

Healing the Infection of Ungodliness

Jude 11-16

What is an infection? An infection occurs when microorganisms like bacteria, viruses, or parasites enter the body and multiply, causing harm. This invasion and growth can trigger the body's immune system to fight back, leading to various symptoms depending on the location and type of infection. Jude is referring to an infection of false teachers entering and multiplying inside the church. Paul tells Timothy in 2 Tim. 2:17 that false teaching spreads like gangrene, specifically mentioning Hymenaeus and Philetus as two of those false teachers. Let's look at the symptoms of the infection of ungodliness. Lastly we will examine how to cure the infection of ungodliness.

The Fever of Bad Decisions (v.11) Jude uses three Old Testament references to convey bad decisions.

- a. Hateful- Cain (Gen. 4) is the original murderer. The way of Cain is hate, jealousy, and anger, rebellion and disobedience.
- b. Greedy- Balaam (Num. 22-24) was a prophet for pay, not serving God, but himself.
- c. Rebellious- Korah (Num. 16) is the Levite who rejected the God-ordained spiritual authority of Moses and Aaron. God destroyed him, his household, and his followers. Jude warns us of these bad decisions that could lead to eternal destruction. These bad decisions from hatefulness, greed, and rebellion are all as a result of self-centered ungodly decisions. We need this rash to become healed before the infection spreads.

The Festering Wounds of Dishonesty (vv.12-13) Jude describes illustrations of deception and dishonesty.

- a. Destructive- "Dangerous reefs" are hidden objects that will wreck your boat. "Love feasts" were fellowships, it's not what you think. I know it sounds like something they would do in the 60s during the hippie movement. They were times of fellowship with food, but the fact that they were shepherds feeding themselves is hypocritical. Shepherds are to feed the sheep, not concerned about themselves.
- b. Disappointments- "waterless clouds." Proverbs 25:14 reminds us, "The one who boasts about a gift that does not exist is like clouds and wind without rain."
- c. Defilers- These immoral teachers are raging waves of the sea foaming up the filth and shame of their false teachings and immoral

The Finality of a Horrible Destiny (vv. 14-15) In verse 4, Jude says these men, false teachers, were designated for condemnation, written about long ago. Verse 15 shows that these designated men will be judged. What is your destiny? Is your name written in the lamb's book of life? If you have made Christ your Savior, your destiny is with Him in Heaven! If you have not, your destiny will be a part from Him for eternity. 1 John 5:12 "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. Jesus spoke of hell more than anyone else in the Bible. He referred to it as a place of "outer darkness" where "there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 8:12). In other words, all the joys that we associate with light will be withdrawn, and all the fears that we associate with darkness will be multiplied. And the result will be an intensity of misery that makes a person grind his teeth in order to bear it. Jesus also refers to hell as a "fiery furnace" where law-breakers will be thrown at the end of the age when he returns. "The Son of Man will

send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matt. 13:41–42). He calls it “the hell of fire” (Matt. 5:22), “eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41), “unquenchable fire” (Mark 9:43), “eternal punishment” (Matt. 25:46). The other destiny is Heaven for those who place faith in Jesus! 1. Heaven is the dwelling place of God (Deut. 26:15; Matt. 6:9). 2. Heaven is the dwelling place of God’s angels (Luke 2:15; Matt. 28:2; Heb. 12:22). 3. Heaven is the dwelling place of God’s saints from earth who have died and now live there in his presence (Rev. 4-5; Luke 16:22, 25; Heb. 12:23). 4. At death, the human spirit leaves the body (Ec. 12:7) and goes either to heaven or hell (Luke 16:22ff). 5. There is immediate conscious existence after death, both in heaven and hell (Luke 16:22ff.; Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Rev. 6:9-11; Phil. 1:23). There is no “soul sleep” or period of unawareness preceding heaven. (“Fallen asleep” in 1 Thes. 4:13 is a euphemism for death, describing the spirit’s departure from the body, ending our conscious existence on earth.) 6. Heaven is an actual place, to and from which Christ (John 1:32; 6:33; Acts 1:2), angels (Matt. 28:2; Rev. 10:1) and in rare circumstances people, even prior to their deaths, have traveled (2 Kings 2:11; 2 Cor. 12:2; Rev. 11:12). 7. Heaven is consistently referred to as “up” in location (Mark 6:41; Luke 9:51). We do not know whether it is a place “in the heavens” (the universe beyond the earth) or entirely outside the space/time continuum. We do know heaven is someplace, and presently that place isn’t earth. 8. Heaven is where Christ came from (John 6:42), where he returned after his resurrection (Acts 1:11), where he now is and from which he will physically return to earth again (Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:1-16). 9. Heaven is described as a city (Heb. 11:16; 12:22; 13:14; Rev. 21:12). 10. Heaven contains for believers a permanent inheritance, an unperishing estate specifically reserved for us. (1 Pet. 1:4). 11. Heaven is the Christian’s country of citizenship (Heb. 11:16; Phil. 3:20). Christ is our King. We are his ambassadors, representing his agenda on earth (2 Cor. 5:20). While on our brief stay here, we are aliens, strangers and pilgrims (Heb. 11:3). Ambassadors, aliens and pilgrims identify themselves and plan their lives with a focus on their home country. Should they become too engrossed in the alien country where they temporarily reside, they can easily compromise their allegiances to their true King and true country. 12. God’s people should long for heaven. This pleases our Lord, who has prepared a place there for us (Heb. 11:13-16; 2 Cor. 5:2). We should be ever-motivated by the anticipation of heaven (Phil. 3:14; 2 Tim. 4:8).

The Fatigue Caused by Ungodly Desires (v. 16) These desires, prove they are not living by the Spirit and displaying the fruits of the spirit mentioned in Gal 5:22-23.

How can this infection be cured? 1 Peter 2:24 ***“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”*** This is taken from the prophet Isaiah in which in 53 he states that the wounds of Christ will bring healing to us. His sacrifice removes the infection of sin! We all have the infection of ungodliness of sin and that infection will kill each of us, spreading and separating each one of us from God for eternity, but the great physician, Christ has the cure! Run to Him! Give your life to Him!