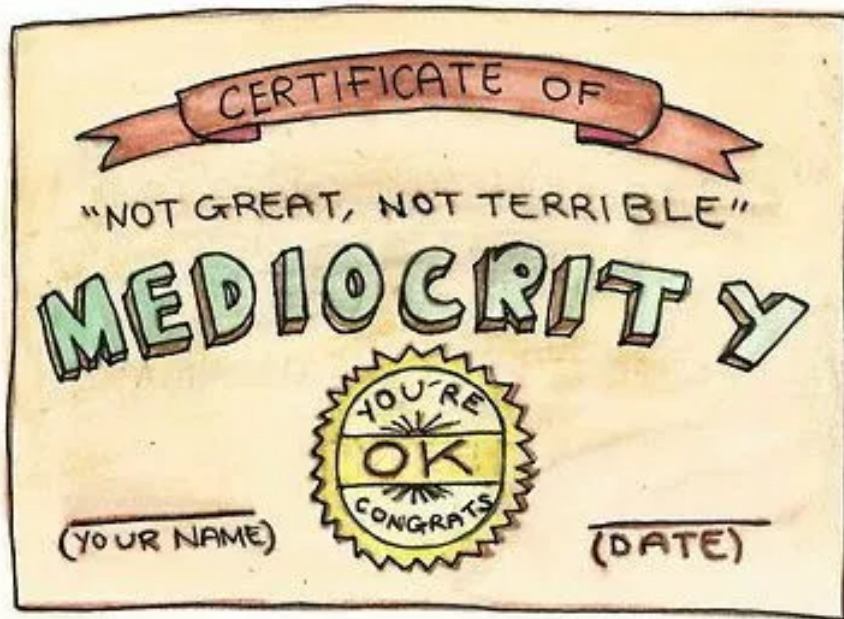


# One Chapter Wonders

Rediscovering the  
New Testament Books  
of

2 John, 3 John,  
Philemon, and Jude

Today we wrap up our study of – Jude



Next Sunday (July 1st)

Pastor Al preaching:

**Living Beyond Mediocrity!**



**Sunday July 8th**

Missionaries  
Paul and Louise Klawitter  
(Paul preaching)



Missionaries  
Adam and Becky Fladie  
(interviewed during both services)

Reception following 10:30 service in Family Life Center!

# WISDOM

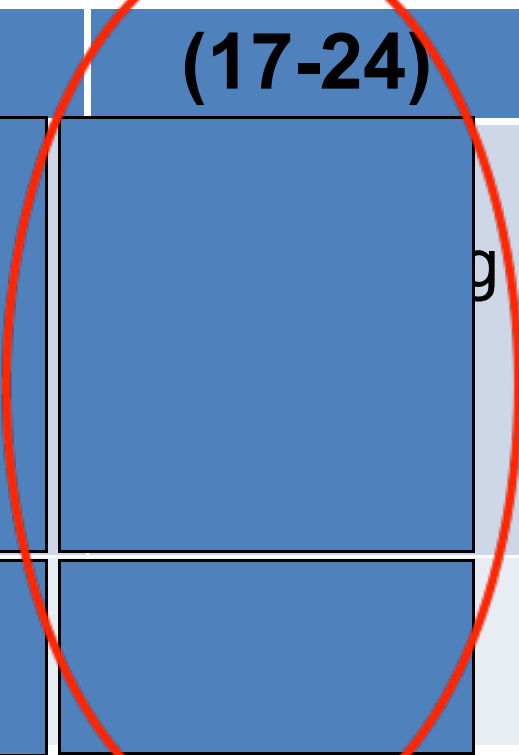
## **Studies in the Book of Proverbs**

Coming Sunday mornings to Grace - July 15, 2018

Jude 17-25

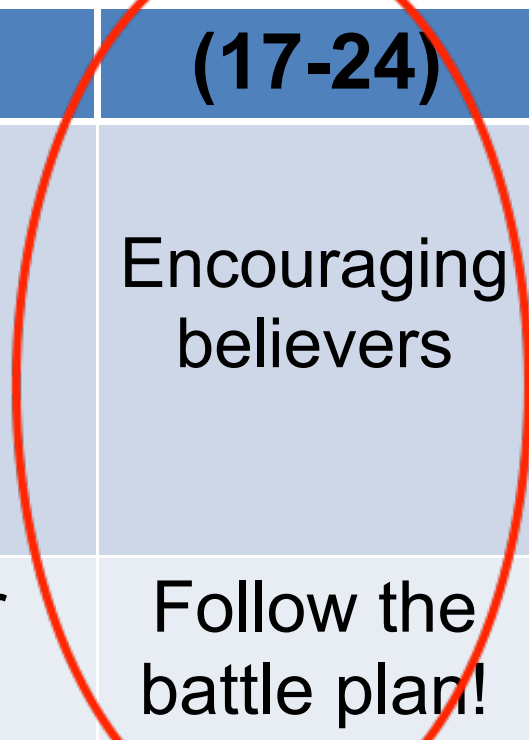
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What Jude is doing . . .	Opening with expected greeting and unplanned purpose	Exposing false teachers	Encouraging believers
How we must respond . . .	Ready ourselves for battle!	Know our enemy!	Follow the battle plan!





