

Jude's Letter – Verses 11

1. How does Jude describe these false teachers?

a. They have gone the way of Cain –Genesis 4:1-12 (They chose to sacrifice to God as they pleased and did not follow God's way of a blood sacrifice). Cain was told to have a blood sacrifice, but he gave of his own produce. Also, Cain was told to control his anger, but he killed his brother. In a sense these false teachers were responsible for the deaths of those who followed them because they were teaching their own way rather than God's way. When we try to get to God any other way than by the blood of Christ, we are rejecting God's offering of salvation.

b. For pay they were following the ways of Balaam – Numbers 22-24 Balaam was a prophet and was apparently a true one because what he prophesied came true. IF Balaam blessed someone they were blessed; if he cursed someone they were cursed. Balak, king of Moab, tried to pay Balaam to curse the Israelites. The Lord told Balaam not to curse the Israelites because they were blessed by Him. Balaam refused to go with the Moabites. God told him to go with them, but do exactly as God said. Balaam began to waver in verse 19, so God was angry with him. Continues ...

c. They perished in the rebellion of Korah – Numbers 16:1-35 Korah formed a rebellion against Moses and accused Moses of building himself up above the congregation. God's Spirit had been given to Moses and Korah was questioning the Spirit of Moses. These false teachers in Jude were apparently questioning the Spirit of God's disciples and chosen leaders and setting themselves up as being just as good as they. God split the ground and completely destroyed Korah and his followers, plus their entire families and possessions.