

# The Book of Jude

## Part IV verses 9-11

### Introduction:

Jude has pointedly exposed the “*ungodly*” of his day. The “*ungodly*” pervert God’s truths and are compared to the wicked people who came out of Egypt, sinful angels, and the sexually immoral of Sodom and Gomorrah (Jude 1:4-7). These “*ungodly*” men dream up new ways of performing religious practices because they have no real respect for the authority of God (Jude 1:8). Jude 9-11 gives us more information regarding these “*ungodly*” teachers and practitioners of error. The first of three points in this lesson deals with the “*ungodly*’s” willingness to slander those of authoritative positions (Jude 1:9). Secondly, Jude explains that the “*ungodly*” are like animals who fulfill all their desires with no shame (Jude 1:10). Lastly, the “*ungodly*” are likened unto Cain, Balaam, and Korah of the Old Testament (Jude 1:11).

#### I. The “*ungodly*” have no respect for “*dignities*” (Jude 1:9):

A. The “*ungodly*” “rail” at “*dignities*” (Jude 1:8).

B. Michael, the archangel, would not even rail at the devil though he stood condemned.

#### II. The “*ungodly*” are likened unto animals (Jude 1:10):

A. The “*ungodly*” speak slanderous words against divine revelation (cf. Jude 1:4) (i.e., things they do not understand).

B. The “*ungodly*” are guided not by God’s truths but rather by “*natural*” understanding (like animals).

#### III. The “*ungodly*” are compared to three people of the OT who had no respect for God’s Authorized Words (1:11):

A. The “*ungodly*” are compared to Cain (Gen. 4:1ff). The author of Hebrews points out the fact that Cain did not follow God’s instructions (Heb. 11:4). The apostle John mentions Cain in relationship to distinguishing the children of God from the children of the devil (I Jn. 3:10-12).

B. The “*ungodly*” are compared to Balaam (Numb. 22). Balaam played a part in tempting Israel to sin and be rejected of God (cf. Numb. 31:16; II Pet. 2:15). The apostle John speaks of a Balaam type of teaching that invaded the church of Pergamum wherein members of the church were told that they could continue to offer sacrifices to Rome and remain in good standing with God (Rev. 2:14).

C. The “*ungodly*” are compared to Korah (Numb. 16-17). Korah tried to usurp the priesthood from Moses and Aaron. Korah’s error was that he twisted, discarded, and rejected God’s word.

### Conclusion:

False teachers and those who persist in sin have no respect for God’s divine revelation. The “*ungodly*” will rail at all who disagree with them. Said individuals are likened unto animals who seek to satisfy their immediate desires at the cost of their soul. Such an individual makes himself known by the fruit he produces (Matt. 7:15).