

*Series: Contend for the Faith; Sermon: **Keep on Going**
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Bible text explored: Jude 1:17–25

¹⁷But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” ¹⁹It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. Jude said (in *verses 17-18*) that the false teaching that crept into the church should have been expected from predictions by the apostles, and quoted an example (from *2 Peter 3:2-3*). What similar warnings had Paul uttered? (See *Acts 20:29-30; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:1-5*.)
2. What (*verse 19*) characterized the people who were causing divisions? Were the problems basically external and cultural factors or were they internal attitudes and desires? (See *Mark 7:15, 21-22*.)

Pastor Moody said he was surprised that Jude did not urge correct teaching as the primary response to false teaching.

3. What strategic responses (*verses 20-21*) did Jude commend?
 - a) Building each other up in your _____
 - b) Praying under the direction of _____
 - c) Keeping yourselves in God’s _____ (See *John 13:34-35*.)
 - d) Expectantly _____ (See *Psalms 46:10*.)
4. How are we to minister (*verse 22*) to those whose faith is wavering?
5. How (*verse 23*) can we rescue those who have been deceived?
And how should we deal with the false teachers?
Why is caution essential in these last interactions?
6. Who (*verses 24-25*) is the source of our confidence?
(See *verse 5* for Jude’s affirmation that Jesus is eternally God.)
What is He able to keep you from?
What will be your status when you are brought into his presence?
7. Can you picture Jesus receiving you home with great joy?
Pause to thank our Lord and Savior for . . .
 - . . . his glory,
 - . . . his majesty,
 - . . . his power,
 - . . . and his authority.