

REBEL REALITIES

Jude 8-10

Four identifying marks of rebel creeps

Church creep rebels have ...

I. A PROBLEM WITH REALITY (8a)

- They are dreaming

A. THEY ARE UNFEELING

- Calloused to the point that they think nothing will happen to them - See Heb. 3:12-14

B. THEY ARE DREAMERS

1. They are deceitful

- Mystics claiming to have special revelation from God

2. They are deceived

- They have a false source of revelation with leads them to false responses and unrealistic hopes.

3. They are unaware

- Unconscious to the danger that threatens his soul

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II. A PROBLEM WITH IMMORALTY (8b)

- They “defile the flesh”

A. HIS ACTIONS: Defiling the flesh

1. He seeks only to satisfy himself

2. He gives in to the works of the flesh - see Gal. 5:19

B. CREEP CONNECTIONS

1. Question: Do such people really creep into churches?

2. Answer: I Corinthians 5:1-8

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III. **A PROBLEM WITH AUTHORITY** (8c)

- They “reject authority”

A. THEIR REACTION

1. They refuse, nullify or set aside God-ordained authority
2. Applications: Where could this be manifest?
 - a. With God - Exp: Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 4:30-33) and Herod (Acts 12:21-23)
 - b. With Civil Leaders - Consider Romans 13:1-7 and I Peter 2:13-15
 - c. With Employers - See Eph. 6:5-6 and I Tim. 6:1-2
 - d. With Parents - See Eph. 6:1-3, Col. 3:20

B. CREEP CONNECTIONS

1. There is a danger of self-appointed and unaccountable leadership
 - See III John 8-9 where a preacher refused the authority of an apostle
2. There is the danger of insubordination to legitimate pastoral leadership
 - Note Heb. 13:17 and I Thess. 5:12-13

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IV. **A PROBLEM WITH BLASPHEMY** (8d-10)

- They revile angelic or celestial beings

A. THE SLANDERERS

1. They pass judgment with caustic, reproachful and rebuking words
2. They speak evil of those who inhabit the heavenlies.
3. Examples during Christ’s ministry
 - The Pharisees (Mt.12:22-24), the crowds at the cross (Mt. 27:39-44)
4. Examples of current church creeps:
 - The DiVinci Code or the Jesus Project

B. THE CONTRAST (9)

- The highest good angel in heaven refused to rebuke the greatest evil angel in the world!

C. THE CONDITIONS (10)

- These blasphemers are uninformed and doomed

CONCLUSION:

Would we allow a witch to wander the halls of our church?

- What about rebels?
- See I Samuel 15:23a

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