

# A FAITH WORTH FIGHTING FOR

## God, Our Savior

TEXT: Jude 24-25

INTRODUCTION: I suspect that now that we have studied through almost all of the Book of Jude, you would agree with me that while Jude is fascinating, helpful, even inspiring, it is not a fun book. It is a call to arms against wicked men and women who deny the Word of God, pervert the gospel, and rebel against Christ. There is nothing fun about it.

But Jude does end on a comforting note, a reassuring note. He makes sure that the trouble he warns us about does not leave us in despair or with worry in our heart, because He reminds us of the One who is in control. He says

To God, our Savior.

Let us read his beautiful ending to the Letter of Jude.

Jude 24-25 <sup>24</sup> Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup> To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

Jude encourages us in the midst of the challenge by reminding us that

### I. GOD IS ABLE.

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing will be impossible.”

I remember as a child singing a chorus, “God can do anything, anything, anything. God can do anything, but fail.”

And while that is absolutely true, the Scripture enumerates some things that God is able to do that are especially significant.

**God is able...**

**A. To establish us in the gospel.**

Rom. 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

**B. To do more than we ask.**

Eph. 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

And our text today in Jude 24 says, “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling.

**C. To keep us from stumbling.**

Ps. 121:3 He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

**1. He keeps us from slipping.**

**2. He prevents temptation from making us slip.**

1 Cor. 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

**3. He prevents those who are saved from perishing eternally.**

John 10:28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

**D. To present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.**

**1. Faultless – unblemished, without spot**

**2. Before the presence of His glory**

These words take us back into the Revelation of the Apostle John, chapter 4, when John sees into the throne room of heaven. Remember this scene with me, and then I want to show you something additional, something very special about it.

Rev. 4:2-11

<sup>2</sup> Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup> And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

<sup>6</sup> Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. <sup>7</sup> The first living creature *was* like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature *was* like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

“Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!”

<sup>9</sup> Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist and were created.”

**3. Jesus will present each of us who is saved with exceeding great joy!**

- a. It is not just us that will be rejoicing that we are there with Him forever.**
- b. He will be overjoyed as well.**

We all know Isaiah 53 as the prophecy of the Suffering Servant, and so it is.

Isa. 53:5-6 <sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions, *He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.* <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

But in the midst of that description of Jesus' substitutionary sacrifice of Himself for our sins is an oft overlooked statement. It is in verse 11.

Isa. 53:11 He shall see the labor of His soul, *and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.*

GOD IS ABLE!

## II. GOD IS OUR SAVIOR.

We customarily and rightfully focus on Jesus, the Son of God, the second person of the trinity as being our Savior.

### A. Jesus is our Savior!

1. His perfect life on earth qualified Him to be the Lamb for our Passover.
2. His self sacrificing death upon the cross paid the penalty for our sin.
3. His shed blood purchased eternal life that it might be offered to us as a gift.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. Only as we trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior is the grace of God applied to our individual lives, giving us salvation.

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

While when we think Savior, we properly think of Jesus, it is right for us to remember that each Person of the Godhead was involved in our salvation.

### B. The Holy Spirit has a role in our salvation.

**1. The Holy Spirit convicts us**

- a. Of sin – of our need for Christ**
- b. Of righteousness – that Jesus is the only way of salvation**
- c. Of judgment – that judgment is coming and the opportunity for salvation is not limitless.**

But here in Jude, the focus is on God the Father.

**C. God the Father is also called Savior.**

**1. Paul also calls God the Father “our Savior” in his letters to both Timothy and Titus.**

1 Tim. 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

**2. God the Father was and is very much involved in our salvation.**

- a. Before the world began, Father, Son, and Spirit devised the plan of salvation.**
- b. Throughout the ages, God the Father progressively revealed that plan through His servants the prophets.**
- c. God the Father sent His Son into the world, that the world through Him might be saved.**
- d. God the Son, while working our salvation, was doing the will of His Father.**
- e. God the Spirit brings conviction to lost men and women as God the Father sends Him.**

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

- f. God the Father is patient and longsuffering, giving every opportunity for men to be saved.**

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Jude closes with these words:

Jude 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

These words are a prayer.

**Amen means “It is true!”**

CONCLUSION: May we say amen to these words.

- **I know it is true that God alone is wise. His ways are always right, and I yield my way to His way.**
- **I yield dominion, authority, in my life to God.**
- **I receive power from God to do His will and to fulfill His purpose for my life.**

Bow with me in prayer. Would you pray that prayer with me?

- I know that You alone are wise. Your thoughts are higher than my thoughts. Your ways are higher than my ways. I yield my way to Your way.
- I yield all authority in my life to You, God.
- I receive power from You, God, to be Your witness, Your disciple maker, Your servant.
- I say, “Amen!” “It is true!”