

## Jude 24-25

When we started the letter of Jude, we answered two questions about the letter of Jude.

**1<sup>st</sup> -- Why is the book of Jude one of the most neglected books of the Bible in our day and age?**

The letter of Jude focuses on root sins that must be repented of towards God, which can only be done by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit which is offensive to many in our day and age. By in large the Evangelical church has been avoiding root sins and only focused on fruit sins in which a sinner does not need the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ or the work of the Holy Spirit to turn from. In other words the Evangelical church has neglected the inside of the cup and the plate and only focused on the outside of the cup and plate.

Matthew 23:25-26 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Example -- Instead of exposing a person's heart and pointing out the root sins such as unbelief, selfishness, stubborn rebellion, and pride which are internal sins directly aimed against God and only seen by God, most people will focus on fruit sins such as lying, stealing, adultery, and being disobedient to parents and point out these external sins against other people and seen by other people in such a way that they never have to repent of their root sins towards God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> -- Why do we need the book of Jude now?**

The book of Jude is a fresh reminder that in order to be a spiritually healthy church, we must recognize that although there are many threats to the church coming from the outside world, it's the threats coming from inside the church that are most destructive to the health of the church.

One man said (Spurgeon) "Satan knows right well that one devil in the church can do far more than a thousand devils outside her bounds"

**We looked at 2 Characteristics of Jude's writing style.**

**1<sup>st</sup> -- Jude has an analytical mind and therefore Jude writes an analytical letter or sermon. Analytical letters offer a clear point of view, are well organized around a main idea, address opposing arguments, and are thoroughly supported by primary and secondary sources.**

Knowing that Jude has an analytical mind and has written an analytical letter, we can see more clearly Jude's main purpose followed by his argument.

2<sup>nd</sup> -- Jude writes in patterns. In the 25 verses of Jude's letter we see 11 patterns of 3, 1 pattern of 5, and 1 pattern of 4.

**Jude 1** – We saw that Jude was writing this letter to every believer in the church, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:

**Jude 2** – We looked at Jude's prayer for the church, May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

**Jude 3** – We looked at the purpose of the letter and determined that every believer in the church is supposed to Contend earnestly for the faith in their local church community and then in the broader church community.

**Jude 4** – We saw that the problem and danger for the church is that certain persons have crept in unnoticed who deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Jude 5-16** – We looked at the primary and secondary sources that Jude uses to warn all those in the church community that those who do not come to faith in Jesus Christ and remain in the faith in Jesus Christ will receive judgement and condemnation. Jude also points out the root sins and the fruit sins of these false Christians followed by their judgement and condemnation from our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Also in verses 5-16 Jude gave us detailed descriptions of these false Christians by using examples from the Old Testament Scriptures, Jewish traditions, and similitudes of nature and promise to help the church get a clear picture of who these impostors may be and how to identify them amongst God's elect.

**Jude 17-23** We looked at the application section of Jude's letter, or in other words the instruction manual on how to contend for the faith against the impostors. This is the section in which Jude, who loves combinations of three, gives his readers three commands on how they must contend for the faith against the impostors who have crept in unnoticed.

1<sup>st</sup> – **Jude 17-19** Jude commands the church to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2<sup>nd</sup> -- **Jude 20-21** Jude commands the church to keep yourselves in the love of God.

3<sup>rd</sup> – **Jude 22-23** Jude commands the church to have mercy on all the unbelievers who have been led astray by the impostors.

Today we come to the last two verses in Jude's letter to the church.

**Jude 24-25** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, might, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

These verses make up what is known as a doxology.

**What is doxology?** Webster 1828 – In Christian worship, a hymn in praise of the Almighty; a particular form of giving glory to God.

Some historians believe that this doxology in the letter of Jude may have been sung by the early Christian church.

One man (Simon Kistemaker) writes – In a beautiful ascription of praise the writer turns to God. Jude begins his epistle by attributing love and protection to God the Father and Jesus Christ. He concludes his letter by praising God and Jesus Christ for protecting the believers and presenting them in the presence of God. In this doxology, the church of all ages and places puts its trust and confidence in God alone.

