

Sermon Series: Contending for the Faith

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Sermon Title: “Rebellious Israelites, Disobedient Watchers, Share the Same Fate as Sodom” from Jude 1:5-7

Today’s Scripture: Jude 1:5-7

Prayer

Introduction:

Main point: Why listen to false teachers when you are very aware of their fate in the fires of hell. Want to go with them?

Context:

Jude 3–7

God is holy and will not allow defiling sinners to escape the wrath of God.

1. The whole nation of Israel did not escape from the justice and judgment of Jesus. [5] **Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.**
  - In this passage Jude credits Jesus for being the one who sent plagues on Egypt including the death of the firstborn. How do we distinguish between the persons of the Trinity? Did you think God the Father brought the plagues upon Egypt? He did. Did you think the Holy Spirit was involved? He was. Jude says Jesus did it. He did. Same is true for creation. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit all participated in creation. The Bible hints at roles or aspects of what each did such as when it says the Spirit hovered over the surface of the waters in Genesis 1:2. But in Colossians 1:[16] Paul says **For by him (Jesus) all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. (ESV)** So which is it? All of the above. What mystery. All three are inhabited by an essence we call Divine. Therefore it is one God co-existing in three persons.
  - So, despite Israel having favored status, and their Egyptian neighbors did not and in fact lost crops, livestock and eventually their firstborn, Israel’s favored status remained only as long as did their belief. Once they chose to not believe that God would forge their way into the Promised Land victoriously they were doomed to die. Why would God take a people into a luxurious land that did not want to go there or more importantly why would Jesus bring them in when they despised his power and might and said He couldn’t accomplish what he said he would do?

- What Jude is saying to his readers is simple. Don't be like the 99.9 who listened to the 10 spies who shared a true report of giants in the land but spread fear that God was smaller than giants, listen to Joshua and Caleb who reported that there were giants in the land but God was bigger than the giants. Who you listen to matters.
- So, because of the disbelief of an entire generation of Israelites, God kept them wandering in the wilderness for 40 years until they all died. Did they go to hell? Most likely some of them did. Did some regret their unbelief? I'm sure many did and repented and went to heaven as a result. But they were punished along with all the rest in this life for their unbelief.
- Here's the story: Numbers 14:34–38 [34] According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.' [35] I, the LORD, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die." [36] And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing up a bad report about the land— [37] the men who brought up a bad report of the land—died by plague before the LORD. [38] Of those men who went to spy out the land, only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive. (ESV)

2. The Heavenly Watchers did not escape the eternal judgment of God for their disbelief. [6] **And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—**

- Who are these angels? They are likely watchers, a rank higher than a regular angel. They have greater powers and higher ranks. Here is what Daniel says about them:
  - Daniel 4:13–17 [13] "I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. [14] He proclaimed aloud and said thus: 'Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. [15] But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. [16] Let his mind be changed from a man's, and let a beast's mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him. [17] The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.' (ESV)
- Notice that Nebuchadnezzar was forced to eat grass by the decree of the watchers. That means to me that God gave them authority, delegated authority to force King Nebuchadnezzar to the ground, likely using sub demons to control his mind.
- What did Jude mean they left their own position of authority? It means they left heaven to start a super race of giants on earth, hybrid humans or modified DNA humans. This will sound confusing so let's start at the beginning in Genesis 6.

- Genesis 6:1–4 [1] When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, [2] the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. [3] Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” [4] The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. (ESV)
  - The Sons of God is another generic name for angels. There is a lot of speculation about this passage and many questions. Can angels procreate? No. Can they take the form of humans and have relations? Yes. People are having that kind of intimate relations even now with demons. They are known as incubus (male demons having relations with sleeping women) and succubus (female demons having relations with sleeping men). Can sperm from angels impregnate human women? Undecided. It seems like that is what Scripture is saying. If so, why did God create angels with procreative abilities? Jesus seemed to counter that thought in **Matthew 22:29–30 But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. (ESV)**
  - Here is what I believe to merge what appears to be conflicting thoughts. I believe the Watchers had relations with women, I believe they tampered with human DNA, much like we are doing today. I believe they impregnated women with tampered DNA to create a super race of Nephilim, creatures that were initially 20 feet tall or more. Their skeletons can be found in South America and many in Sardinia, all of them confiscated by the Vatican. Goliath appears to have been a descendant of these Nephilim as well as the Anakim when Joshua entered the Promised Land.
  - The descendants of the Nephilim became Nephilim themselves and their DNA spread to almost every living human being on earth corrupting man’s seed just as Satan wanted leading God to destroy all mankind except Noah and his three sons who were pure, genetically. Not so their wives however.
  - As a result of their unbelief (not believing obeying God was better than disobeying Him) they were sentenced by Jesus to spend all the rest of human history in torment in Tartarus. They will be released the same time Satan is released from the pit (Abaddon) and then sentenced to eternal torment in hell or the Lake of Fire. The sentence is eternal. If you look up eternal hell on Google you will get 4 to 1 maybe 5 to 1 articles saying hell is temporary not eternal. Here Jude says it is eternal or that the chains are eternal. Granted that the time spent in Tartarus is limited to human history, the chains never come off and they even carry the chains with them to the Lake of Fire where they will be fastened to a ledge one level above Satan himself for ever and ever and ever never to escape.
3. The residents of Sodom and Gomorrah did not escape the wrath of God. **[7] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. (ESV)**
- The LGBTQ... group today says the sin that God punished Sodom and Gomorrah for was their failure to provide hospitality to the angelic visitors. So, God rained down fire and brimstone on these two cities because they failed to offer tea to the two angels? Really.

Jude clarifies the sin in this passage. He said they were fried to a crisp because they engaged in unnatural desire which is another way of saying they had relations men with men and women with women. As much as the LGBTQ community wants us to believe their activity is natural and the way God made them, Jude expressly says as does Paul that they have unnatural desires.

- What Pati and I did not know until we went to a seminar in Des Moines is that the vast majority of those in this community were seduced and recruited intentionally. They are highly organized, very wealthy and they know how to skirt the law so that older men are not found guilty of seducing underage boys. The witness we heard from will verify these are not natural desires. It's Satanic and from the pit of hell. By the way, he used to be a Southern Seminary professor after leaving a life he spoke of until being fired a few weeks ago for sharing the testimony of God's amazing grace in his life helping him to leave that lifestyle.
4. The false teachers of today will face the same judgment of God unless they repent. They better do it soon before it's too late. Those who teach a prosperity gospel, you are on your way to hell. Those who teach hell is temporary, you've got your ticket punched already because you are taking the sting out of the fact that it is eternal and needs to be feared. Those who teach that repentance is not necessary for salvation, get used to warmer climates. Those who teach that sodomy and pre-marital relations are just fine with God, which level past the fourteenth would you like your reservations made for and I'm speaking to you Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber. Yes you.

## Conclusion

What do all three have in common? Left unjudged they would have polluted the whole world with their unbelief. If false teachers are left to spew their greedy, money grubbing false teaching in our churches today they will infect the whole body of Christ. Either we confront them now and stop listening to them or we allow them to expand their influence throughout the church and society. Not on our watch.

## Final words:

If your friends want you to read, listen, or watch a famous false teacher, imagine the false teacher's face screaming in anguish as the fires of hell lick around their heels and say to your friend, "I'm sorry, that material is too hot for me to handle, thank you."