

Defend the Faith

Main Scriptures: Hebrews 11: 6; Jude 1

Supporting Scriptures: Hebrews 11: 1-3; Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 44:24; Isaiah 44: 24-25; Proverbs 15:3; Proverbs 15:3; Proverbs 15:3; Psalm 147:5; Psalm 139:8; John 17:11, 5; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 Peter 1:5; Psalm 140:4-5, 9; Psalm 38:16; Psalm 56: 13

What is faith? - it shows the reality of what we hope for (Hebrews 11: 1-3)

It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to please God must have faith.

Who is this God? - (Revelation 1:8)

God transcends time and deals with us in Eternity

We come to an omniscient God (all-knowing) nothing is hidden from God. God sees all the government and the authorities and the strategies put in place against the church of the Living God.

Nothing is hidden from him everything is exposed to him. There is no escape to God's judgment to the deeds that have been done.

It is to this God we have come and we worship. This is the foundation of the faith of the believer is to know that God rewards those who diligently seek him.

God rewards goodness and righteousness and punishes evil. - this is the God we come to.

Jude writes about the mercy, peace, and Love of God. Jude found that although he wanted to write about the common salvation we all share he is urged to write about something else. To encourage us to defend the faith. Irrespective of the many things people have to say, God will always have a mouthpiece.

Jude urges us to defend the faith.

God is able, you must fight for what you believe in. The faith he is referring to is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (the gospel)

Jude addresses the situation at the time where there were ungodly people in the churches.

Jude 1:4 - Wormed - something introduced in a subtle and gradual way and the sole purpose is to destroy the church. There is venom in their spirit and their intention is to turn the truth of God into an immoral lifestyle. We must fight for truth in this last hour. We are now in a time where the church is under attack. God will soon expose those among us that are fake.

God is still able.

“Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound” (Romans 6: 1) No grace teaches us to deny ungodliness and cling to truth.

The Church Must Know the word of God.

Jude talks about the judgment and wrath against those who oppose the truth of Jesus.

We have preachers who don't want to tell disobedient people of God's Judgment.

It's the word of God that makes us clean.

Follow the footsteps of Cain: (Jude 1: 11)

Understand the spirit of Cain, God ministered to Cain but he rejected the counsel of God and went away as a vagabond, and out of Cain came every immoral and rebellious act. Cain had no hope.

When we step over into the new year we will see an unleashing of false prophets. A spirit that will defy authority and reject the counsel of God.

Hear the warning: (Jude 1: 12) too close to these people will cause a shipwreck. - no fruit that looks promising but can't deliver. - they complain and grumble - sorry for those who carry a spirit of complaining. These people have an agenda!! They carry a spirit of greed

But God sees and hears everything.

This year will be a year of revival - God is able!

Verse 3: Defend the gospel of Jesus

Verse 20- 21 shows how we should defend it:

- Build each other up - pray in the power of the Holy Spirit - not vain repetitions
- Await God's mercy
- Show mercy to those whose faith is wavering
- Show mercy with great caution Let God dictate every act
- Hate the sin but love the sinner (GOD calls us to Holiness)

We will be praying in the power of the Holy Spirit in 2021

We not bowing out to depression or stress or poverty because my focus is on the one who is able to keep me from falling.

God is guarding through faith those that are His.

There is an evil force that would like to take out God's people. It doesn't mind worming themselves into the congregation to divide the flock.

The evil one will try to destroy you but Jesus is able to keep you from falling. Not one of the false prophets and worms will put a blemish on you. All glory to Him who alone is God!!

God is about to move as he has never done before - I hear the sound of a mighty army and our eyes will be witnesses of the great acts of God. The power of God will be demonstrated. JESUS IS ABLE.

If you cling to truth and defend what is in scripture, not the new age gospel (preached by liars who carry the spirit of Balaam).

There is a spirit that rules this world but God says be separated unto God. God wants you to be His people. GOD is Able.

FDIM - something will break in the spirit. Make sure you line up with what's coming from the Lord. It will wake you up with a passion to pray and fast.

My trust and hope is in Jesus Christ