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You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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Jude has just laid out three lessons from three groups in history. 1) Israel, 2) certain fallen angels, and 3) Sodom and Gomorrah. Each followed their own desires, rebelled against the good authority of God in a key way, abandoned their assigned positions, and each experienced severe and pointed divine judgment. With that as the lens, Jude now focuses the fierce light of exposure on the foundation and source of the actions of false teachers.

V8, *Yet in the same way...* by this Jude shows the continuity between the natural or instinctive behavior of those listed previously, in total rebellion against the good God and sovereign who is worthy of obedience and all praise, and the false teachers that follow.

Lesson in hand from brother Jude: *Those that ground their responses, decisions and actions in their own uninformed impulses, their uninformed consciences, in self-exaltation, self-gratification and independence from God's authority expressed both in the created, ordained order (natural revelation), and in His revelation in the Word (special revelation), are subject to righteous judgment. **Creatures don't get to defy their Creator without consequence!***

By dreaming... by consulting their instinctual, natural mind which not grounded in reality, possibly by consulting visions and/or by drifting from what is knowable about truth (natural and revealed)...

...defile the flesh. This may indicate that their words and actions lead them and their followers to do things with their bodies that disrespect God's design for the proper and God-honoring use of the body.

...reject authority. These are autonomous people. They ground their actions on their own authority, self-will, desires. They subject themselves to nothing but their own thoughts, pleasures, authority. Anarchy follows them, which seems their goal for themselves and others. *They hate stabilizing, good institutions established by God among people for our good and as reminders of Him.*

...revile (blaspheme*) angelic magesties. (See 2 Peter 2:10-11)

See Titus 3:1-3: The same word, *blaspheme* is used in v2... *malign*. Believers are to malign no one... **a difficult call which relies in faith on God's justice!**

"Blaspheme" Shows up 3 times in 3 verses! V8: **"revile"**, v9: **"railing"**, v10: **"revile"**. It means to use language with an attitude of deliberate disrespect for proper authority, assigned position, or designed function. To villify, tear down, speak abusively. To verbally undo and dismantle a proper institute, ordained office or to tear down a person with villifying or degrading language.

V9, This strange event is recorded in the extra-canonical Book of Enoch.

If a holy angel of the highest created order and ordination (Michael) does not *blaspheme* Satan, even when Satan is being... Satan (evil and conniving), then who are mere men to blaspheme according to their natural/beastly instincts and thoughts?!

See Matt 4:1-10 for how the Lord Jesus demonstrates how one walking in the Spirit deals with Satan and his authority.

V10, *These men revile (blaspheme) the things which they do not understand...by instinct...like unreasoning animals/beasts.*

The very act of following this path results in their destruction!

Application: Be extremely sensitive to and suspicious of teaching and practice which results in the violation of those institutes created and established by our Good and holy Creator. The God who loves us is good! This does not merely mean benevolent, but holy and upright and innocent of all taint of evil or wrong.

Reject teaching and teachers who lead you into rebellion!