

THE DREAMERS AND THE DOERS

Jude 17-21

Introduction:

- A. Dreamers (vs. 8) / Doers (vs. 20).
- B. We are often surprised that the Bible is true.
 - 1. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
 - 2. I Peter 4:12. "Don't think it 'strange.'"
 - 3. These Christians were warned of apostates. vs. 17,18
- C. The facts they should remember.
 - 1. There will be scoffers in the last times.
 - 2. They will know how to identify them.

I. THE APOSTLES WARNED THE CHURCH. VS. 17,18

- A. "but, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ."
 - 1. remember = to recall to memory.
 - 2. spoken before = to say beforehand, to speak prior, to predict events.
- B. "How they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts."
 - 1. told you = they continued to say from time to time.
 - 2. mockers = one who makes fun by mocking, scoffers.
II Peter 3:3.
 - 3. Walk = not having regard to the point of departures, but to the end to be reached.
 - 4. lusts = sinful desire, godless.

II. THEIR IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS. VS. 19

- A. "these be they who separate themselves."

1. separate = to make a boundary between someone and to separate from this one, to make a distinction, to make a division, to cause division. The word would indicate to make divisive distinctions between themselves and other people.
- B. "these be they who are, sensual."
1. sensual = what pertains to animal life, man as he is by nature, a stranger to those feelings that come from God.
- C. "having not the Spirit."
1. having not = not possessing or having the Spirit of God.

III. THE CONDUCT AND AIMS OF THE FAITHFUL. VS. 20, 21

- A. "but ye, beloved, building up yourselves in the most holy faith."
1. to build up, to edify. The part. could express the means or the manner of "guarding one's self" and expresses contemporaneous time. superl. most holy, holiest. The superl. is used with an relative force "very holy" (s. MT, 31). The "most holy faith" would be the body of truth of faith which has been once delivered to the saints (s.v.3) upon which one is to build his life.
- B. "praying in the Holy Ghost."
1. Pres. mid, part. to pray. The Christian must not only study the Scriptures if he is to grow in the faith and be of use to others, but he must also "pray in the Spirit" for the battle against false teaching is not won by argument. (Green)
 2. Prayer gives us the courage to preach.
- C. "keeping yourselves in the love of God."

1. Keeping = to watch over, take care of.
 2. We have an obligation to ourselves!
- D. "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."
1. pres. mid. part. to earnestly expect, to look forward to, to wait for. The part. expresses contemporary action and could be temporal. i.e., "while you are awaiting." The mercy.
 2. The mercy of the Lord Jesus brings the gift of eternal life.

IV. GOD'S PEOPLE MUST CHOSE TO OBEY HIS HOLY WORD.

- A. We must let the teachings of Christ be our foundation.
1. Parable of house built on sand.
 2. WE will be tested.
- B. We must love the work of God.
1. Love does not grow weary!
 2. Love does not abandon!

V. LOST PEOPLE WILL BE JUDGED FOR DREAMING.

- A. There will be a final separation!
1. You separate yourself now.
 2. God will separate later.
- B. Many are like these dreamers.
1. They are "sensual."
 2. They are without God's Spirit.