



**Series:** Jude 2024 - Contending for Real Faith

**Passage:** Jude: 1:12-19

**Title:** The Epitome of Apostasy

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**Discussion Starter** – Jude is now transitioning from the Old Testament examples of apostasy in the bible, to what they look like in the early church as well as the church of today. Jude give us examples to look at that are found in God’s creation and His creatures. Which of these examples spoke to you the most in this message?

- 1) **Read Jude 12-13 – Jude epitomizes a life wasted by vain religion.** Describe the natural and spiritual truth of discernment Jude is imparting to us to identify apostasy and vain religion from each of the examples listed below:
  - These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves.
  - *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds
  - late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots
  - raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame
  - wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.
- 2) Why do you think that many apostate churches appear to be healthy, fruitful and have a great number of followers? What core essentials are they missing? Read Psalm 73:12-20. What insights are gained here?
- 3) Jude points out that the false teachers are like clouds without water, which leaves us thirsty and unfruitful. What is the living water that Jesus says He gives us? Read John 7:38 and Isaiah 55:1-3 and Jeremiah 2:13. What do these passages teach or warn us about this living water?
- 4) **Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-17 – The Fruit of Our Lives Will be Judged & Rewarded by God.** Summarize in your own words what things this passage is warning us not to do, and the things it is encouraging us to do, in order to receive rewards in Heaven as servants of Jesus, while we are still here on this earth.
  - a. How has this sermon caused you to reflect on what will you present to Jesus when you meet him?
- 5) **Read Jude 14-19 – Evil and Apostasy were Foretold by God’s Prophets.** What event did Enoch prophecy about, that Jude is referring to here in this passage? Why is this significant?
- 6) What are some of the other descriptions Jude gives about these apostate’s behaviors? How can we avoid falling into some of these behaviors ourselves?
  - b. What are some of the things God is showing you, to draw you into a closer walk with Him as we study the book of Jude?
  - c. What are some of the things God is calling you do to contend more earnestly for the faith?