

**Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!**



At Calvary

Hymn 415



He Keeps Me Singing

Hymn 587



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Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

plbiblechurch@gmail.com

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***



Call to Worship

Psalm 27:11-14

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and lead me on a level path because of my
enemies. Give me not up to the will of my
adversaries; for false witnesses have risen
against me, and they breathe out violence. I
believe that I shall look upon the goodness of
the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the
LORD; be strong, and let your heart take
courage; wait for the LORD!

Open My Eyes

Hymn 486



Receiving of the Offering



2 Corinthians 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

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**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:
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Famous Quote:

“The Bible is endorsed by the ages. Our civilization is built upon its words. In no other Book is there such a collection of inspired wisdom, reality, and hope.”

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



Today's Message

“Call to Persevere, Part 3”

Scripture text: Jude 1:17-25

Exercise Spiritual Discernment (Jude 22–23)

What should be the attitude of the growing Christian toward those who are being influenced by the apostates?

Galatians 6:1-3 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Matthew 7:1-5 "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and **with the measure you use it will be measured to you.** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? **You hypocrite,** first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Jude instructed his readers **to exercise discernment and to act on the basis of that discernment.**

He described three different kinds of people who need spiritual help.

The New American Standard Bible makes this clear:

And have mercy on some, who are **doubting**; save others, snatching them **out of the fire**; and on some have mercy with **fear**, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

The doubting (v. 22).

These are the people who are **wavering**. They are probably the “**unstable souls**” Peter wrote about (2 Peter 2:14). These people are converted, but they **are not grounded in the faith**. Our responsibility is to have mercy on them, or show compassion toward them, **by seeking to lead them away from the influences of the apostates**. This kind of ministry demands a great deal of love and patience, and **we must keep in mind that immature believers are like little children who think they know right from wrong**. If you say no to them, they will only rebel and become more stubborn!

One of the best ways to draw them away from the false teachers **is to magnify all that they have in Christ and to share His love for them in practical ways.** Make their **salvation so wonderful** and the **Word so exciting** that they will lose interest in the teachings of the apostates. It is not enough merely to refute the false doctrines. **There must also be a warmth of love that assures the young believer, “We care for you.”**

It is an open secret that **false teachers prey especially on disgruntled church members.** (note Jude 16—“murmurers” and “complainers.”)

It is important that the pastor and the people show special love and concern to new Christians and that they also minister to the mature members of the church, **lest somebody stray because of neglect**. Paul sent Timothy to the young believers in Thessalonica so that **he might establish them in their faith** (1 Thes. 2). **Every young Christian needs a more mature believer to teach him how to stand and walk.**

The burning (v. 23a).

Apparently these are the people who have left the fellowship and are now a part of the apostate group. They need to be snatched out of the fire!

The angels took Lot by the hand and pulled him out of Sodom (Gen. 19:16), and sometimes that must be done **in order to rescue ignorant and unstable believers from the clutches of false teachers.**

There is probably a reference here to Zechariah 3:2 and also Amos 4:11. In the Zechariah passage, the “brand” was the nation Israel **brought back from the Babylonian Captivity and resettled in their land.** God saw the people as a brand saved from the fire. In Amos 4, **God was reproofing the people for not heeding His warnings and judgments**—poverty, poor crops, drought, pestilences, war, and even judgments like those that overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

They were as a brand plucked out of the fire, yet they did not appreciate God's mercy.

The dangerous (v. 23b).

The phrase with fear means “**with caution.**” In trying to help those who have erred, **we must be careful not to be trapped ourselves!** Many a would-be rescuer has been drowned himself. When an unstable believer has been captured by false doctrine, **we must be very careful as we try to help him, for Satan can use him to defile us.** In trying to save him, we may be stained or burned ourselves!

The principle Jude was laying down was that **stronger believers must never think they are beyond satanic influence**. Even while serving the Lord and seeking to rescue one of His children, **we can become defiled by those we want to help**. The Old Testament Jews had to be very careful to avoid ceremonial defilement, and this included even their clothing (Lev. 13:47ff; 14:47; 15:17). If a “clean” person touched an “unclean” garment, then he was defiled.

We certainly must love God’s people, **but we must also hate sin**. Wherever there is sin, **Satan has a foothold and can go to work**.

Defilement spreads rapidly and secretly, and **it must be dealt with drastically**. If the Jewish priest thought that a garment was infected with leprosy, he had the garment burned.

Not every Christian is equipped to deal with false teachers or with those they have influenced and captured. It takes a good knowledge of the Word, a faithful walk with God, an understanding of Satan's devices, and certainly **the fullness of the Spirit of God**. It also demands **spiritual discernment**. It is **much easier to instruct new Christians and keep them away from the false teachers than it is to snatch them out of the fire**.

The Old Rugged Cross

Hymn 256



Holy Communion



The Family of God

I'm so glad to be part of the family of God

**I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by
His blood**

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod

For I'm part of the family, the family of God.