

A Question Regarding False Teachers In Jude

By Mike Riley

“In Jude 1:12-13, what does the symbolism refer to in these verses with reference to the false teachers mentioned in Jude 1:4?” The text in Jude 1:12-13 reads:

“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.”

A good Bible commentary to the above text would be 2 Peter 2:1-22, which further describes the characteristics of false teachers. With this thought in mind, the following are four descriptions of false teachers that Jude documents, along with comments:

1) Clouds without water — Please note a similar phrase in 2 Peter 2:17, again referring to false teachers: “These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, to whom the gloom of darkness is reserved forever. “ These false teachers were similar to clouds that contained the promise of rain, but no rain was in them (cf. Proverbs 25:14). They were like the folks who were “tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Ephesians 4:14).

2) Trees without fruit — Autumn is the season in which trees should begin bearing expected fruit — these trees were not bearing any fruit at all. These false teachers were similar in nature because they were promoting doctrines that would never bear spiritual fruit. Their doctrines would only bring spiritual death (Romans 6:23; cf. Romans 5:12; James 1:15).

3) Raging waves of the sea — Compare “raging waves of the sea” with James 1:6 and Isaiah 57:20. Isaiah uses the figure of the foaming sea waves as an illustration of the wicked. As the foaming sea waves bring up mire and refuse, so does the false teacher, spiritually speaking. This is a person who has no spiritual foundation (cf. Matthew 7:24-27), thus he is not dependable nor is he a reliable source for spiritual instruction — only for spiritual destruction (2 Peter 2:18-19; cf. Romans 6:16).

4) Wandering stars — These stars were obviously without direction or orbit. True teachers of God’s word will be stable, reliable, and dependable, while false teachers will not possess these characteristics. Stars are often used symbolically as religious teachers in the Scriptures (cf. Numbers 24:17; 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 1:16; Revelation 2:1; Revelation 22:16).



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Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Tyrese McFarland

Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

Sermon- Jake Maxwell

Next Sunday

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell

Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

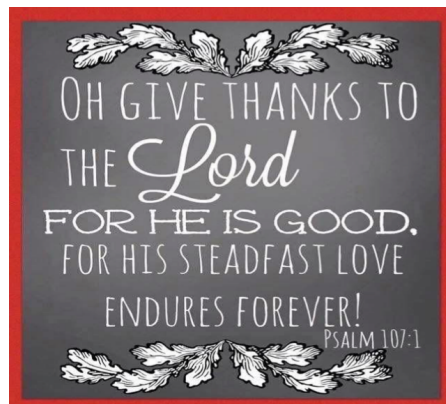
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Mark Your Calendars:** Sterlington will be hosting a Gospel Meeting July 12-15. Our speaker will be Jerry Keen.

—**Veteran's Home Program:** Our next Veteran's Home event will be held on **July 28th, at 1:30 PM**, and will be held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM. If you would like to be part of this amazing program, please see Sandy VanLoon or Kari Johnstone.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



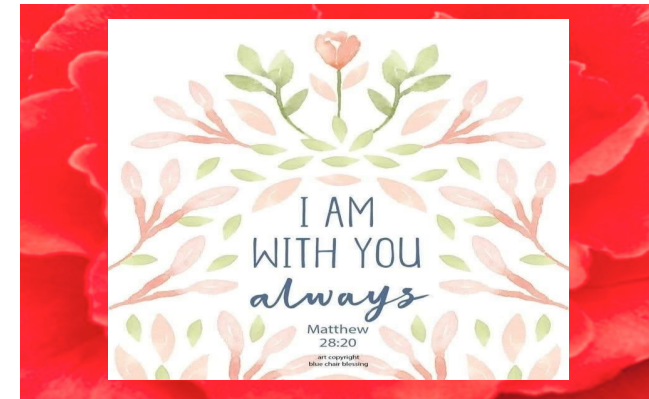
Please Pray For:

Phillip Simmons, Jerry McDonald, David & Elaine Reppond, Carol Fletcher, Debbie Walker, Debbie Grice, Shayna Smith, Christine Looney, Joyce Frith.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Terry Atwood, Billy Granger, Rhonda Rogers, Blayne Atkins, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Arthur & Sybil Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

Bereaved: Families of Don Bell, Tommy Franklin.



June Birthdays

10 - Sharon Harris	20 - Debbie Grice
11 - Bella Smith	21 - Ashton Richardson
12 - Rachel Rogers	22 - Kara Freeman
15 - Jesse Sewell	22 - Damien Miller
16 - Victor Binford	25 - Don Delukie
16 - Janice Hayes	

June anniversaries

17 - Brandon and Sydney Rogers
28 - Arthur and Sybil Binford