Let's look at a few other doxologies in the Bible.

**Romans 16:25-27** Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the Gentiles, *leading* to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, *be* the glory forever. Amen.

**Ephesians 3:20-21** Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or understand, according to the power that works within us, to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

**What is the function of doxology?** The doxology is meant to focus the heart and mind of every believer to the most important aspect of the Christian life, and that is to look to God and to worship God with all of your heart and mind.

Jude has just given the church the application section in verses 17-23, and Jude has made it clear that while the church is contending for the faith, they will be in some very dangerous situations concerning the impostors trying to lead them astray and the extreme danger of falling into sin while showing mercy to the unbelievers.

**OK Jude, what should the church do now?** Worship and praise God!

**Jude 24-25** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior,

through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, might, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Let's unpack what Jude has written for the church at the end of his letter.

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, Just as Jude started his letter with the focus on what God has done and is doing past, present, and future, Jude 1 To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: he now ends his letter with what God has certainly done and is doing past, present, and future, Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling.

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to

Jude emphasizes that it is God alone who has the absolute power and the personal ability to keep you from stumbling.

Revelation 19:1 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; (BYG study page 89) one man Stephen Charnock writes – The power of God is that ability and strength whereby He can bring to pass whatsoever He pleases, whatsoever His infinite wisdom may direct, and whatsoever the infinite purity of His will may resolve. God's power is Himself: infinite, eternal, incomprehensible; it can neither be checked, restrained, nor frustrated by the creature.

Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Are you trusting in God's power alone now?

Are you trusting in your own power, the power of someone besides God?

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

The word keep here means: to guard, to protect, and to preserve.

Jude uses the word keep here in the verb form which means "providing protection from external attack."

Peter uses the same word when writing how God preserved Noah.

2 Peter 2:4-5 For if God did not spare angels who sinned, but cast them into the pit and delivered them to chains of darkness, being kept for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Paul used the same word when writing how God will guard the Gospel.

2 Timothy 1:12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to **guard** what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from **stumbling**,

The word stumbling here means to trip and to fall.

Jude is not saying that a believer won't sin or that God will perfect the believer in this life, but Jude is saying that God will keep every believer from tripping into sin in such a way that they fall into spiritual apostasy like the impostors.

**John 17:11-15** And I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We *are*. While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled. But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

Jude has made it clear that the church has been given the responsibility to contend earnestly for the faith, but God has taken on the responsibility to ensure that every believer in the church does not fall away into apostasy while contending for the faith.

This is evident when we look at the second half of verse 24.

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from **stumbling**, **and to make you stand** in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

This is a good reminder to the church that the Christian's life will be filled with joy, but it will not be an easy and comfortable life as we wait for Jesus to return. There will be many trials, tribulations, and persecutions for every Christian who lives in obedience to Jesus Christ.

**Acts 14:21-22** And after they had proclaimed the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "Through many afflictions we must enter the kingdom of God."

**Romans 8:16-17** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, also heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

**Romans 8:31-39** What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? He who indeed did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction, or turmoil, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE COUNTED AS SHEEP FOR *the* SLAUGHTER." But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

We looked at this topic in depth when we went over Jude 21.

Jude is saying that God will not only keep you from stumbling into apostasy, but God himself will cause every Christian to stand in His presence on the last day (otherwise known as judgement day), and every Christian will be overwhelmed with great joy as they are presented to God without spot or blemish on that day because of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 1:6** For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 1:21-23** And although you were formerly alienated and enemies in mind and in evil deeds, but now He reconciled you in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

**Ephesians 5:25-27** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she would be holy and blameless.

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

Unlike the terrors of the judgement that the impostors will face on the last day, every Christian will be filled with joy as they experience their final redemption in Christ

Jesus by the mercy, grace, and love of God and every Christian will stand in His presence rejoicing and giving Him glory for all of eternity.

