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Contending for the Faith *Ceasing Moments in Life*

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JUDE 1:

1. Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:
2. Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.
3. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**
4. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, **how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.**
6. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
7. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire (*God hate adultery and fornication and has always destroyed it, in the days of Noah, in the days of Lot at Sodom and Gomorrha – don't be a Christian and walk in these things*)
8. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.
9. Yet Michael the archangel, **when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation,** but said, The Lord rebuke thee.
10. But these speak evil of those things which they know not; but what they know naturally, as brute beast, in those things they corrupt themselves.
11. Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.
12. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feed with you feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;
13. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.
17. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
18. How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.
19. These be they who separate themselves sensual, having not the Spirit.



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EZEKIEL 3:

1. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest, **eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.**
2. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.
3. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.
4. And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.
5. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel.
6. Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.
7. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: **for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.**
8. Behold, I have made thy **face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.**
9. As an **adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead**: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.
10. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.
11. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.
17. **Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.**
18. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; **but his blood will I require at thine hand.**
19. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; **but thou hast delivered thy soul.**
20. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, **he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.**
21. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; **also thou hast delivered thy soul.**



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Lest a promise to enter his rest lest any of you should fall short.

Work out your own soul salvation with fear and trembling.

Vision of Alpha and Omega / 5th year

- **Purpose is to be a new testament church** and followed closely the examples and guidance given especially in Acts (the only picture history of the new testament church) and in the words and doctrines of all the new testament books
- **Role of the Church / St Matthew 28:18-20** (Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo I'm with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Main scripture I learned growing up)

Kelvin's Purpose (Ezekiel 3 / Watchman giving out warnings)

If we are not careful, we will preach out of tradition, and not of the word.

- If you are going to be a preacher and teacher of the word, you need to become a studier consumed with the word
- You need to teach and preach out of an understanding of the entire word, and not just out of what you've heard, feel emotionally, or want to believe
- Don't handle the word of God deceitfully (

We need to cease the moment when things are going great in your life.

We need to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

When God called me to preach, he gave me Ezekiel, 3:1-22, He called me a Watchman and it seems I have been doing that every since

Purpose of a Watchman is to stand on the wall, see the danger, and then warn men

Don't get Blotted out of the book of Life (Revelations 3:1-5)

First Sermon: Offering without cost.

- It is easy to take the Grace of God for granted and think that can do any and everything that want and still be saved and make it to the kingdom of God
- It cost something to serve God
 - o Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him is how we become his true disciples
 - o We have to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
 - o We need to diligently commit to the things of God
 - o We have to believe in God and serve Jesus from our heart



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Romans 11:1 - 36 (KJV) ¹I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, ³Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. ⁴But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. ⁵Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. ⁷What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded ⁸(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. ⁹And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them: ¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always. ¹¹I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. ¹²Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? ¹³For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: ¹⁴If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are* my flesh, and might save some of them. ¹⁵For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving of *them be*, but life from the dead? ¹⁶For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷**And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;** ¹⁸Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. ¹⁹Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. ²⁰**Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:** ²¹**For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.** ²²Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.** ²³And they also, **if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.** ²⁴For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, **be grafted into their own olive tree?** ²⁵For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. ²⁶And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: ²⁷For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. ²⁸**As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.** ²⁹**For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.** ³⁰For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained



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mercy through their unbelief: ³¹Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. ³²For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. ³³O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! ³⁴For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? ³⁵Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? ³⁶For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.