

CREEPY CONDITIONS

Jude 3-4

Jude describes two elements of the creepy conditions he observed

I. THINGS CHANGE (3)

A. JUDE HAD TO SWITCH GEARS

1. His Objective: Write about salvation
2. His Interruption: A new turn of events
3. His Obligation: An appeal to earnestly contend

B. BELIEVERS HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THE FAITH

1. Because now there are those who fight the faith
2. Sound doctrine is under siege
 - a. Be discerning: Know the truth
 - b. Be defending: Support those who support the truth
 - c. Be discerning: Don't support theological falsehood
 - d. Be determined: Someone has to stand

II. SNEAKS INFILTRATE (4)

A. THEIR DISGUISE: Unnoticed creeps

1. They creep in unnoticed – See II Cor. 11:13-15
2. They do not advertise or call attention to themselves

B. THEIR DAMNATION: Condemned

1. Condemned from long ago - See vs. 14-15
2. They have a history of unorthodoxy

C. THEIR DEMEANOR: Ungodly persons

- Destitute of a reverential awe toward God

D. THEIR DOCTRINE: Turning grace into debauchery

1. Turning grace into lasciviousness
 - Encouraging unrestrained living and sensuality - See II Peter 2:18
2. Contradicting Titus 2:11-13 where grace encourages discipline
3. The danger of strange teachings from strange teachers is often noted in Scripture
 - For example see Phil 3:2, Col. 2:8, II Tim. 3:6, I John 3:7 & 4:1, II John 7

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E. THEIR DEFIANCE: Denying Jesus Christ as Master and Lord

1. They say “no” to Christ’s ownership
2. They say “no” to Christ’s Lordship
3. They say “no” to God!
 - No one is going to tell me what to do!

CONCLUSION:

It’s creepy out there ... and sometimes it can be creepy in here!

Might we stand with God and His Word and courageously overcome the creeps!