

8. The mocker is without humility, and certainly without consideration of others. They have no consideration of anyone else.
9. Therefore, the mocker will always be in conflict, especially with authority other than his own authority in the eyes of others.
10. Mocking and sarcasm is a means of winning an argument, stopping disagreement, winning conflict, without having to convince anyone of the validity of their case.
11. In the very act of sarcastic mocking, the mocker proves just the opposite. So, he's got to cover it and stifle others with mockery.
12. He is all about promoting his nefarious agenda or person because they either fear the truth or reject the truth because of their blind arrogance, and because it disagrees with the way they think. Human viewpoint always mocks divine viewpoint.

So, mockery is inherently a sin. The very act of mockery by arrogant people indicates an attitude of superiority, coupled with vindictiveness and implacability toward the supposed inferiors.

It projects anger and hatred toward anyone who disagrees. Therefore, mockery is inherently a mental attitude.

1. Mockery was the great weapon the Sanhedrin used against Christ in his trials and crucifixion.
2. They mocked him incessantly for his true claim to be the Messiah. So, they were mocking the truth.
3. The Sanhedrin were the epitome of false teachers. They taught Judaism. They taught the perversion of the Old Testament. They taught that the Messiah could not be Jesus Christ. They were the epitome of false teachers and the epitome of those who mocked.
4. As they beat the Lord Jesus Christ, they asked Him to prophesy who it was that was beating him.

5. The Roman soldiers mocked the Lord Jesus Christ. They were saying, Hail the King of the Jews in Matthew 27:29.
6. You remember a mocking sign was placed above him on the cross. It said this is “Jesus the king of the Jews.” The Sanhedrin ordered that sign be put up in Matthew 27:37.
7. The chief priests and scribes mocked the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. (This is a true mockery. This is the worst of them all.) “He saved others, but He cannot save himself.”
8. There He was on the cross providing our salvation, and all they could do was mock the fact that He couldn't save himself. You see the evil of mockers and how they relate to the false teachers?
9. In this way, they sought to discredit him in the eyes of all those who might follow him.
10. They scorn others in order to discredit whatever other opinions they oppose. In the case of false teachers in the churches, they mock in order to discredit Bible doctrine.
11. The same thing happened to the Apostle Paul, who was often mocked. One example is Acts 17:32.
12. So, mockery was used against the apostles and against Christ. The apostles spoke against it, and it's something that believers in the churches must understand and know.
13. One of the greatest weapons in this world to take people down, to change people's minds, to silence to get them into submission, is to mock them. Nobody likes it, it doesn't feel good, and you don't like to be thought of as some sort of a fool in other people's eyes.
14. But you see, the cosmic system will always mock Jesus Christ. It will always mock Christianity, and it will always mock the Christian.

Now you can see the source of the mocking of Jesus Christ. The mockery placed on Christians comes directly from the cosmic system.

Unbelievers scoff at Christian views on things like divine creation versus the theory of evolution. There's never been more scoffing than those who say, "you mean you believe in creation? You don't believe in evolution?"

Another example of scorn of one person or group toward another is in the realm of the politics of sex and marriage. One group tries to discredit another group by scorning their beliefs that marriage is between one man and one woman. How could any decent person deny a loving marriage between a man and a man or a woman or a woman? And so, they use abusive words to describe such persons. Mocking words.

These scornful scoffing words strike fear into the over-sensitive and politically correct population, including Christians who are weak in their doctrine. These Christians without Bible doctrine fear the label of hater, prejudiced, and intolerant, when they are only upholding true morality, divine establishment, the very meaning of marriage, and, more importantly, biblical doctrinal standards concerning that subject.

What Jude points out here is another brutal characteristic of false teachers in churches. It's something that the Apostles have spoken of with great understanding because they have been the butt of so much of it.

These apostles were unique, the twelve of them; they went throughout the world, they were charged to do that. And they were mocked up and down and all over the world by Romans and all sorts of other heathen people. It didn't faze them one bit.

The apostles saw Jesus Christ. They heard Jesus Christ. They understood the mind of Christ, they saw the resurrected Christ, they knew Who they represented, and what they spoke was the very mind of the One that they respected, loved, and understood was God Himself.

