



Contenders versus Pretenders (Part 1)

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Jude 17-19



17 But you, beloved, must remember the words spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, 18 that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers pursuing their own ungodly passions.”

19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly, without the Spirit. – Jude 17-19, translated by T. Bartolucci

Verses 17-23: How to "contend for the faith" (v 3) all the way to "the presence of His glory" (v 24).

I. Safeguards Against Spiritual Suicide (vv. 17-21) - Key Word: “Transformation”

A. Remember Sound Words (17-19)

1. What were the words they were to remember?
2. “Mockers” (*empkaitēs*) - 2 Peter 3:3 = only other NT use
 - a. Threefold description (verse 19)
 - Divisive
 - Worldly
 - Devoid of the Holy Spirit (cf. Romans 8:9)

“They are neither under an external nor an internal government, neither under divine nor human control. They float about between heaven and earth in their lust, just as the devil leads them.” – Martin Luther

3. The Fall and the "noetic" effects of sin

B. Remain in God's Love (20-21)

1. Building
2. Praying
3. Waiting

II. Sorting Through Spiritual Sickness (vv. 22-23) - Key Word “Triage”

- A. The Sick:
- B. The Dying:
- C. The Dead: