

Contend Earnestly for the Faith

# A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER

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Wishing to write of the more pleasant theme of salvation, Jude was forced by his concern to write on an urgent and abhorrent theme. Circumstances had arisen that demanded immediate action, thus presenting an emergency situation. Jude addressed himself to a recognized problem, and exhorted the believers to respond with positive determination.<sup>2</sup>

This is especially appropriate today for Christians in a multi-faith [pluralistic] society. We are faced with the same subtle infiltrations of various faith systems that are contrary to orthodox Christianity. Jude is alarmed at the effects of the apostates of his day and warns us across the centuries to be vigilant to any effort to make the grace of God an excuse for 'permissiveness' and the denial of the uniqueness of Christ and His salvation.

## ***We are called to action (3)***

## ***For the danger is imminent (4)***

Identifying the enemy (5-marks of an apostate)

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\* These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.

<sup>2</sup> Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (Jud 3). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.