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SCRIPTURE JUDE 20-21

V. 19 "sensual"

WEY - men of the world devoid of the spirit

V. 20-21 A SPIRITUAL PERSON

V. 19 20 WRITER IDENTIFYS TWO GROUPS
19 Sensual 20 Beloved

THE BELOVED - the spiritual group

They ARE (in vv 1-2)

"sanctified BY God the Father

"preserved IN Jesus Christ

"and called to a purpose

for a purpose

with a purpose

NOTE WHAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED THEM

MERCY PEACE LOVE

THESE ARE PROVIDED THEM

TO MEET a need

TO SUPPLY that need.

TO SATISFY that need

These BELOVED need this Mercy, Peace
and Love for their inner strength.

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The "sensual" and the "beloved" are separated by the word "but"

"BUT" introduces a CONTRAST, They are different.

WITH DEEP CONCERN for their survival in their "spiritual warfare" JUDE writes about 4 things they will face

1st Keeping themselves "built-up" spiritually

2nd Keep up your earnest prayer life

3rd Keep yourselves in the "Love of God"

4th Be on the CONSTANT LOOKOUT for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring you to eternal life. (TENT)

Here are 4 things that every believer should adopt in his life!

THE WORD "BUT"

→ GETS YOUR ATTENTION

- IT RAISES CONCERN

- ^{will} TO AWAKEN THE SLUMBERING SPIRITUAL

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POINT #1 "building up yourselves, on your most holy faith"

- IN COMING TO THE LORD

The Lord had put a "special gift of 'Faith'" in their life

- This "Faith" came with the "spiritual birth"

"FAITH AS A GIFT OF GOD"

" " " " FROM GOD

" " " " ABOUT GOD

- This "Faith" IS SPIRITUAL in NATURE
(its basic quality)

- This "FAITH" provides for us

- The RIGHT LIGHT about spiritual things

- The RIGHT UNDERSTANDING in our hearts

- SPIRITUAL LIGHT to our minds

RIGHT GUIDANCE for our wills

RIGHT GUIDANCE in our choices

- This "FAITH" establishes our

- OUR LIFE in God

- OUR LIFE for God

- OUR LIFE toward God

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SCRIPTURE JUDE 20-21

- This "FAITH" is needed to
"develope" and grow Spiritually
One "revelations" builds on "another."

WHAT KEEPS THIS FAITH PRODUCTIVE?

1st and foremost this FAITH is a GIFT of God

2^{ndly} God uses many things to KEEP this faith
ALIVE and HEALTHY

REVELATIONS is one of its great supporters
FRESH THINGS that DIVINE WISDOM reveals

DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS for our guidance

FRESH UNDERSTANDING of established truth

FRESH INSPIRATION that MOVES the spirit

FRESH CONFIDENCE is given to
our MINDS and WILLS
that GOD and HIS WORD IS
ESTABLISHED and does not CHANGE

SPECIAL SUPPORT is given to our HEARTS
and MINDS of what a PORTION of
Scripture makes known to our understanding

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SCRIPTURE JUDE 20-21

- The FAITH that God gives is QUALIFIED to carry us through "any change that we face"

BUILDING UP YOURSELVES

- SPEAKS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- SOME THINGS THAT WILL NOT BUILD YOU.
 - PROCRASTINATING your intention
 - FAILURE to respond at all
 - TRYING to SUBSTITUTE something else for the real item.

BUILDING UP YOURSELVES

- SHOULD BE the "one purpose of the believer's life"

2 PETER 3:18

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

TO BUILD UP OURSELVES IN THE LORD

CHANGES WILL COME

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SCRIPTURE JUDE

- * The MIND will receive NEW LIGHT
- NEW DIRECTION is given.
- NEW STRENGTH is received
- OLD TRUTH are given new life

Take to heart PSALM 46:10

"Be still and know that I am God."

To "know in your mind" is the state of mind you are to seek.

This "KNOWING" will bring to you
understanding that will have
influence on
the MIND
the CONSCIOUSNESS
the SPIRIT
the WILL

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH God
YOUR DEVOTION TO God
YOUR ATTACHMENT TO SCRIPTURE
YOUR CONFIDENCE IN SCRIPTURE
YOUR TRUST IN God
YOUR CONVICTION ABOUT God
YOUR RELIANCE UPON GOD

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SCRIPTURE JUDE 20-21

These "THINGS OF GOD" will work a
change in a life
(a building up of ourselves on our
faith)

WITH THESE THINGS

Our "walk with God" is given light

Our "minds" are given UNDERSTANDING

Our "lives" are given protection

His "Presence" will comfort our
heart and mind.

POINT #2. JUDE WRITES THAT "PRAYING" IS
AN ESSENTIAL NEED IN "Building Up Yourself
spiritually."

BUT this "praying" is of a special kind
"praying in the Holy Ghost."

