

Sign Committed to God

Jude 24–25 (NKJV)

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.



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Jude 24–25 (The Message)

24 And now to him who can keep you on your feet, standing tall in his bright presence, fresh and celebrating—

25 to our one God, our only Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Master, be glory, majesty, strength, and rule before all time, and now, and to the end of all time. Yes.



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Jude 24–25

- This well-known benediction contains a wealth of spiritual truth for the believer to receive.
- If we want to keep our feet on the ground spiritually, walk straight, and not stumble, then we must yield ourselves fully to the Saviour.
- He alone is able to guard us, but we must "keep ourselves in the love of God" (Jude 21). He is able if we are willing!



- Jude was not writing about the possibility of the believer sinning and falling from God's family.
- He made it clear in Jude 1 that true believers are "preserved" and cannot be lost.
- He was writing about the believer's daily walk with the Lord and the danger of going astray and stumbling.



Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)

- 1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to <u>walk</u> worthy of the calling with which you were called,
- 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
- 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
- 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
- 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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Confess & Receive Forgiveness

- If we do disobey God, we may confess our sins and receive His forgiveness (1 John 1:9).
- If we persist in disobedience, He will chasten us in love (Heb. 12:5–11).
- He will never permit one of His own to be lost.



The Father has covenanted with the Son that all of His people will one day see and share His glory.



John 17:22–24 (NKJV)

- 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:
- 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
- 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.



Jesus Christ will have the special joy of presenting His bride, the church, before the Father's throne!



• It was the anticipation of this "joy" that helped Him endure the sufferings of the Cross.

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NKJV)

- 1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



The purpose of salvation is not simply to rescue sinners from hell, as wonderful as that is.



The grand purpose is that God may be glorified for all eternity.

Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV) to the praise of the **glory** of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:12 (NKJV) that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His **glory**.

Ephesians 1:14 (NKJV) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His **glory**.



- Today, there are spots and blemishes in the church, but on that day God's people shall be blameless.
- Satan's accusations will not stand against the people of God.
 The bride will be arrayed in the righteousness of Christ to the glory of God.
- Knowing this, the believer has a strong motive for living for Christ and obeying His Word.



We want to bring joy to His heart today as we anticipate the joy He will have when He welcomes His bride to heaven!

This is the significance of:

1 John 3:3 (NKJV) And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Ephesians 5:27 (NKJV) that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without having Committed to God

Jude 25 is the only place in this little letter where Jude called our Lord "Saviour."

Jude 25 (NKJV) To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

• It is not enough to say that Jesus Christ is "a savior," or "the Saviour"; we must say that He is "our Saviour—my Saviour."



He is not only our Saviour, but He is "the only wise God."

- He can give you the wisdom you need to live your life to the glory of God.
- The false teachers boasted of their special knowledge, but they lacked spiritual wisdom.
- God gives wisdom to those who ask Him, provided they are sincerely willing to obey Him.

James 1:5 (NKJV) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

If Christians would seek the wisdom of God in the Word of God and apply it, they would not stumble into the traps of the false teachers, but would walk to please the Lord.



Colossians 1:9–10 (NKJV)

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;



Why should we walk in obedience to God's will? So that Christ might receive the glory!

- Glory is the sum total of all that God is and all that God does.
- Everything about Him is glorious!
- The glory of man fades as the mown grass, but the glory of God goes on eternally.
- 1 Peter 1:24 (NKJV) because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

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Majesty means "greatness, magnificence."

• Only God is great. When we praise God, we praise the most magnificent Person in the universe.

Psalm 47:1-3 (NKJV)

- 1 Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
- 2 For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.
- 3 He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet.
- He is not simply King; He is King of kings! He is not simply Lord;
 He is Lord of lords!

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Dominion has to do with God's sovereignty and rule over all things.

 The Greek word means "strength, might," but it carries the idea of complete control over all things.

Psalm 145:13 (NKJV) Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.



Power means "authority," which is the right to use power.

 All authority belongs to Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18), including authority over the powers of darkness (Eph. 1:19–23).

Matthew 28:18 (NKJV) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.



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Ephesians 1:19–23 (NKJV)

19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,



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21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

As we yield to Him, we share His authority and accomplish His will.



What a magnificent doxology this is!

- Knowing the purpose Jude had in mind when he wrote this letter, this doxology takes on even greater significance.
- Jude was reminding his readers of the greatness of Jesus Christ.
- If only they could catch that, they would never be led astray by false teachers.



- You don't have to stumble.
- If you will remember the Word, build your Christian life in faith, hope, and love, exercise spiritual discernment, and commit yourself to Christ, then He will keep you from stumbling.
- Be alert!
- The enemy is subtle and the dangers are great.
- But the only wise God your Saviour will keep you safe and one day present you joyfully in glory!

