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## The Predictability of Antinomianism

*Jude, Part V*

Jude 17-19

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### I. Antinomianism in History: Joshua Harris

Jude calls his audience to *contend earnestly for the faith* because they were threatened by false teachers, “*who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny our Lord Jesus Christ*” (4). These *ungodly men* advocated *antinomianism*, the idea that because God is forgiving, we need not concern ourselves with obeying His moral \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Apostolic Warnings

*Jude 17–19 (NKJV)*

<sup>17</sup>But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>18</sup>how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. <sup>19</sup>These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

¶	Reference	Past Event	Application to false teachers	Reference
1	vv. 5-7	Judgment on Israel, angels, and Sodom & Gomorrah	“Likewise also these dreamers...”	v. 8
	v. 9	Michael did not rebuke the devil	“But these...”	v. 10
2	v. 11	Cain, Balaam, Korah	“These...”	v. 12
	vv. 14-15	Enoch’s prophecy of judgment	“These...”	v. 16
3	vv. 17-18	Apostolic warnings	“These...”	v. 19

#### A. Remember the Apostolic Warnings (17-18 cf. 2 Pet 2:18-22; 3:14-16)

The apostles had warned *that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts* (18). Jude reminds them that Peter too had exhorted them to “*be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts*” (2 Pet 3:2-3). Peter for his part was reminding them of Paul’s words who “*according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you*” (2 Pet 3:15).

Peter and Paul had warned them that as the final end of Jewish society neared, men would be “*lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power*” (2 Tim 3:2-5). Crumbling cultures exalt *antinomianism* (Ps 12:4,8).

#### B. These are sensual persons (19 cp. 1 Cor 2:13-16)

Jude describes these false teachers as *sensual persons*. While we usually associate *sensual* with sexual, the word here is broader than that. Paul uses the same word when he writes, “*But the \_\_\_\_\_ [psuchikos] man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*” (1 Cor 2:14). The *psuchikos man*, the natural or *sensual man*, is the man who is still in bondage to the world, the flesh and the devil; whereas the *pneumatikos man*, the *spiritual man*, is the man who has been reborn by the \_\_\_\_\_ and freed from bondage (cp. Jn 8:34). The natural man does not scruple to cause divisions in the church whereas the spiritual man *endeavors “to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”* (Eph 4:3 cf. 1 Cor 3:17).

### III. The Predictability of Antinomianism

#### A. The Hype over Antinomianism (Gen 3:1-5; 2 Cor 2:11)

*Antinomians* like to present their ideas as fresh or new or exciting. But their ideas aren't fresh; they are as old as dirt. \_\_\_\_\_ started it all with his rebellion and deceptions.

#### B. Warnings against Antinomianism

- **Paul:** <sup>29</sup>For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup>Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. <sup>31</sup>Therefore watch..." (Acts 20:28–31)
- **John:** <sup>7</sup>For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist... <sup>9</sup>Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup>If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your [congregation] nor greet him" (2 Jn 7–10).
- **The Risen Christ:** <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup>Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth." (Rev 2:14ff)
- **The Ministering Christ:** <sup>15</sup>"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will know them by their fruits..." (Matt 7:15–16a cf. 24:23-25)
- **Jeremiah:** <sup>25</sup>"I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor..." (Jer 23:25–27)
- **Moses:** <sup>1</sup>"If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams... saying, 'Let us go after other gods'— which you have not known— 'and let us serve them,' <sup>3</sup>you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>4</sup>You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him..." (Dt 13:1–5a)

Clearly, *antinomianism is entirely predictable*. Thus, Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ frames the entirety of the psalter with the contrast between *the blessed man* who trusts God and obeys His law and *the cursed man* who \_\_\_\_\_ God and disregards His commandments.

#### C. The False Promises of Antinomianism (2 Pet 2:18-22)

Why is *antinomianism* so *predictable*? Because we live in God's world not a make-believe world. This is not a random universe which operates according to our prescribed laws; we do not *create* the laws of the universe; we *discover* the laws that God has woven into it. Violating those laws always ends in disaster. So Peter warns:

<sup>18</sup>For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. <sup>19</sup>While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. <sup>20</sup>For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. <sup>21</sup>For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. <sup>22</sup>But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire." (2 Pet 2:18-22)

### IV. Conclusion (cf. Heb 2:14-15)