It would do us well to consider a verse
found in ROM 8:26

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SCRIPTURE JODE 28-21

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities
for we know not what we should pray for
as ought: but the Spirit itself maketh inter-
cession for us with groanings which
cannot be uttered

"praying in the Holy Ghost Jode 28.
-speaks of an intensity

Our "infirmities (weaknesses)
Bring about a problem

We KNOW NOT WHAT we should pray for
OR HOW we should pray for it

But the Spirit itself maketh intercession
ROM 8:26

For the saints (Rom 8:27)
ACCORDING to the will of God. ROM 8:27

The Spirit arranges the order of our prayer

SCRIPTURE JUDE 20-21

At this point I make reference to 3 translation
Notice their expressions

THE EMPHASIZED NEW TESTAMENT
U.B. ROTHERHAM

"maketh intercessions
with sighings unutterable

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL
W.J. CONYBEARE

"makes intercession for us.
with groans (for deliverance)
which words cannot be uttered

THE BERKELEY VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
GERRIT VERKUYL

"but the Spirit Himself intercedes
on our behalf with "sighs too deep
for words

POINT #3 KEEP YOURSELF IN THE LOVE OF GOD

- Here is instruction written "for" and "to" the beloved
- These words direct a person to one God.
- The BELOVED are instructed to "Keep themselves IN the love of God"

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SCRIPTURE JUDE 20-21

FIRST SOME THINGS ABOUT GOD

- God is of no "material substance" and CANNOT BE MEASURED
- JOHN 4:24 Jesus states "GOD IS A SPIRIT"
- OTHER SCRIPTURE STATE OTHER THINGS

1 JOHN 1:5 GOD IS LIGHT

1 JOHN 4:8 GOD IS LOVE

LAM 3:22 GOD IS MERCIFUL

MATT 5:48 GOD IS PERFECT

THE ONE ATTRIBUTE THAT JUDE HAS CHOSEN TO DRAW OUR ATTENTION TO IS "THE LOVE OF GOD"

GOD'S NATURE IS LOVE.

God bears a strong ^{influence} of love upon our lives
Its influence effects us deeply.

v. 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God.

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SCRIPTURE JUDE 20-21

Two distinct "Greek" words meaning "to love" appear in the Bible

PHILEO

means "to have ardent affection & feeling"
- a type of impulsive love

AGAPAO (ag ah pay)

means "to have esteem" or "high regard"

The word AGAPE is used several different ways in the Bible.

1ST AGAPE LOVE

Indicates the nature of the love of God

* TOWARD HIS BELOVED SON

JOHN 17:26

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it

that the love
wherewith thou hast love me
may be in them, and I in them

* TOWARD THE HUMAN RACE GENERALLY

JOHN 3:16

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ROMANS 5:8

But God commendeth his love
toward us, in that
"while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us."

X TOWARD THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST

JOHN 14:21

He that hath my commandments,
and keepeth them,

he it is that loveth me:

and he it is that loveth me shall be loved
of my Father,

and I will love him, and will manifest
myself to him

ag ah py "2nd AGAPE LOVE

CONVEYS God's will to His children about
THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER

JOHN 13:

34 A new commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another; as I have loved you,
that ye also love one another.

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35 By this shall all men know that
ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.

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EXPRESSES THE ESSENTIAL NATURE OF GOD

1 JOHN 4:8 not
He that loveth knoweth not God for God is love

LOVE CAN BE KNOWN ONLY FROM THE ACTIONS
IT PROMPTS

LOVE FOUND ITS "PERFECT EXPRESSION IN
THE LORD JESUS

V 21 INSTRUITS VERY CLEARLY
THAT THE "BELOVED"
"KEEP THEMSELVES IN THE
LOVE OF GOD

THIS IS SOUND ADVICE FOR US TO GIVE
HEED TO

IN KEEPING YOURSELF IN THE LOVE OF
GOD

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SCRIPTURE JUDE 28-21

Do You STAY ON GUARD about things that
Would bring unrest to the MIND & HEART
(Example Sin, Worldiness, Selfish goals)

Do You KEEP YOUR Will
Under the influence of the Scriptures

Have you a SET PURPOSE in your life
to walk with the Lord daily

Do you KEEP YOUR SPIRIT sensitive to HS

Do you look for HIS GRACE to Assist you
HIS WORD for SUPPORT

Do you Keep a WILLING MIND open to
HIS GUIDANCE

Do you Keep your THOUGHTS saturated
with His Word

Do you Keep your LOVE centered on Him.

ag ah pay 4th AGAPE LOVE

"Looking for the mercy of our
Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life

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SCRIPTURE JUDE 20-21

YOUR HOLY FAITH (v 20)

"will" and "does" PROVIDE you with
"TARGETS OF HOPE" EACH DAY

These TARGETS supply you spiritually
with an inner strength

These TARGETS keep your THOUGHTS
on spiritual things.

These TARGETS help you guard your
fellowship with the Lord.

these TARGETS help your faith
as you look for the mercies
from our Lord Jesus Christ
that are about eternal life.