In his blistering expose of false teachers, Jude clearly revealed four realities about them:

- Their doom is certain
- Their foundation is wrong
- Their teaching is empty
- Their hearts are corrupt

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“contend for THE FAITH!”

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## Turn to the Word of God

But you, dear friends, **remember what was predicted by the apostles** of our Lord Jesus Christ. They told you, “In the end time there will be scoffers living according to their own ungodly desires.” These people create divisions and are worldly, not having the Spirit.

Jude 17–19

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They devoted themselves to **the apostles' teaching**, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

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I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Men will rise up even from your own number and distort the truth to lure the disciples into following them.

Acts 20:29–30

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In the same way these people—**relying on their dreams**  
—defile their flesh, reject authority, and slander glorious  
ones.

Jude 8

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How often do you  
turn to this book?



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Jude 20–21

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**“keep** yourselves in the love of God”

“The act of holding someone in custody or guarding an individual. This may be expressed as:

- ‘standing guard to see that someone will not escape’
- ‘watching carefully so that one cannot run off’
- ‘tying someone up so that he cannot leave.’”

As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you.  
**Remain in my love.**

John 15:9

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“Federal agents don’t learn to spot counterfeit money by studying the counterfeits. They study genuine bills until they master the look of the real thing. Then when they see the bogus money they recognize it.”

(John MacArthur, Reckless Faith)



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Jude 20–21

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What does it mean to “pray in the Holy Spirit”? (Note the contrast with Jude 19 — “having not the Spirit.”) It means to pray according to the leading of the Spirit. It has well been said, “Prayer is not getting man’s will done in heaven—it is getting God’s will done on earth.”

(Warren Weirsbe)

This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything **according to his will**, he hears us. And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14–15

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Jude 20–21

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We keep ourselves in the love of God by **waiting** for Christ expectantly!

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, **waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.**

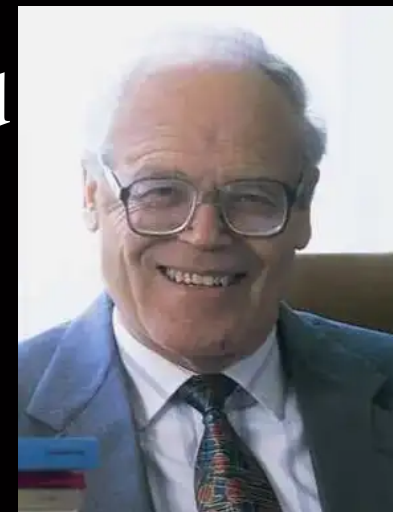
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“In a world that does not believe that God cares much about sin, a world that assumes God would never punish anyone, the book of Jude becomes essential reading. This tiny letter offers a critical reminder that God’s future judgment on sin is very real. **And the only escape is the 'mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life'”**  
(v. 21).

(Simon J. Kistemaker)



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Jude 22–23

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## The Doubting

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Jude 22–23

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“It would be easy for the faithful to shun such people or lambaste them for their doubts. But Jude wants the faithful to show mercy to them. Christians themselves have received God’s unmerited mercy (see v. 2); they should display a similar mercy to people who are wavering.

**For mercy is far more likely than harsh rebuke to keep them within the fold of the orthodox faith."**

(NIV Application Commentary; Douglas Moo)

## The Deceived

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Jude 22–23

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## The Dangerous

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Now to him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of his glory, without blemish and with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24–25

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David Mathis  
Desiring God  
Ministries

“No matter how twisted the teaching, no matter how publicly shamed the church may feel over the exposé of an unethical leader, no matter how dark the days become, no matter how helpless we may feel in guarding gospel doctrine and preserving gospel-worthy lives, we have this great sustaining hope: *Jesus knows how to rescue the godly.*”



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“Jesus is not only the greatest and truest teacher who ever lived, but he also is the great rescuer, who has redeemed us from sin and will keep those who are truly his from soul-destroying error. No matter how small a minority the church becomes, and no matter how fragile we feel, **the very one who is both the subject of true teaching and the model of true living is also our life-and-soul-preserver.**”