

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





## 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.

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# Call to Worship

## Psalm 12

**Psalm 12** A Psalm of David. Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man. Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?" "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs." **The words of the LORD are pure words**, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. You, O LORD, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever. On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

# The First Noel

## Hymn 179



# O Come, All Ye Faithful

## Hymn 193



# Receiving of the Offering

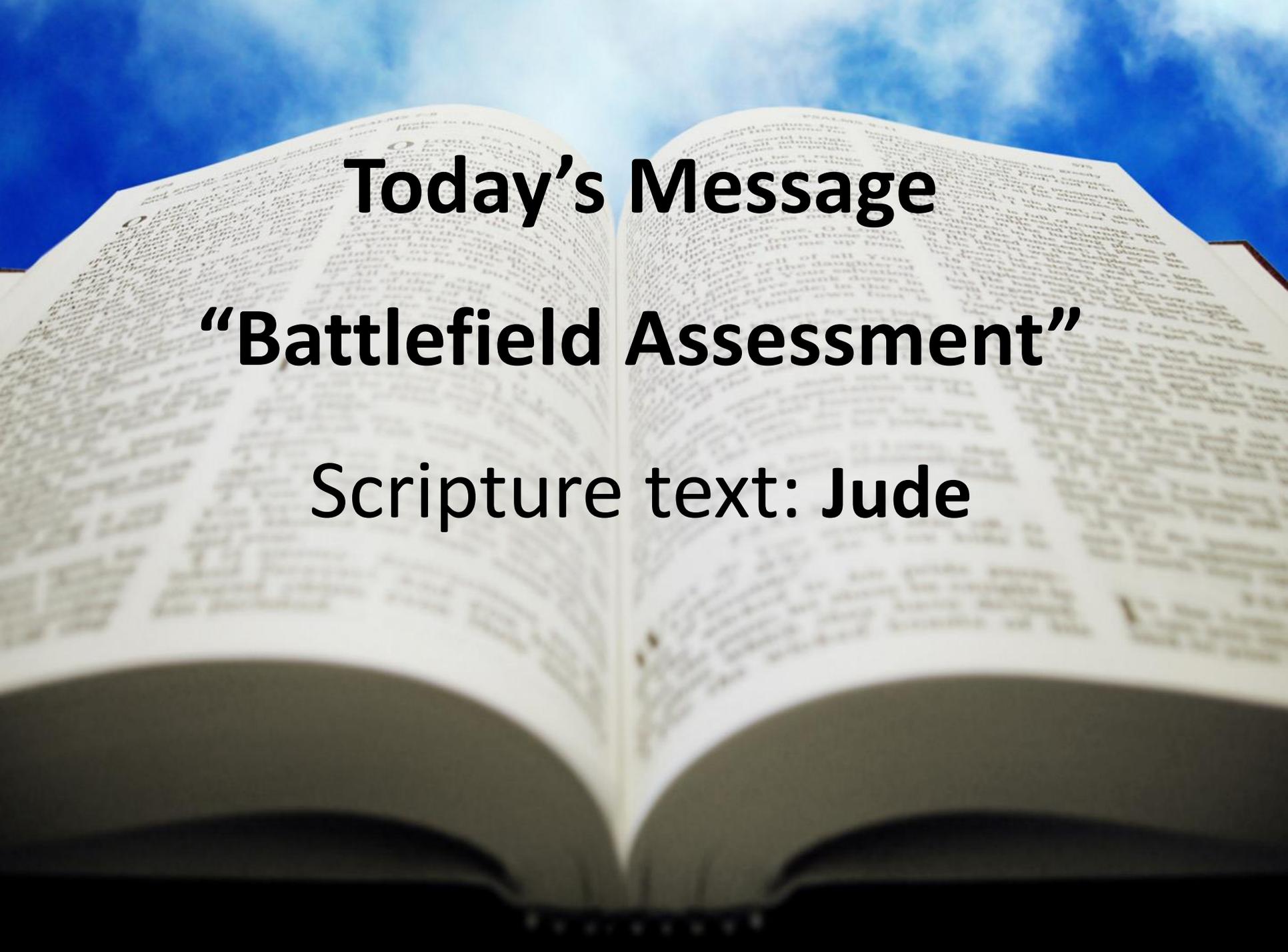


**2 Cor. 9:5** So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

# ***Famous Quote:***

*“Nothing can damn a man but his own righteousness; nothing can save him but the righteousness of Christ.”*

**CHARLES SPURGEON**

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**Today's Message**  
**“Battlefield Assessment”**

**Scripture text: Jude**

**Jude 1:17-23** But you **must remember**, beloved, the **predictions** of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "**In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.**" It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, **keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.** And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, **hating even the garment stained by the flesh.**

## Remember God's Word (Jude 17–19)

From the very beginning, Satan has attacked the Word of God. “Yea, hath God said?” was his opening thrust when he led Eve into disobedience in the Garden (Gen. 3:1). **Once we begin to question God's Word,** we are vulnerable to Satan's other attacks, for **only the truth of the Word can protect us from the lies of the devil.** “To the Law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isa. 8:20).

## **Remember who gave the Word (v. 17).**

While our Lord had many disciples, He selected only a few to be apostles. The word means “one who is sent with a commission.” In order to qualify, a believer had to be a witness of the resurrection of Christ (Acts 1:21–22; 1 Cor. 9:1). The Apostles lived with Christ during His ministry, learned from Him, and were sent by Him into all the world to carry the Good News of salvation.

Wherever there is the authentic, the counterfeit will appear; **this happened in the early church.** False apostles and teachers began to appear, and it was necessary to develop a system to protect the church against false prophecies and forged letters. Since Christ had committed “the faith” (Jude 3) to His Apostles, one of the main tests in the early church was, “**Is this what the Apostles taught?**” When the church assembled the New Testament books, it was required that each book be written either by an apostle or by someone closely associated with an apostle. Apostolic teaching was, and still is, **the test of truth.**

**Jude 1:3-4** Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, **I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.** For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, **ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**What do you see,** when you look at what is called Christianity, or at the ones who claim to be a follower of Christ?

**What is the point or purpose** of being a follower of Jesus Christ?

Is it to better yourself? For your advantage or profit?

**Psalm 11:3** if the foundations are destroyed, **what can the righteous do?"**

Where is the voice of truth found today?

What has the modern Church become and who are they glorifying as they try and stay relevant?

**There is a battle going on for the truth!**

**John 18:36-38** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. **If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews.** But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world--**to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.**" Pilate said to him, "**What is truth?**" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him."

**Philippians 1:7-11** It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the **defense** and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And **it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.**

**Colossians 1:9-14** And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking **that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding**, so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to him, **bearing fruit** in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God**. May you **be strengthened with all power**, according to his glorious might, for **all endurance and patience with joy**, giving thanks to the Father, who **has qualified you** to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He **has delivered us** from the domain of darkness and **transferred us** to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins**.

**2 Peter 3:3-7** knowing this first of all, that **scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.** They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For **they deliberately overlook this fact**, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that **now exist are stored up for fire**, being kept until the day of judgment and **destruction of the ungodly.**

**2 Timothy 2:14-19** Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. **Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.** But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, and **their talk will spread like gangrene.** Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have **swerved from the truth**, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "**The Lord knows those who are his,**" and, "**Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.**"

**1 Thessalonians 5:2-7** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then **sudden destruction** will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and **they will not escape**. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, **but let us keep awake and be sober**. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.

# Child in the Manger

## Hymn 198