When you speak the truth of doctrine, when the mind of Christ in you is being mocked, so what? They're not right. They're not correct. They have nothing by which they should ever terrorize you. You have truth on your side!

Never be embarrassed by the positions you hold as far as Bible doctrine is concerned. And there are so many positions today that are in direct conflict with Bible doctrine.

The mocking of the world has no effect. That's what Jude is trying to say.

Jude 17: “Now you, beloved (members of the royal family), remember (never, ever forget) the spoken words (doctrinal truths) which were previously taught by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (EXT)

So Jude begins by telling us in Jude 17 to remember. “*mimnēskō*,” as we saw earlier, “you must remember.” This is a command!!

Jude 18: “that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.” (NASB)

Our first word is the nominative plural masculine noun “ἐμπαίκτης” – “*empaiktēs*.” It means “mockers” or “scoffers.”

“*Empaiktēs*” means, in this case, “those who speak derisively,” “scoffers,” or “scorners.”

This is how arrogant people speak to those they consider inferior.

Jude wants his readers to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To remember the words is an exhortation to continually recall to mind what the apostles have spoken, rather than what the false teachers have been saying.

There is a comparison here: listen to the apostles, and don't listen to the false teachers. What the apostles had spoken is the mind of Christ, the very doctrines that they would later put in writing in the canon of the New Testament.

The Word of God was spoken before it was written. So, Jude says, you've heard them speak, now listen, inculcate, and grow in grace. This is your front-line protection against the false doctrine being taught.

Jude begins by telling us in Jude 17 to remember. “*Mimnēskō*,” as we saw earlier, “you must remember.” Then Jude reveals the specific words of the apostles that he wants believers to remember because of their current circumstances in facing the false teachers.

There are many words that they should remember of doctrine, but now, Jude says, I want you to remember something very specific.

So he writes, “that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.” (NASB)

“Scorn,” is another brutal characteristic of false teachers in churches.

The bottom line here is the mocker is without humility and without consideration for anyone but themselves.

Jude provides believers with another profile of the false teachers and their tactics. They attack believers with mockery of doctrine and divine establishment values.

An advancing believer cannot be persuaded by the false teacher’s doctrinal falsehoods because the believer has the stream of consciousness moving and false doctrine is not getting through.

Then these false teachers turn to “scorn” of doctrine and “scorn” of those who believe it. This is a very effective weapon. Have you ever been the object of someone's scorn, of someone who makes you to feel inferior to them because they want to control you or beat you down? Then you understand what these mockers are up to.

You believe the word of God, and develop divine viewpoint, and the ones who scorn you for it are arrogant.

You should remember something: Christians will always be mocked and opposed, especially those like us, we precious few who study God’s word under a qualified pastor using the ICE technique.

Satan moves around this world as 1 Peter 5:8 says, “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (NIV)

Christianity itself opposes Satan and opposes his way of thinking. That’s what we call the cosmic system, and Satan will devour you if you don't have this sure defense!

What do you think false doctrine is? In writing to Timothy, Paul calls it “doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1).

It's all part of the cosmic system and it is designed to penetrate your defenses so he can devour you, if possible.

Those attending doctrinal churches either move away from doctrine because they don't want to be seen as silly, uncaring, passé, it's too hard, it takes too long to understand the concepts, they really don't have any interest, I can reach Mount Pleroma by doing my own study, etc. Some die or move away and the others just go negative. They're Christian comets!

If you quit Bible Doctrine, or you're ashamed of being a Christian, you're a Christian coward!!!

Doctrine in your soul gives you the ability to combat the world of humanism, of sarcasm, of scoffing, and mocking.

There are many types of mocking and scorn, and it is a very effective tactic. The question becomes, can you stand for Christ if someone mocks, or flat challenges you? If you are not firmly grounded in Bible doctrine, you will not stand for truth, especially today.

Young people, you will be mocked for your Christianity. You will be mocked for not being a liberal thinker, that you are not for this or that cause, that you believe something absolutely, and that morality is not what you want it to be. Your Christianity and Bible Doctrine will be challenged.

