

REVIEW: Recognizing that Jesus' return is to deal with apostates / false teachers. **Vs 14-15**

Jude keeps showing us how to identify false teachers and workers of sin. In **verses 20-23** he again shows what the believer's response must be.

VS 20: OUR REACTION? EDIFICATION

What is our response to all of this? REMEMBER! The future is not _____. It is _____ in God's Word.

In responding to the reality of apostacy:

1. Focus on _____. Vs 20a

BUILDING!

- **Vs 20** follows the same intent as **vs 3**.
Instead of having a faith that we let the apostates corrupt we _____ for the faith!

We are to make sure that every member is _____ in the faith!
1 Thessalonians 5:11; Ephesians 4:11-16
- **KEY:** If you are not helping us to build up this church family in the faith, you are outside the will of God. Do you see that?

Before building:

First: Count the _____! **Luke 14:28, 33**

Second: Develop the required skill set! **Luke 6:39-40**

Third: Build on a right _____. **1 Corinthians 3:11**

Fourth: Follow the correct _____ in building!

We must get it right because we function as God's building / His home! **Ephesians 2:19-22**

Compare **Jude 20; Acts 20:32**

There is to be a correct building progression that is to take place. **2 Peter 1:5-8; Hebrews 6:1**

Let's not cause any confusion in this work! **1 Corinthians 14:26; 1 Timothy 1:4**

1 Peter 2:2-3; Psalm 119:103; 2 Timothy 3:16; Acts 20:32

Look at The **PROMISE** of God's Word! **1 John 5:4**

Fifth: After building, _____ it to the Lord!

Deuteronomy 20:5 compare **Psalm 127:1; 1 Peter 2:5**

PRAYING!

2. Respond in prayer. Vs 20b

- **KEY:** The _____ of God will use the _____ of God to instruct our prayers.
Luke 11:1 then... John 14:25–26
- The Holy Ghost does the teaching after Christ's ascension. **1 Corinthians 2:12–13**
The dynamic of HOW the Holy Ghost does this is revealed by comparing Paul's instruction to the churches of Ephesus and Colosse.

Instruction for Ephesus. Ephesians 5:17–20

Instruction for Colosse. Colossians 3:16

Truth: We pray has the Spirit fills and directs us = which happens as we read and respond in prayer according to the Word of God.
- The Holy Ghost _____ us to pray! **Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:15, 26–27; 1 Corinthians 14:15**
How He will help Israel to pray in the last days - Zechariah 12:10
- It is a key component in spiritual _____. **Ephesians 6:18**

Prayers - must be every one of them "in the Holy Spirit." The prayer that is not in the Holy Spirit is in the flesh; "what is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6), and we are told that "those who are in the flesh are not able to please God" (Rom 8:8). All that comes of our corrupt nature is defiled and marred, and cannot be acceptable with the most holy God. If the heavens are not pure in His sight, how shall those prayers that are born of the earth be acceptable with Him? The seed of acceptable devotion must come from heaven's storehouse. Only the prayer that comes from God can go to God.

I am to understand from the expression, "praying in the Holy Spirit," that the Holy Ghost is actually willing to help me to pray, that He will tell me how to pray, and that when I get to a point where I am at a pause and cannot express my desires, He will appear in my extremity and make intercession in me with "unexpressed groanings" (Rom 8:26). Jesus in His agony was strengthened by an angel; you are to be succored by God Himself. Aaron and Hur stayed up the hands of Moses, but the Holy Ghost Himself helps your infirmities.²

Are you prayerless?

Do you have the Holy Ghost indwelling your life?

Are you growing in the Word?

Do you need help?

Meet with us this Tuesday night for prayer ministry!

Let's pray in the Holy Ghost! It's critical to our ministry fruitfulness.

"True prayer is an astonishing thing; prevalent intercession is an amazing thing: and if you want to see something that will really thrill you with a holy wonder, attend a prayer meeting where the Holy Ghost is present in the fullness of his power, and where the brethren pray, not as a mere matter of form, but as if filled with all the fullness of God. Such meetings as we have had during the past week are things to marvel at. Behold: it has become a wonder for God's people really to cry. Ah! there are some of you to whom weeping over sinners would be a novelty; some of you professors to whom agonizing for souls would be a new thing: you do pray for sinners in your usual prayers, but you do not know what it is to travail in birth for souls; you never feel as if your hearts would break if souls be not saved. You do not feel the burden of the Lord laid upon you till you are crushed in the dust and made to groan out, "God have mercy upon these poor perishing souls." With some of you it would be a great wonder to be really on a blaze; and if we heard you cry, we should be compelled to say, "Behold the voice of the cry of my people." – Charles Spurgeon

² Charles Spurgeon, [Spurgeon Commentary: Jude](#), ed. Elliot Ritzema, Spurgeon Commentary Series