Assault of the Paramours: 3d Stage of Romance: Rapport; a Mixed Marriage Illustrated by Jude's Analysis of False Teachers: *Psuchikos* Men, Jude 17-19

- (7) For believers, soul unity involves a spiritual dimension which cannot be achieved by unbelievers and is an impossibility when one is a believer and the other an unbeliever.
- (8) The believer is grace oriented while the unbeliever is works oriented; the believer is doctrinally oriented, the unbeliever is oriented to human viewpoint; the believer sustains the relationship on the basis of unconditional love, the unbeliever on the basis of personal love.
- (9) The believer will make decisions based on principles of integrity while the unbeliever will make decisions based on expediency.
- (10) The incompatibility of such a union can be illustrated from Jude's analysis of false teachers in:

Jude 17 - Fellow believers, remember the words which were spoken beforehand under the authority of the <u>apostles</u> [Paul & Peter] of our Lord Jesus Christ,

v. 18 - how they told you before, "There will be mockers [ἐμποίκτης, empaiktēs: to mimic derisively in absence of a logical argument, e.g., Progressives make fun of Traditionalists' standards as they engage in a Libertine lifestyle] in time of historical downtrends who walk [πορεύομαι, poreuomai: to walk according to a lifestyle; to go from one place to another] from one place to another motivated by their own lust pattern's [ἐπιθυμία, epithumia: inordinate desires of the lust pattern] facilitated wheel-tracks of wickedness [ἀσέβεια, asebeia: impious, wicked, irreverent]." (See 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:1; 4:3; 2 Peter 2:1; 3:2-3)

- v. 19 These are the ones causing divisions, soulish, not having the Holy Spirit.
- 24. The word "soulish" translates the Greek ψυχικός, *psuchikos*, the part of the immaterial life that is natural to all mankind. But the unbeliever is minus the spiritual component possessed by the believer which is the human spirit. Thus, *psuchikos* is a word that describes the unbeliever.
- 25. Many of these types populate churches and assume themselves to be Christians but they operate strictly from a human-viewpoint conception of what the Bible teaches.
- 26. They are referred to by the same word in Paul's passage that documents the system by which the believer is empowered to grow in grace. In this passage he clearly states that the unbeliever is incapable of acquiring an understanding of the Bible since it is spiritually discerned under the teaching ministries of the Holy Spirit:
 - **1 Corinthians 2:14 -** But a <u>natural man</u> [ψυχικός, *psuchikos*] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are <u>foolishness to him;</u> and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- 27. Jude, Paul, and Peter's warnings about false teachers' inability to understand the Word of God can be applied to the unbeliever's inability to have harmonious rapport with a believer in marriage. Such harmony is spiritually acquired.