PRINCIPLE: Mockers cannot be straightened out by arguing or trying to refute them.

These false teachers and humanist are completely locked into their negative volition and evil.

Proverbs 9:7: “Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.” (NIV)

You never retreat from your position of divine viewpoint, but you're also circumspect about how you handle scoffers, because the scoffer is one who is obviously locked into opposing you. That's why Jude mentions this person specifically. Look out for them.

Therefore, you need not respond to mockery with some kind of logical argument, and you certainly shouldn't retaliate with your own sarcasm and mockery.

It's a waste of time, and it's a waste of energy. Just overlook it. Apply impersonal love. If you need to say anything, give them the gospel.

The intention of these false teachers in these churches is to gain attention, approbation, and personal power. They often want to replace the authority of the pastor with their own false expertise, and, by doing so, gather followers.

Sadly, today we see Christians everywhere inculcated with the falsehoods with which they are bombarded, with self-centered emotionalism instead of the objectivity of truth. They are leading believers into numerous church activities and programs rather than fortifying them with the Word of God.

Many times, these false teachers today promote already extinct spiritual gifts of tongues, healing, or prophecy, all of which gather a large crowd, and all of which are false. They push works and righteousness instead of grace living, instead of grace orientation. They are full of human good.

This is not the Christian life, and it's a substitute for the divine good and for doctrinal orientation.

One other example of these false teachers in our country today is that they advocate Christian activism and political activism, instead of spiritual growth and spiritual advance.

So, Jude now has provided us with a profile of false teachers so that we might identify the parasites on the church.

Jude describes their speech, as we have seen, as grumbling, fault finding, and as highly critical of anything that has to do with doctrine.

In verse 18, Jude uses another description. He describes these purveyors of falsehood in a new way. He calls them mockers, scoffers. This is the fourth verbal sin that he has described, and it is perhaps the most potent of them all.

It's designed to shame those who oppose the false teachers. They are mocking God when they mock Bible doctrine.



Galatians 6:7: “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” (NIV)

Why should you succumb to scorn? Why should you ever be embarrassed to be a Christian? You should never be embarrassed to hang on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God which comes from the scripture.

Put it in the hands of the Lord, ignore the mockers, and press on in your advance to spiritual maturity. By all means, do not cease to advance. Forever forward!

In the quote of verse 18, Jude gives a time frame in which mockers operate and it is extensive.

We have a prepositional phrase starting with “εἰς” – “eis.” Then we have the dative singular masculine of the noun “χρόνος” – “chrónos.” It means “time,” but here it’s better translated “a period of time” or the “elapse or sequence of time.”

Then we have an adjective that modifies “chrónos,” “ἔσχατος” – “éschatos” and it means “last” or “least.”

So the translation of this prepositional phrase is, “at the last sequence of time,” which of course refers to the sequence of time, or a time in the span of dispensations. This is a dispensational reference, and in context it is the last sequence of time.

They will be mocking in the tribulation. In those last days, there will be plenty of mockers. The sequence of activity that Jude is speaking of could be anywhere along the dispensational timeline from the beginning of the Church until the end of the Tribulation. Any time during this period, believers are hoodwinked or responsive to apostasy.

You can go back through history and find great eras of apostasy. There have been mockers from the time of Jude until today, throughout periods of the Church Age and tribulation.

During these periods of apostasy, in the “last sequence of time,” it says that the false teachers will “follow their own lust.” Their own lust for power. They will follow their own lust for power, mocking and intimidating.



The church's current lack of discernment stems from a failure to properly study and interpret the scriptures by pastors in pulpits all over this country.

Pastoral laziness, exegetical sloppiness, and a general attitude of indifference to ICE teaching have plunged congregations into error.

Churches today are void of spiritually mature believers within their ranks. Those with a superficial understanding of scripture, a weak grasp of sound doctrine, and they cannot identify, nor fight off, false doctrine.

They are too worried about what jobs they have at the church or what program they can run rather than being in Bible class growing in grace.

Mark 12:24: “Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?”

Yet, these are the people who fill most pews each Sunday. Like the unbelieving Jews of the first century, many Christians today would do well to heed the admonition given by the author of Hebrews.

