

THE INCRIMINATING SPEECH OF APOSTATES

(Jude 16)

- I. These Are GRUMBLERS (cf. John 7:32; 1 Cor. 10:10; Phil. 2:14; 1 Pet. 4:9)
 - A. It refers to DISSATISFACTION expressed in MUTED UNDERTONES
 - 1. It is neither SILENT nor PRIVATE
 - 2. It implies desire for SECRECY or ANONYMITY
 - 3. It is RENOUNCED as SIN
 - B. "These" are dissatisfied grumblers by NATURE
 - 1. They are SUBVERSIVE of God's AUTHORITY
 - 2. They are CORROSIVE to the church's UNITY
 - 3. They demonstrate the DISHONESTY of HYPOCRISY
- II. They Are FAULT-FINDERS
 - A. It refers to expressing DISCONTENTMENT about one's LOT in life
 - 1. It includes COMPLAINING about moral RESTRICTIONS God imposes
 - 2. It includes COMPLAINING about how God is TREATING you
 - B. "These" are discontented fault-finders by NATURE

1. They are GREEDY for MORE
2. They ENCOURAGE discontentment

III. They PURSUE Their Own LUSTS

- A. This is INTENTIONAL and PURPOSEFUL
- B. They are DRIVEN by PASSIONS
 1. They are willingly CONTROLLED by their lusts
 2. They seek to JUSTIFY their lusts

IV. They Speak ARROGANTLY

- A. Their intention is to IMPRESS
- B. They make presumptuous assertions about GOD (cf. Ps. 12:4)
 1. They may arrogantly REINTERPRET God's Word or DENY portions of it to justify themselves
 2. They may claim to MANIPULATE God for their own purposes

V. They FLATTER People to Gain ADVANTAGE

- A. They MANIPULATE others for personal GAIN
- B. They seek APPROVAL from PEOPLE
 1. They REFUSE TO SUBMIT to the will of GOD, placing NO VALUE on His APPROVAL
 2. They WILLINGLY SUBMIT to the will of MAN, STRIVING for men's APPLAUSE