

Graphite Bible Chapel

You're As Secure as He is Able

Sermon Outline of Jude 24-25

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Jude 24-25 As Secure as He is Able: Sermon Outline

I. Question: Can I Lose My Salvation?

- a. I've Gotta Know the Answer
 - i. Because of the Fearful Reality of Condemnation
 - ii. Because of My Needed Confidence that Contending is Worth It!

II. An Analysis of Jude's Doxology Provides the Answer to the Question

- a. **Doxology:** "doxa" (glory) + "logos" (word) = a word, or expression of praise to God, describing back to Him with conviction the truth about Himself revealed to us.
 - i. Doxologies were very common in New Testament times, and typically included the following:
 - 1. God is praised
 - 2. There is a description of God's Glory
 - 3. There is some indication of time (i.e. "now and forever")
 - 4. "Amen" – which means, "truly" or "verily"
 - ii. Jude's doxology has each of these, but what is added is the content of v. 24 – so that stands out to us; it is specific to the content of the book of Jude, namely, that: (v. 24)
 - 1. God is able to keep you from stumbling
 - 2. God is able to present you in the presence of His glory both
 - a. Blameless, and
 - b. With Great Joy

b. Analysis of Jude's Doxology and the Answer to the Question:

- i. The Main Point: the absolute greatness of God (in v. 25)
- ii. Secondary, but Specific to the Book of Jude: He is Able to Keep you (v. 24)
 - 1. That He is able to keep you (v. 24) is rooted in the proclamation of His absolute greatness (v. 25) – don't miss that! You must get that God is absolutely great, or else the moorings of the fact that He is able to keep you do not hold.

iii. Description of God's Character Demonstrates His Ability to Keep You (v. 25)

1. The Only God – there is no competition here, He is matchless, no equal [“the LORD (Yahweh) is God (Elohim)” – Deut. 4:35, 39; Josh. 22:#4; 1 Kings 8:60; 18:21 = Yahweh is Elohim, or God is God!]
2. God is Our Savior – Rev. 7:10 “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”; Isa. 53:6 “and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”; Romans 5:8 “But God shows his love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (ESV)
3. Our Adoration is Through Christ – He is our mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)
4. His is: Glory (awesome splendour, there is none like Him), Majesty (kingship, above all kings and rulers), Dominion (He has sway in all things, God always gets what He wants, c.f. Eph. 1:11), Authority (over all)
 - a. See Isaiah 6:1-5
 - b. See Ezekiel 1:28 “Such was the appearance of the
5. This is True Always – Eternally; forever past, present, forever future – there is no time these are not true of Him!

Jude invites us to praise God, making much of Him in proclaiming His greatness, and at the same time provides the foundation for the assurance of v. 24: that He is able to keep you...

iv. God is Able to Keep You from Falling (v. 24)

1. to “keep” means to guard, or protect. He is able to keep you, or guard you from falling into apostasy (being like those described in Jude 4-16, 19)
2. There is a strong hand on each of your shoulders as you walk in Christ
3. God keeps you and preserves you

- a. He has tools: building your faith (v. 20a), prayer in the Spirit (v. 20b); looking forward in sure hope to the return of Christ (v. 21)
- b. Holy Spirit – as down payment, or guarantee of your inheritance (Eph. 1:13-14); testifying that God is your Father (Romans 8:15)

v. God is Able to Present You Blameless with Exceeding Joy (v. 24b)

1. This means that God is able to bring you safely through death into the presence of God
 - a. We have reconciliation now (Romans 5:1-2a, 9a)
 - b. We are saved from wrath soon (Romans 5:9b; 8:1)
 - i. Hebrews 10:31 “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”
 - ii. Rev. 20:11 “From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.” – the impulse is “Run!” – but here is nowhere to hide
 - iii. 1 Thess. 5:9 “For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...”
2. Like Noah survived the flood in the security of the ark, so also those in Christ survive death and judgement in the security of Christ.
3. Outside of Christ is a terrifying place, but in Christ there is exceeding joy, forever! (Ps. 16:7-11) – He is able to accomplish this!
4. You are as safe as He is able – and He is most able!

III. Question: What About those who Have Fallen?

- a. There is one more question that I would like to address, and that is the one that may be burning on your mind: what about those who have fallen?

You can likely think of someone you know, or have known of, who once appeared to be that regular church member who has since abandoned their faith and “gone astray” – what do we make of that person? What is there to say? In answer to this, I’d like to give you three passages with brief comments:

- i. **1 John 2:19** “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.” – some are not saved, and are themselves them mission field (Jude 23)
- ii. **1 Corinthians 5:5** “you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.” – some are saved, but we don’t really know where they stand.
- iii. **1 Peter 1:10** [after exhortations to walk with God, and avail yourself of His work in and through growing in faith] “Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.” – some dare to live licentiously and put God to the test...beware! You don’t want to go there!

IV. How Do I Respond to Jude 24-25?

a. Trust in God

- i. Get to know Him yourself (see Him as trustworthy and able)
- ii. Avail yourself of God’s tools (prayer, growth, focus on Christ and His promises)
- iii. Count on Him – like a baby in his/her mother’s arms, rest in Him and trust Him

1. Colossians 2:6-7

b. Trust in God and Obey – there is no peace where there is rebellion, deception, or duplicity

Conclusion: Jude's call to praise is one that reminds us that God is mighty to save. He is able! Through this reality, hear and respond to God's call to trust Him.