Greetings from Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James.

To those who have been chosen and are loved by God the Father and have been kept safe in Jesus Christ.

2 Mercy, peace, and love be yours more and more.

God Will Punish Those Who Do Wrong

3 Dear friends, I wanted very much to write to you about the salvation we all share together. But I felt the need to write to you about something else: I want to encourage you to fight hard for the faith that God gave his holy people. God gave this faith once, and it is good for all time. Some people have secretly entered your group. These people have already been judged guilty for what they are doing. Long ago the prophets wrote about them. They are against God. They have used the grace of our God in the wrong way—to do sinful things. They refuse to follow Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord.

5 I want to help you remember some things you already know: Remember that the Lord saved his people by bringing them out of the land of Egypt. But later he destroyed all those who did not believe.

6 And remember the angels who lost their authority to rule. They left their proper home. So the Lord has kept them in darkness, bound with everlasting chains, to be judged on the great day.

7 Also, remember the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the other towns around them. Like those angels they were full of sexual sin and wrongdoing. And they suffer the punishment of eternal fire, an example for us to see.

8 It is the same way with these people who have entered your group. They are guided by dreams. They make themselves dirty with sin. They reject God’s authority and say bad things against the glorious ones. Not even the archangel Michael did this. Michael argued with the devil about who

9 arhanghelul căpătenia ingerilor.

1 the glorious ones Literally, “the glories.” These seem to be some kind of angelic beings.
Mihail, pe când se certa cu Diavolul cu pri-vire la trupul lui Moise, nu a îndrăznit să-l condamne pentru acuzațiile sale defăimă-toare, ci a zis: „Domnul să te mustre!”

Însă aceștia oameni vorbesc de rău lucruri pe care nu le cunosc și se pierd singuri în lucrurile pe care le înțeleg în mod instinctiv, ca animalele fără minte. 11Vai de ei! Au luat-o pe calea lui Cain 11. Pentru bani, s-au aruncat în aceeași greață ca Balaam și s-au răscult asemenea lui Core, fiind nimi-ciți ca el. Aceștia oameni sunt ca niște pete care înținează mesele voastre de dragoste. Fără teamă, ei mânâncă împreună cu voi și nu au grija decât de ei înșiși. Sunt niște nori fără apă, purtați de vânturi încocate și încoloto; sunt niște copii de toamnă și morți de două ori. 12Acești oameni sunt ca niște pete care înținează mesele voastre de dragoste. Fără teamă, ei mânâncă împreună cu voi și nu au grija decât de ei înșiși. Sunt niște nori fără apă, purtați de vânturi încocate și încoloto; sunt niște copii de toamnă și morți de două ori. 13Sunt ca valurile sălbatice ale mării care spumegă de propriile lor fapte ruinoase. Sunt niște stele rătăcitore, cărora li s-a păstrat, pentru întreaga eternitate, întunericul cel mai adânc.

14Și Enoch, al șaptelea de la Adam, a profe-țit despre ei cu aceste cuvinte: „Iată, Domnul vine cu mii de mii de șâlurile ale mării 15ca să-i judece pe toți oamenii și să-i dovedească vinovații lor în fața lui Dumnezeu pentru toate faptele lor rele pe care le-au făcut fără să se teamă de El și pentru cuvintele de pe care le-au rostit împotriva Lui acei păcătoși fără teamă de Dumnezeu.”

15Acești se plâng întotdeauna și caută greșelile celorlalți. Și urmeză propriile lor dorințe, gura lor spune lucruri pline de mindre și îi linguesc pe ceilalți pentru a obține un avantaj.

Un avertisment și câteva sfaturi
17Dar voi, dragii mei, amintiți-vă cuvintele care au fost rostit de apostoli, Domnului nostru, Isus Cristos. 18Ei au zis: „La sfârșitul timpului, vor veni batjoacători, care vor lucra după propriile lor dorințe nescutate.” 19Aceștia sunt cei care provoacă dezbinare. Ei sunt conștienți de dorințele naturii lor păcătoase, nu au Duhul.

20Insă voi, dragii mei, trebuie să vă întâriți în credința voastră sfântă. Rugați-vă would have the body of Moses. 20But these people criticize things they don’t understand. They do understand some things. But they understand these things not by thinking, but by feeling, the way dumb animals understand things. And these are the things that destroy them. 11It will be bad for them. They have followed the way that Cain went. To make money, they have given themselves to following the wrong way that Balaam went. They have fought against God like Korah did. And like Korah, they will be destroyed.
12These people are like dirty spots among you—they bring shame to you in the special meals you share together. They eat with you and have no fear. They take care of only themselves. They are like trees that have no fruit at harvest time and are pulled out of the ground. So they are twice dead. 13Like the dirty foam on the wild waves in the sea, everyone can see the shameful things they do. They are like stars that wander in the sky. A place in the blackest darkness has been kept for them forever.

14Enoch, the seventh descendant from Adam, said this about these people: “Look, the Lord is coming with thousands and thousands of his holy angels to judge everyone. He will punish all those who are against him for all the evil they have done in their lack of respect for him. Yes, the Lord will punish all these sinners who don’t honor him. He will punish them for all the evil things they have said against him.”

15These people always complain and find wrong in others. They always do the evil things they want to do. They boast about themselves. The only reason they say good things about others is to get what they want.

A Warning and Things to Do
17Dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ said before. 18The apostles said to you, “In the last times there will be people who laugh about God.” They do only what they want to do—things that are against God. 19These are the people who divide you. They are not spiritual, because they don’t have the Spirit.

20But you, dear friends, use your most holy faith to build yourselves up even stronger. Pray
prin Duhul Sfânt*, rămâneți în dragostea lui Dumnezeu, aşteptând îndurarea Domnului nostru, Isus Cristos pentru viaţa eternă.

21Aveţi milă de cei care au îndoeli!
22Mântuiţi-i pe alţii, smulgându-i din foc! Fie-vă milă de alţii, însă cu teamă, urând chiar şi haina pătată de faptele lor păcătoase.

Lăudaţi-L pe Domnul
24A Celui ce poate să vă păzească de potinciri şi care poate să vă prezinte fără vină şi cu mare bucurie înaintea slavei Sale, a singurului Dumnezeu, Mântuitorul nostru, a Lui să fie slava, măreţia şi autoritatea, prin Isus Cristos, Domnul nostru, înainte de începutul timpului, acum şi pentru totdeauna! Amin.*

with the help of the Holy Spirit. 21In this way, keep yourselves safe in God’s love, as you wait for the Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

22Help those who have doubts. 23Rescue those who are living in danger of hell’s fire. There are others you should treat with mercy, but be very careful that their filthy lives don’t rub off on you.¹

Praise God
24God is strong and can keep you from falling. He can bring you before his glory* without any wrong in you and give you great joy. 25He is the only God, the one who saves us. To him be glory, greatness, power, and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord for all time past, now, and forever. Amen.

¹23 that on you  Literally, “hating even their undershirt that is defiled from the flesh.”
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