Hebrews 5:12-14: “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. (NASB)

Vs.13: For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. (NASB)

Vs.14: But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” (NASB)

This is a warning that Jude is giving of the various circumstances of apostasy that will continue to rear its ugly head as it did in the past, and as it will do in the future. In the tribulation, it will be massive.

This is going to go on until the second advent of Christ throughout the period of the Church Age, throughout the Tribulation, and it is Jude's concern for his own churches for those to whom he is addressing.

By extension, it is Joe's concern for you, as this is a window into the opposition of believers in Jesus Christ.

Our corrected translation of Jude 18 as far as we have gone:

“They were saying to you (the Apostles), “In the last time (until the millennium) there will be mockers and scoffers (unbelievers rejecting the truth of Bible doctrine), ...”

Jude was referring particularly here to the Apostle Peter. The words of the mockers are actually taken up by Peter in 2 Peter 3.

Peter supplies a quotation of the false teachers' exact scornful words. This quotation really represents a whole ideology, a whole line of thinking of the false teachers, which is extremely prevalent today.

The Word of God is interesting because it's not just about something that happened in the past. It's applicable to every time, every place, every circumstance in this life, for everyone, in every period of time.

This book is universal, and when you realize that, when you realize what's contained in the Bible, it can be nothing but divinely inspired. No other book is timeless, but the 66 books of the Bible are timeless.

Look at 2 Peter 3:1-4: “This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, (NASB)

Vs.2: that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.” (NASB)

Vs.3: Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, (NASB)

Vs.4: and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” (NASB)

This is exactly the same verbiage as in Jude 18. Jude says, “They were saying to you (the Apostles), “In the last time (until the millennium) there will be mockers and scoffers (unbelievers rejecting the truth of Bible doctrine), *following after their own ungodly lusts.*”

These are the days between the end of the first advent of the Messiah; in other words, the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Messiah, and then ten days later, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the Upper Room.

So, this is the beginning of the last days, which concludes at the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, which includes the Tribulation.

In the “last days,” and in the “last time,” refer to exactly the same period. Once again, we have a reference of time between the day of Pentecost and the beginning of the Church Age, all the way through the Tribulation and the return of Jesus Christ.

There's that parallel. Also here, mockers in 2 Peter 3:3 is our word “*empaiktēs*” and it means “mockers.”

It's the same word in both 2 Peter 3:3 and Jude 18. Hence, in both passages, these are the same type of false teachers. They are doing the same things, during the same period of time, doing the same type of mocking, following the same ungodly lusts, desire for power, and control in the churches.

So, there is a direct connection between Jude 18 and 2 Peter 3:3 and following, both by verbiage and by subject matter. Peter and Jude are undoubtedly describing the same teachers in the same terms at the same time.

It is my belief that Peter is one of the apostles that Jude spoke of in verse 17, whose words believers should remember.

So, Jude gives a broad outline, and he says, remember what Peter told you about mockers as a validation of his own statement about the mockers.

2 Peter 3:4 is the mocking language. It's stated, the mockers say, “where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

These are some of the words that are being said in the churches which Jude is addressing. The promise of his coming refers, of course, to the return of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ promised to return for believers, but the scoffers say, “Where is he?” They have rejected the promise by Christ found in many different places in scripture.

For example,

John 14:1-3: “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

Vs.2: In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

Vs.3: If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”

In so many other places in the New Testament, Jesus Christ has promised a return and they have rejected it.

The scoffers mocked these Christians who are looking with great anticipation for the return of Jesus Christ. They believed the promise of Christ, so what a great way to attack.

And here, these false teachers are making sure that the Christians know that Christ is not going to return. So why are you even following him? Scoffers mocked these Christians who believed the promise.

In essence, they are saying, “you people are ignorant to believe the very words of Christ.”

Their falsehood is that Christ is a lie because He hasn't done what He said He's going to do. The Bible is a lie because it says a lot of things that haven't happened.

In this case, the false teachers mock the doctrines of the return of Christ, the resurrection of believers, and their own judgment at the end of time.

Whenever you hear the mocking of the truth of Bible doctrine, it's from a position of weakness. It's from a position of great doubt and insecurity in their own souls.