**Revelation 19:7-9** Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’”

The impostors as well as every unbeliever who hates God will stand before Jesus Christ on that day and experience His justice and His wrath upon them with such a fear that they will wish for the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 6:15-17** Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man HID THEMSELVES IN THE CAVES and among the rocks of the mountains; and they SAID TO THE MOUNTAINS AND TO THE ROCKS, “FALL ON US AND HIDE US from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great DAY OF their WRATH has come, and who is able to stand?”

**Psalms 1:5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

The believers on the other hand will stand before Jesus Christ on that day, they will see His smile along with His arms wide open in celebration, they will experience His perfected love upon them, they will stand before Jesus Christ rejoicing with great joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, they will stand with great joy saying, though I have never seen Him, I loved Him and now that I see Him I love Him even more.

Is this your expectation, when you stand before Jesus Christ on that day?

**Jude 25** to the **only** God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, might, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

In this second half of Jude’s doxology, Jude points us to our triune God and ascribes all glory, majesty, might, and authority to God alone.

Jude starts by writing **to the only**. The word only here is used as an adjective and means alone.

We also see this in Paul’s writings.

**Romans 16:27** to the **only** wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.



**1 Timothy 1:17** Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the **only** God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**1 Corinthians 8:4-6** Therefore, concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no God but one. For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, yet for us there is **one** God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him, and **one** Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.

The Old Testament agrees with the New Testament there is only one God.

**Deuteronomy 6:4** “Hear, O Israel! Yahweh is our God, Yahweh is **one**!

**Zechariah 14:9** And Yahweh will be king over all the earth; in that day Yahweh will be *the* **only one**, and His name **one**.

**Isaiah 42:8** I am Yahweh, that is My name; **I will not give My glory to another**, Nor My praise to graven images.

**Isiah 43:10-13** “You are My witnesses,” declares Yahweh, “And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was **no god formed**, And there will be **none** after Me. I, even I, am Yahweh, And there is **no savior besides Me**. It is I who have declared and saved and caused *it* to be heard, And there was **no strange god among you**; So you are My witnesses,” declares Yahweh, “And I am God. Even from eternity I am He, And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?”

**Jude 25** to the only God our **Savior**,

Jude here writes “God our Savior”.

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament refer to God as our Savior, with the New Testament also referring to Jesus Christ as our Savior.

**Psalms 17:6-7** I have called upon You, for You will answer me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, hear my speech. Marvelously show Your loving kindnesses, O **Savior** of those who take refuge at Your right hand.

**2 Samuel 22:2-3** Yahweh is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; My **savior**,

**Isaiah 60:16** Then you will know that I, Yahweh, am your **Savior** And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

**1 Timothy 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of **God our Savior**, and of Christ Jesus, our hope,

**1 Timothy 2:3** This is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Savior**,



**Titus 2:10** but demonstrating all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of **God our Savior** in everything.

Listen to the words of Mary.

**Luke 1:47** And my spirit has rejoiced in **God my Savior**.

Can you say with Mary, my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior?

Is the God of the Bible your Savior?

2 points for us to consider.

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Jude is pointing out the trinity and that salvation only comes from this Triune God. Jude says salvation belongs to God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit, just as he pointed to at the beginning of his letter.

**Jude 1** To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Jude is making the point that the God of the Old Testament is the same as the God of the New Testament, therefore we cannot separate the God of the Old Testament from the God of the New Testament, neither can we separate the Scriptures. Remember that Jude wrote that Jesus saved and destroyed in the Old Testament. **Jude 5** Now I want to remind you, though you know all things, that **Jesus**, having once saved a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

The believer needs the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. From creation to consummation, God has never changed.

Why am I making this point?

There have been many impostors throughout history that have said we must separate the Old and New Testaments. In our day they phrase it by asking the question, “are you an Old Testament Christian or a New Testament Christian?” as if there is an Old Testament God and a New Testament God. Remember, Jude wrote this letter before the church had the whole of the New Testament, and Jude wrote that “the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints” before the New Testament was complete.

