

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 14, 2015

Apostates Exposed
Jude 11-13

I. The progression of the apostates (Jude 11)

A. The way

1. God warned Cain to master the sin that was crouching at his door (Genesis 4:7).
2. Despite God's warning, Cain chose the path of wickedness and killed his brother, Abel (Genesis 4:8).

B. The error

1. Balak, the King of Moab, hired Balaam, the magician, to curse Israel (Numbers 22-24).
2. Balaam failed to curse Israel and instead he blessed God's people (Numbers 23-24).
3. Despite a hopeful beginning, Balaam eventually encouraged the people of Moab to mix with the Israelites (Numbers 31:16; Revelation 2:14).
4. Balaam gave this advice to the Moabites out of the greed of his own heart (2 Peter 2:15).
5. Greed is a common characteristic of apostate false teachers (1 Timothy 6:9-10; 2 Timothy 3:2).

C. The rebellion

1. Korah and his following rebelled against God by rebelling against God's designated leaders, Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16:3).
2. The ultimate end for Korah as well as false teachers is destruction (Numbers 16:32-33).

II. The pictures of the apostates (Jude 12-13)

A. Wrecking reefs

1. Apostates remain hidden among the social activities of the church (Matthew 15:7-8).
2. Apostates have no shame in their deceitful practices (1 Timothy 4:1-2).

B. Wicked shepherds

1. Apostates care for themselves like the false shepherds of Israel's day (Ezekiel 34:2).
2. The apostles warned against the selfish care of false teachers (Acts 20:28-30; 1 Peter 5:1-3).

C. Waterless clouds

1. Like waterless clouds, so also are apostates and their teaching (Proverbs 25:14).

D. Withered trees

1. False teachers fail to bear any true or lasting fruit in God's eyes (Matthew 7:15-20, 15:13).

E. Wild waves

1. Apostates can only produce from the wickedness stored up in their heart (Isaiah 57:20; Matthew 15:18-19; 1 Timothy 5:24).

F. Wandering stars

1. Not only are false teachers blindly off course, but so also are all those who follow them (Matthew 15:14).