

Winning the Lost and the Benediction

Jude 22-25
December 17, 2023

I. Overview

- A. What to do for yourself – vs. 17-21
- B. What to do for others – vs. 22, 23
- C. What to do for our God and Savior? – vs. 24, 25

II. Today's Text – vs. 21-25

- A. What to do for others – vs. 22-23
(Remember you cannot minister to others if you are not spiritually healthy)
 - 1. Have mercy on some who are doubting – v. 22
 - a. Be patient with them
 - b. These are believers who have been confused by false teachers
 - c. Some translations read “convince” versus have “mercy”
 - i. II Timothy 4:2
 - d. “mercy” first usage Matthew 5:7; 14:3
 - 2. “save others, snatching them out of the fire” – v. 23a
 - a. Same word used in I Thessalonians 4:17 and Revelation 12:5
 - b. This must refer to non-believers
 - i. Matthew 25:41
 - c. The fire of God’s judgement – v. 7
 - i. Mathew 25:46; Revelation 20:15
 - d. The gospel is the only way to do this
 - i. John 3:16; 5:24
 - 3. “and on some have mercy with fear” – v. 23b
 - a. Believers or non-believers?
 - b. I think believers
 - c. Not all commentators see a third group. My point is that ministry is for the spiritual healthy!
 - i. Galatians 6:1-4
- B. What to do for our God and Savior – vs. 24, 25

(This is considered by some to be the greatest Benediction-Doxology in the New Testament)

- 1. This really is about what He will do for us. Jude sums it up in two ways.
 - a. He is able to keep us from stumbling
 - i. Psalm 119:165; I Corinthians 15:33
 - b. He is able to make us stand blameless and with joy
 - i. Luke 22:31, 32
 - 2. This is more about what we should do for Him
 - a. He is called “God and Savior”
 - i. I Timothy 1:1
 - b. He is due:
 - i. Glory: the brightness and excellence of God
 - ii. Majesty: the incomparable regal presence of our God
 - iii. Dominion: the infinite extent of the rules of our God
 - iv. Authority: Power and might of our God
- C. When?
- 1. Before all time – Revelation 1:8
 - a. Psalm 90:1, 2
 - 2. Now – Revelation 1:8
 - 3. Forever – Revelation 1:8
 - a. Issaih 40:28