



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

About Rejection of God's Grace ... by Billy

READ JUDE 1-10; 24-25

- This letter presents us with a stern warning against false teachers in the church. Jude became convinced of the true faith once delivered to all mankind.
- Indeed he believed that it must be earnestly contended for. Of course the Gospel of God has sufficient power to repel any attack; and yet God sees fit to use the human agency of proclamation and reasoning even as He uses our often feeble prayers to bring about His purposes.
- Jude is specifically concerned with those who infiltrate the church unnoticed. These teachers were perhaps considered to be promising much in terms of their explanation of God's grace.
- But then they turned the teaching about God's grace into a licence to sin. Various words are used across the translations to describe the outcome; lewdness, licentiousness and wantonness.
- All describe a lifestyle of sexual gratification as a result of removing the constraints and the boundaries. By their chosen lifestyle there were in fact denying the Lord that they professed to believe.
- "But why do you call Me Lord, Lord and do not do the things I say?" (Luke 6:46). Now we come to v.8 and we read..'In the same way'
- History was repeating itself. These dreamers convinced many that their visions were prophetic and therefore carried God's authority.
- If the origin of their dreams was from God, then righteous fruits would have been in evidence but this wasn't the case. Instead, there was more immorality, defying authority and even scoffing at supernatural beings.
- Remember we are speaking specifically about those who use the scriptures to justify immoral behaviour and even teach others to do the same. We are not speaking about those who are overtaken in these sins and who are in need of restoration. Such would not dream of justifying their behaviour from the Bible.
- There are major forces in our culture that are pushing all the boundaries in an effort to have gratification of sinful desires at any cost. Religious boundaries are considered public enemy number 1.
- Among those who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ there are some who prefer the old culture of freedom of choice. These have not surrendered to God's authority but prefer their own interpretation. (1 Tim.4:3-4)
- Thank God there is grace but there is never licence to despise God's command.
- God is able to protect us from the sinful desires within and from the contamination of a perverted culture. ■

WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Events /Notices

- ▶ **Information regarding the issues** around the coming referendum next *Friday 25th May* can be studied on the following link: <http://www.evangelical.ie/index.php/component/k2/item/100-eai-releases-statement-on-upcoming-referendum>
- ▶ **Prayer Rally for Referendum** will take place this *Saturday 19th May* at National Stadium, South Circular Road, Dublin 8 between 5 and 9pm. This is a national event organised by All Nations church.
- ▶ **Next Bible Study** will be *Friday June 1st*
- ▶ **Castledaly Weekend Retreat** *Friday June 8th to Sunday 10th*.

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3 - 7 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11).

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it (*Hebrews 13:2*).