

**The Warning Against Apostasy:  
The Characteristics and Judgement of False Teachers  
Jude 01:08–13**

**1** *They are filthy dreamers*

**2** *They reject authority*

**3** *They scoff at spiritual beings*

a. They do that which even  
the highest angel would not do

b. They make a terrible,  
foolish mistake:  
They speak about things  
they know nothing about

**4** *They go after the way of Cain:  
Unbelief*

**5** *They go after the way of Balaam:  
Going astray*

**6** *They go after the way of Korah:  
Rebellion*

**7** *They are blemishes upon  
the fellowship of the church*

**8** *They are filled with emptiness  
and instability*

**9** *They teach things  
that are shameful*

**10** *They wander about as a falling  
star that quickly passes  
into eternal darkness*

8 In the very same way,  
on the strength of their dreams these ungodly  
people pollute their own bodies, reject authority  
and heap abuse on celestial beings.

9 But even the archangel Michael,  
when he was disputing with the devil  
about the body of Moses,  
did not himself dare to condemn him for slander  
but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

10 Yet these people slander whatever they do not  
understand, and the very things  
they do understand by instinct —  
as irrational animals do — will destroy them.

11 Woe to them!  
They have taken the way of Cain;  
they have rushed for profit into Balaam’s error;  
they have been destroyed in Korah’s rebellion.

12 These people are blemishes at your love feasts,  
eating with you without the slightest qualm —  
shepherds who feed only themselves.  
They are clouds without rain,  
blown along by the wind; autumn trees,  
without fruit and uprooted — twice dead.

13 They are wild waves of the sea,  
foaming up their shame;  
wandering stars,  
for whom blackest darkness  
has been reserved forever.