

DAILY DOCTRINE: Apostates in the book of Jude
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Jude

- A. Characteristics of Apostates.
 - 1. "Dreaming," saturated with human viewpoint, 8.
 - 2. Despise authority, 8.
 - 3. Blaspheme God, 8.
 - 4. Mockers, 18.
 - 5. Lust-centered, 18.
 - 6. Trouble makers, 19.
 - 7. Lack the power of the Holy Spirit, 19.

- B. Categories of Apostates, vs. 11.
 - 1. Lust for praise from God through works/religion (Cain)
 - 2. Lust for money (Balaam)
 - 3. Lust for power (Korah)

- C. Types of Apostates.
 - 1. Believers, 5.
 - 2. Angelic, 6.
 - 3. Unbelievers, 7.



Insights from Jude

Jude 1:3 *Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.*

D. Illustrations Describing Apostates from Nature, 12-13.

1. "Hidden reefs," the apostates are always around to sink your spiritual life.
2. "Clouds without water," they offer hope and blessings (e.g., rain in agricultural economy) but are not able to deliver.
3. "Trees without fruit," they lack true spiritual production in their own lives. They criticize others, but look at their lives.
4. "Raging waves," they end up destroying themselves.
5. "Wandering stars," their "light" may be great, but it is brief.

E. The Judgment of the Apostates, 14-15.

1. Jesus Christ will judge them at the 2nd Advent, 14-15.
2. They will be judged for the harsh things they said against Jesus Christ, 15.

F. Defense against Apostates, 17-21.

1. The Word of God, 17.
2. Being able to recognize and avoid apostates.
3. Spiritual growth,
 - a. "Building yourselves up on your most holy faith," 20.
 - b. "Praying in the Holy Spirit," active spiritual life of fellowship as reflected in your continual personal prayer life, 20.

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