Pual does not separate the Old Testament God from the New Testament God.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-4** For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them, **and the rock was Christ**.

**Titus 1:1-4** Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of God's elect and the full knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, in the hope of eternal life, which the God who cannot lie promised from **all eternity**, but at the proper time manifested His word in preaching, with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of **God our Savior**, To Titus, my genuine child according to our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and **Christ Jesus our Savior**.

**Titus 3:4-7** But when the kindness and affection of **God our Savior** appeared, He saved us, not by works which we did in righteousness, but according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through **Jesus Christ our Savior**, so that having been justified by His grace, we would become heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

*Is the God of the Old Testament and New Testament your Savior?*

**Jude 25** to the only God our Savior, **through Jesus Christ our Lord**, *be* glory, majesty, might, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

We see this phrase (through Jesus Christ) many times throughout the New Testament.

**John 10:9** I am the door; if anyone enters **through** Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

**I want to make 2 points about this phrase that seem to be clear in Jude 25.**

**1<sup>st</sup>**—Jude is pointing to the deity of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God the Son. Jude here is emphasizing that God the Father and God the Son (Jesus Christ) are equal having the same attributes and by adding (before all time and now and forever), Jude says they are both eternal. This means that God did not create Jesus His Son, but that Jesus is just as much eternal God as His Father.

**John 10:30** I and the Father are one.

**John 12:44-45** And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.

**John 14:6-9** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me. If you have come to know Me, you will know My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all so long and have you not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father;

2<sup>nd</sup> – This shows the eternal relationship between God the Father and God the Son (Jesus Christ) and at the same time we see the distinction in their functions.

For example, the Bible describes God the Father as creator of everyone and everything.

How did God the Father create everyone and everything?

He created everyone and everything through His Son Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 1:15-20** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created **through** Him and for Him. And He is before all things, And in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness *of God* was pleased to dwell, And **through** Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace **through** the blood of His cross—**through** Him—whether things on earth or things in heaven.

**1 Corinthians 8:6** yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* **through** Him.

**Hebrews 1:1-2** God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days spoke to us in *His* Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, **through** whom also He made the worlds,

The Bible says God the Father is Love.

How does God the Father show and express His love?

God the Father shows and expresses His love through Jesus Christ by sending His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. The distinction of their functions being that God the Son Jesus Christ did not send God the Father, but that God the Father sent God the Son Jesus Christ.

**1 John 4:7-10** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

The Bible says God the Father is our Savior.

How does God the Father save sinners?

God the Father saves sinners through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. The distinction of their functions being that God the Son Jesus Christ did not send God the Father, but that God the Father sent God the Son Jesus Christ.

**John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

**Romans 5:8-11** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

**Jude 25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be glory*, majesty, might, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude now list's 4 attributes of God that not only show His saving power to make every believer stand in His presence blameless with great joy, but these attributes show the believers why their God is the only God who must be worshipped.

**Jude 25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be glory*,

The Hebrew the word glory means – heaviness or weightiness.

The Greek word for glory means – brightness, splendor, radiance, fame, renown, and honor.

The glory of God is the manifestation of all of God's attributes. The glory of God is the outward display of His weightiness, His brightness, His grandeur, His radiance. The glory of God is the bright shining of all His perfections. The glory of God is the display of Himself. The glory of God is the most valuable thing in all of eternity.

Because God is invisible and Spirit, we can say the glory of God is the amazing beauty of His Spirit, the beauty that flows and proceeds from His character, from all that He is, from all of His attributes.

One of the greatest displays of God's glory is seen in the human nature of Jesus Christ. Jesus manifest God's glory by taking on human flesh and showing the world the character and perfection of God in human form.

