

Sermon title: Destruction for crossing God-ordained boundaries

Sermon text: Jude 1 – 10

Introduction

First, that there are God-ordained boundaries which God has set. When God created Adam and Eve, God created one man and one woman. This was God's boundary. I.e. there was no transgender. Men were expected to remain men and women expected to remain women.

Similarly, there are God-ordained boundaries regarding the truth. True teachings and false teachings are expected to be kept apart/kept separate.

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Second, those crossing these God-ordained boundaries face punishment or destruction from God.

OT example	Sin of OT example	Jude's point
<p>Verse 5 Israelites during the Exodus out of Egypt (Num 14:29, Deut 1:26 – 36)</p>	<p>Israelites' unbelief; crossing God-ordained boundary which dishonors God's great name.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. the people's deliverance from Egypt. I.e. the Israelites saw God honour His word.b. the people's unbelief. I.e. the Israelites questioned the reliability of God's promise and disobeyed God's command to invade the land, deciding instead to return to Egypt under new leadership.c. the people's destruction because of unbelief.

OT example	Sin of OT example	Jude's point
Verse 6 Angels who left their proper dwelling (Gen 6:1–4)	Angels desiring the flesh of human women. I.e. crossing God - ordained boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. In Jewish tradition, the angels desired the flesh of human women.b. This was a violation of God-ordained boundaries.c. The angelic violators were kept in darkness; awaiting final judgment.

OT example	Sin of OT example	Jude's point
Verse 7 Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen 18:16– 19:29)	Humans desiring the flesh of angelic visitors. I.e. crossing God - ordained boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1576 352 3332 938">a. In Jewish tradition, the visitors to Sodom and Gomorrah were angels. And the men of Sodom and Gomorrah desired the flesh of angels. (This is the reverse of v 6)<li data-bbox="1576 938 3332 1313">b. This was a violation of God-ordained boundaries.<li data-bbox="1576 1313 3332 1876">c. The people of Sodom & Gomorrah were destroyed.

V 8 Phrase	Jude's Point
“pollute their own bodies”	<p>God's ordained plan is strict boundary between angels and men.</p> <p>The false teachers were polluting their own bodies by crossing the proper, God-ordained boundaries by engaging in sexual immorality.</p> <p>This is similar to (1) angels with men in Gen 6:1 – 4 and (2) the men of Sodom & Gomorrah with angels in Gen 19.</p>

V 8 Phrase	Jude's Point
“reject authority and blaspheme heavenly beings”	<p>God's ordained plan is that the lower beings (men) obey the higher beings (God).</p> <p>The false teachers were crossing the proper, God ordained boundaries by rejecting & blaspheming against the authority of the Sovereign and Lord himself.</p>

Summary

1. Men are expected to remain men; women are expected to remain women. There is no transgender.
2. Men and women are not expected to have “alternative lifestyles
3. Christians are expected to proclaim the truth because truth and false teachings are expected to be separate.
Christians are also expected to reject the false teachings – i.e. contend for the faith (v3).
4. Those who cross these God-ordained boundaries face certain punishment and destruction.