

# **PROTECTIVE GEAR**

**Jude 20-21**

**We need protection from the poison of our messed up world.**

## **I. THE SITUATION** (3-19)

### **A. THE CREEPS OF OLD: They are ...**

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| 1. Furtive (4a)     | 11. Blasphemous (8d-10) | 21. Harsh (15b)      |
| 2. Ungodly (4b)     | 12. Willful (11a)       | 22. Critical (16a)   |
| 3. Debased (4c)     | 13. Greedy (11b)        | 23. Lustful (16b)    |
| 4. Defiant (4d)     | 14. Insubordinate (11c) | 24. Arrogant (16c)   |
| 5. Unbelieving (5)  | 15. Dangerous (12a)     | 25. Flatterers (16d) |
| 6. Rebellious (6)   | 16. Deceptive (12b)     | 26. Mockers (18a)    |
| 7. Profane (7)      | 17. Useless (12c)       | 27. Godless (18b)    |
| 8. Insensitive (8a) | 18. Unruly (13a)        | 28. Divisive (19a)   |
| 9. Defiled (8b)     | 19. Wandering (13b)     | 29. Worldly (19b)    |
| 10. Stubborn (8c)   | 20. Wicked (15a)        | 30. Unsaved (19c)    |

### **B. THE CONDITIONS TODAY: We have ...**

1. A disregard for life: Abortion
2. The defilement of marriage: Same sex marriage

### **C. THE CHRISTIAN RESOLVE**

1. No Isolationism
2. Follow Biblical guidelines
3. Use protective gear when walking in a wicked world

## **II. THE INSTRUCTIONS** (20-21)

### **A. BUILD YOUR FAITH (20a)**

1. Be Honorable
  - a. Build something
  - b. Be something: Be in the Word (I Peter 2:2), develop convictions (Rom. 14:22), make progress (II Peter 1:5-8), honor obligations (II Tim. 4:7)
2. Be Honest
  - a. Assess your current situation
  - b. There is more than a born-again faith
3. Be Helped - II Peter 3:17-18
  - a. Grow in the grace and knowledge of God (18)
  - b. Guard yourself from error (17)
    - Be protected from that poison

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## B. PRAY IN THE SPIRIT (20b)

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1. The Reality
  - Prayer is the vital life-breath of the believer - I Thess. 5:17
2. The Requirement - Eph. 5:15-21
  - When we live and walk in the Spirit it will not be as difficult to pray in the Spirit
3. The Regulation
  - a. Spirit controlled prayer - Eph. 6:18
  - b. Spirit enabled prayer - Rom. 8:26-27
  - c. Spirit motivated prayer
4. The Record
  - a. Some simply make vain repetitions - See Matt. 6:7-8
  - b. Be protected from that poison

## C. MAINTAIN A LOVE FOR GOD (21a)

1. Be Attentive
  - “Keep yourselves” involves the concept of consistent effort
2. Be Affirmed
  - a. The blessing: A conscious enjoyment of God
  - b. The means: Through obedience - See John 15:9-10
  - c. The result: Being in fellowship with God
3. Be Aware
  - a. In the last days men will be lovers of self - II Tim. 3:1-2
  - b. Be protected from that poison

## D. ANTICIPATE CHRIST’S RETURN (21b)

1. Looking For
  - a. Waiting anxiously ... an eager anticipation - I John 3:1-3
  - b. This involves a true hope - Titus 2:11-13
2. Looking Forward
  - a. To Christ’s mercy - Col. 2:13-15
  - b. To eternal life - II Cor. 5:1-4
3. Looking Out - II Peter 3:3-4
  - a. Some will say that Jesus is not coming again
  - b. Be protected from that poison

## **CONCLUSION:**

**We will find protection from the poison around us when we put on the protective gear that Jude recommends.**

1. Build your faith
2. Pray in the Spirit
3. Maintain a love for God
4. Anticipate Christ’s return

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