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Hebrews 1:3** who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature,

**Colossians 1:15** Who is the image of the invisible God

**Jude 25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be glory, majesty,* Webster 1828 definition of Majesty – Greatness of appearance: dignity; grandeur; dignity of aspect or manner; the quality or state of a person or thing which inspires awe and reverence in the beholder;

*Majesty speaks of God's greatness, His preeminence. God is King over all His creation. The Bible sometimes uses the word Majesty in place of God.*

**Hebrews 1:3** who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power; who, having accomplished cleansing for sins, sat down at the right hand of the **Majesty** on high,

**Hebrews 8:1** Now the main point in what is being said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the **Majesty** in the heavens, *Majesty speaks of God being King of all the earth.*

**Psalms 47** O clap your hands, all peoples; Make a loud shout to God with the sound of a shout of joy. For Yahweh Most High is fearsome, A great King over all the earth. He subdues peoples under us And nations under our feet. He chooses our inheritance for us, The pride of Jacob whom He loves. Selah. God has ascended with a loud shout, Yahweh, with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skillful psalm. God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne. The nobles of the peoples have assembled themselves *with* the people of the God of Abraham, For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.

Next Jude will bring to our attention 2 of God's attributes that flow from His majesty.

**Jude 25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be glory, majesty, might,*

*Might or as other translations use dominion – describes God's strength, power, and force to govern and rule over all His creation. God rules over everyone and everything.*

BYG Study week 7 -- **Psalms 24:1-2** The earth is Yahweh's, as well as its fullness, The world, and those who dwell in it. For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers.

**Where does God rule?** God rules over all the universe. He rules over every galaxy in every corner of the universe effortlessly. God has no trouble ruling over our galaxy, the Milky Way, which is not particularly large as galaxies go. Our solar system is like many others, and God does not find it difficult to rule over it. Our planet is a speck of dust in this galaxy. Do we think God has any problem ruling over all that occurs on it? Now consider how small your workplace is, your church, your home. When we speak of a God who is infinitely large, ruling over all places is not hard for Him.

**Who does God rule over?** God rules over the angels, both holy and fallen. He rules over the great and the small people on this planet. He rules over every ethnic group and race. He rules over every empire, nation, and small village. He rules over young and old. He rules over Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Mormons, pagans, and atheists. Every person we have ever read about or met, rich or poor, great or small, is the proper subject of this one King.

**Jude 25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, might, and **authority**,

**Authority describes God's right to govern and rule over all His creation, which includes the right to command and rule over everyone and everything.**

BYG study week 7 – He did not make creation out of basic materials which He received from someone else. All that God rules, God made. In the beginning He made all things from nothing. He called matter into existence and fashioned it in His perfect wisdom. No one else's lands, people, or resources were used to create His kingdom.

**Psalms 86:8-10** There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, Nor are there any works like Yours. All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.

One man (Jonathan Edwards) writes – The creator of the world is doubtless also the Governor of it. He that had power to give being to the world, and set all the parts of it in order, has doubtless power to dispose of the world, to continue the order he has constituted, or to alter it. He that first gave the laws of nature, must have all nature in his hands; so that it is evident God has the world in his hands, to dispose of as he pleases... And it is manifest, in fact, that God is not careless how the affairs and concerns of the world he has made proceed, because he was not careless of this matter in the creation itself; as it is apparent, by which things were created, that God, in creating, took care of the future progress and state of things in the world.

**Daniel 4:34-37** "But at the end of *those* days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes



toward heaven, and my knowledge returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation. And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of earth; And no one can strike against His hand Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’ At that time my knowledge returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my high officials and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my kingdom, and extraordinary greatness was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.”

**Jude 25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, might, and authority, **before all time and now and forever. Amen.**

Jude ends his short but intense letter to the church with a combination or pattern of three, followed by an Amen.

Jude says these attributes belonged to God in the time before all of creation as God was glorying in himself between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jude says these attributes belong to God now as His glory is being displayed throughout His creation.

Jude says these attributes belong to God forever and His glory will fill the heavens and the earth, everything and everywhere will be filled with God’s glory.

What will the believers worship look like in the forever future?

**Revelation 7:9-12** After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen, the blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength, *be* to our **God forever and ever.** Amen.”

Jude ends his letter by saying **Amen**, which means “so be it” or “be it established” and may everyone agree.

**Questions.** Invitation to pray.



