

**TWO ORDINATIONS – JUDE 1:4-7**

Today we officially approve Cory Howell to the gospel ministry as we \_\_\_\_\_ him to this work and calling. Interestingly enough our study of Jude parallels this event with another ordination. Yet the two couldn't be more different: The one is a good man's answer to a godly call, the other is a wicked provocateur's judgment of sin to condemnation. Please pay close attention throughout as the two contrasting assignments are exposed and expounded.

1. Ordained as a pastor and preacher – Acts 14:23; 1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Ti. 2:7; 2 Ti. 4:22 footnote; Titus 3:15 footnote

a. Ordain – Properly, to set; to establish and \_\_\_\_\_ in a pastoral office or order; to appoint; to prepare for the work of the gospel ministry; to make official.

b. A succession passed along by those that have received the same commission

2. Ordained to judgment and condemnation – Jude 4-5a

a. Ordain – to appoint; to decree or order; to rule or \_\_\_\_\_ the fate of

- These ungodly wicked men are ordered and decreed to eternal condemnation by our only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Their eventual judgment is sure – they can run, but they cannot hide – Is. 14:15-21; Ezk. 28:18-19; Jo. 16:11; Ro. 16:20; Rev. 20:10, 15

- It is vitally important that believers always \_\_\_\_\_ truths we already know, reviewing truths we are already established in – verse 5a; 2 Peter 1:12-15

b. Three OT examples of Judgment [upon those who thought they would escape it] – Jude 5-7a

1) The unbelieving Israelites – verse 5b; Num. 14:22-23; 21:6; 25:1, 9; 1 Cor. 10:5-13

Their sin was \_\_\_\_\_ which resulted in ungodliness:

Some lusted after evil things

Some were idolaters

Some were fornicators

Some tempted Christ

Some murmured against God

They all rejected what they knew to be true, and they were all destroyed in the wilderness

- 2) The rebellious angels of the Pre-Noahic flood – verse 6; Gen. 6:1-8; 2 Peter 2:1-4, 9; 1 Cor. 6:3; Mt. 24:37-39

They rebelled against God by rejecting his plan and purpose:

- They gave up their awesome God-designed position
- They left their own heavenly unseen habitation and took on human form
- They lusted after carnal relations with human women
- They created a lineage of soul-less ungodly giants
- They are being held in chains until the final judgement – 1 Cor. 6:3

They rejected what they knew to be true and are awaiting \_\_\_\_\_ damnation

- 3) The perverted inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah [and neighboring like cities] – verse 7; Gen. 19:24-25; Lk. 17:28-30; Ro. 1:26-28; 2 Peter 2:6

Fornication – often used as a general term for:

- Pre-marital relations, adultery, self-gratification, incest, bestiality, homosexuality, lesbianism, etc.

It also indirectly includes all forms of perversions:

- Transgenderism, transvestitism, intentional male effeminate behaviour; intentional female masculine behaviour, pornography, pedophiliaism, sado-masochism, etc.

They all rejected and openly rebelled against God's natural order and were burned to a crisp...

3. All these are examples of an ominous ordination – Jude 7b

- a. Set forth as an example to every wicked ungodly antagonist of the eternal fire awaiting

You can run but you cannot hide

If all the unbelieving Jews (God's chosen people), Angels (God's purposed heavenly host), and Gentiles (blessed with abundance – Ezk. 16:49) did not escape neither will the ungodly, apostate false teachers and provocateurs of Jude 4...

And, neither will those living today in 2024 nor those troubling the saints during the tribulation

b. Judgment is coming, are you ready?

- Rev. Jonathan Edwards closing statements from "*Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*" – preached on July 8, 1741

Your damnation doesn't slumber; it will come swiftly, and in all probability very suddenly upon many of you. You have reason to wonder, that you are not already in hell. 'Tis doubtless the case of some that heretofore you have seen and known, that never deserved hell more than you, and that heretofore appeared as likely to have been now alive as you: their case is past all hope; they are crying in extreme misery and perfect despair; but here you are in the land of the living, and in the house of God, and have an opportunity to obtain salvation. What would not those poor damned, hopeless souls give for one day's such opportunity as you now enjoy! ...

Now undoubtedly it is, as it was in the days of John the Baptist, the ax is in an extraordinary manner laid at the root of the trees, that every tree that brings not forth good fruit, may be hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Therefore, let everyone that is out of Christ, now awake and fly from the wrath to come. The wrath of almighty God is now undoubtedly hanging over great part of this congregation: let everyone fly out of Sodom. Haste and escape for your lives, look not behind you, escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed [Genesis 19:17]