

Jude - Commentaries by Henry Allan Ironside

Daily Sacrifice, November 11

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“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him”— Jude 14, 15.

WE have no record in the Old Testament of this prophecy, but the Holy Spirit preserved it and has given it to us through Jude in order that it may speak to all who reverence the Word of God today. The prophecies as to the Lord's coming in judgment will be as literally fulfilled, and as certainly, as were those that referred to His first coming in grace. No one is ready for His second advent who has not availed himself of the redemption which He wrought out when He appeared the first time to settle the sin question. All others may well tremble at the thought of His imminent return.

Daily Sacrifice, November 12

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen”— Jude 24, 25.

IN this short book we read of angels that fell, of the peoples in the cities of the plains who fell and of many others who have taken the same ungodly way; but here we read of One who is able to keep from falling all who put their trust in Him, and also that He will present us who believe His Word, without fault in the presence of God when He comes again in power and glory. Having begun a good work in us He will perfect it unto that day.

—Haweis.

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“And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak” —Judges 1:20.

HEBRON means fellowship or communion. It speaks of that happy state which is the inheritance of the man of faith, who, by overcoming all difficulties, puts fellowship with God above every other good, and refuses to be kept out of its enjoyment by the hosts of evil—the world-rulers of this darkness, the wicked spirits in the heavenlies, who seek to hinder the believer from the present possession of the privileges which are his in Christ Jesus (see Ephesians 6:12, in any critical translation). Of old the Anakim under the command of Arba had held this citadel and called it the city of Arba. But faith expelled the giants who defied the will of God and turned a scene of idolatrous rites and wicked revels into a place for communion with God. These powerful enemies typified the wicked spirits against which the believer is called to battle today. No foe can withstand him who dons the whole armor of God and defies them in the power of the Holy Spirit.

—Frank J. Exley, D.D.

Continual Burnt Offering: Daily Meditations, December 24

“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life” — Jude 20, 21.

FOUR important things are here stressed, which go to make up a consistent Christian life.

First: Building up on the faith. That is finding edification in the careful study of the Word of God. “The faith” here is not faith by which we lay hold of God, but the faith which He has revealed for our acceptance; that faith once for all made known to His saints.

Second: Praying in the Holy Spirit. We can only do this as we walk in the Spirit. Then He who dwells within us invites our prayers and guides us as we present our supplications.

Third: We are to keep ourselves in the conscious enjoyment of God's unchanging love. This is the place of blessing and of spiritual repose.

And, fourth, the hope of our Lord's return must be kept before our souls as the beacon light which leads us on to the Father's house. The Word, prayer, divine love, and the blessed hope sustain all along the way.

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