

JUDE: PART-2

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY

11.19.25

BELIEVERS ON THE ATTACK
(from Inside)

11-16

JUDE: ONLY 25 VERSES BUT MUCH TO LEARN

Israelites
Journey

Sodom &
Gomorrah

Moses

Balaam

Michael

Cane & Abel

Jesus family

Fallen
Angels

False
prophets

Apostasy

Believer's
identity

Believer's
Fight

FAITH

Salvation

Enoch

Adam

Balak

Korah

DOXOLOGY

AND MORE!

MAIN THEMES



WARNING ON
FALSE TEACHERS



CHALLENGE TO
CONTEND FOR OUR FAITH

SOME THREE'S (LAST WEEK, 1-7)

Sanctified, Preserved, Called

Mercy, Peace, Love

Unbelief of Israelites, Sodom
& Gomorrah, Fallen Angels

“CERTAIN MEN”

**4 FOR THERE ARE CERTAIN
MEN CREEP IN UNAWARES**

Ungodly (4) perverters of God's grace (4) deny Christ (4) immoral (7-8) despise authority (8) speak evil of authority (8) irrational (10), spots (12) clouds without rain (12) trees without fruits (12) wandering stars (13) raging waves (13) murmurers (16) complainers (16) mockers (18) ungodly lusts (18)

CERTAIN MEN (CONT.)

**4 FOR THERE ARE CERTAIN
MEN CREPT IN UNAWARES,**

**11 WOE UNTO THEM! FOR THEY HAVE
GONE IN THE WAY OF CAIN, AND RAN
GREEDILY AFTER THE ERROR OF
BALAAM FOR REWARD, AND PERISHED
IN THE GAIN SAYING OF CORE.**

THE WAY OF CAIN

GREED OF BALAAM

IN SUBORDINATION
OF KORAH

#1 THE WAY OF CAIN

The way of Cain is the way of unbelief, jealousy, bitterness, anger, murder

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: (By exercising faith, Abel declared righteous)

I John 3:12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

#1 THE WAY OF CAIN

Worship of False Teachers: Offer worship without faith, without understanding, and without honoring God's instructions.

Worship of Believers: Offered in spirit and in truth (John 4:23) Offer themselves as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1) Joyful worship in all seasons (Habakuk 3:17-18)

#2 GREED OF PROPHET BALAAM

(NUMBERS 22-25, 31)

Numbers 22

And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho. ² And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

³ And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.

⁴ And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. ⁵ He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam ... ⁶ Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people;

¹² And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. ¹⁸ And Balaam said ... if Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more.

GREED OF PROPHET BALAAM

(NUMBERS 22)

1st visit by Balak's men to curse Israel:
Balaam listens to God and does not go (14-18)

2nd Visit: God 'permits' to go
(permissive will, not perfect will)

- God let him go, but asks him to speak His words (20)
- Balaam intentions are evil and God is angry (22)
- Balaam refuses to turn back despite being blocked by angel of God thrice (23-27)
- God makes donkey to rebuke Balaam (28-32)
- Balaam acknowledges his sin (34)

NUMBERS 23-24

GREED OF PROPHET BALAAM

Balak tries to make Balaam to curse multiple times, but only words of blessings are released

^{23:8} “How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? Or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defiled”? ²⁶ … Told not I thee, saying, All that the Lord speaketh, that I must do?

^{24:25} And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

GREED OF PROPHET BALAAM

NUMBERS 25

Doctrine/Counsel of Balaam: When attempts to curse Israel failed, Balaam counselled that if Israelites can be tempted to fall into sin, God himself will curse them.

Israelites tempted to mix with Moabite women. It leads to immorality and idolatry. God's anger is aroused and leads to death of 24,000.

^{25:4} And the Lord said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel. ⁹ And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

GREED OF PROPHET BALAAM

WAGES OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS!

Baalam guilty of leading people to sin and death for the love of money

[Revelation 2:14](#) But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam

[II Peter 2:15](#) ...the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness

[Wages of Unrighteousness/sin is death:](#) Numbers 25:⁷ And they warred against the Midianites, as the Lord commanded Moses; and they slew all the males. ⁸ And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.

GREED OF PROPHET BALAAM/FALSE TEACHERS

Baalam guilty of 'love of money'

Judas denied Christ for 30 pieces of silver

Many preachers are guilty of falling into temptation of money.

Many preachers treat ministry as a profession. Expansion of ministry is often motivated by financial rather than spiritual reasons.

#3 INSUBORDINATION, REBELLION & COVETOUSNESS OF KORAH (NUMBERS 16)

Korah (a Levite), Dathan, and Abiram, and 250 princes rise up against Moses & Aaron

They despised the authority and anointing given by God to Moses & Aaron

Coveted power and authority

Test: Each group brings burning incense to the Lord and see who the Lord will accept

GREAT CHALLENGE OF MOSES AND HIS FAITH IN GOD'S JUSTICE

Numbers 16:28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the Lord hath not sent me.

30 But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord.

GOD HONORS MOSES: DEATH OF KORAH AND FOLLOWERS

NUMBERS 16:32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. ³³ They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. ³⁵ And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

³⁹ And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar: ⁴⁰ To be a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the Lord; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the Lord said to him by the hand of Moses.

THREE LESSONS FROM KORAH/FALSE TEACHERS

1. We should **not be jealous or covet** someone else's God given ministry, calling, or position.

- False teachers seek power & positions

2. We should **rejoice in the success of others**

- False teachers feel threatened and jealous when other ministers are more successful.

3. The Christian race is about '**completion**' and not '**competition**' (Hebrews 12:1-2).

- False teachers seek personal glory while undermining others

CERTAIN MEN (CONT.)

⁴ For there are certain men crept in unawares,

¹² These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; ¹³ Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.



SPOTS IN FEASTS

Fellowship Meal/Communion/Love Feasts: Everyone brought what they could afford and they shared the meal after worship

False teachers are Shepards that selfishly fed themselves instead of others (similar to I Corinthians 11: 20-22)

False teachers are spots or blemishes upon the church testimony.

Bride of Christ will be spotless: Ephesians 5:²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

CLOUDS WITHOUT WATER

“clouds they are without water, carried about of winds”

Fleeting clouds ... dispersed by winds

Clouds but no water

Hope of rain ... but not realized

Unreliable and unpredictable

False teachers ... will disappoint us and will leave us empty and unfulfilled.



TREES WITHOUT FRUITS

“trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead,
plucked up by the roots”

Trees without fruits

Twice dead! (fruitless, and uprooted & rejected in eternity)

Believer’s Call [John 15:16](#) Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:

RAGING WAVES

“¹³ Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame”

Noisy and boisterous, but only destruction from stormy seas.

Noise does not mean powerful ministry

Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.



WANDERING STARS

Wandering stars cannot guide anyone

False teachers are selfish, opportunistic leaders or leaders without concrete vision designed to benefit the followers.

[Mathew 2:9](#) And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

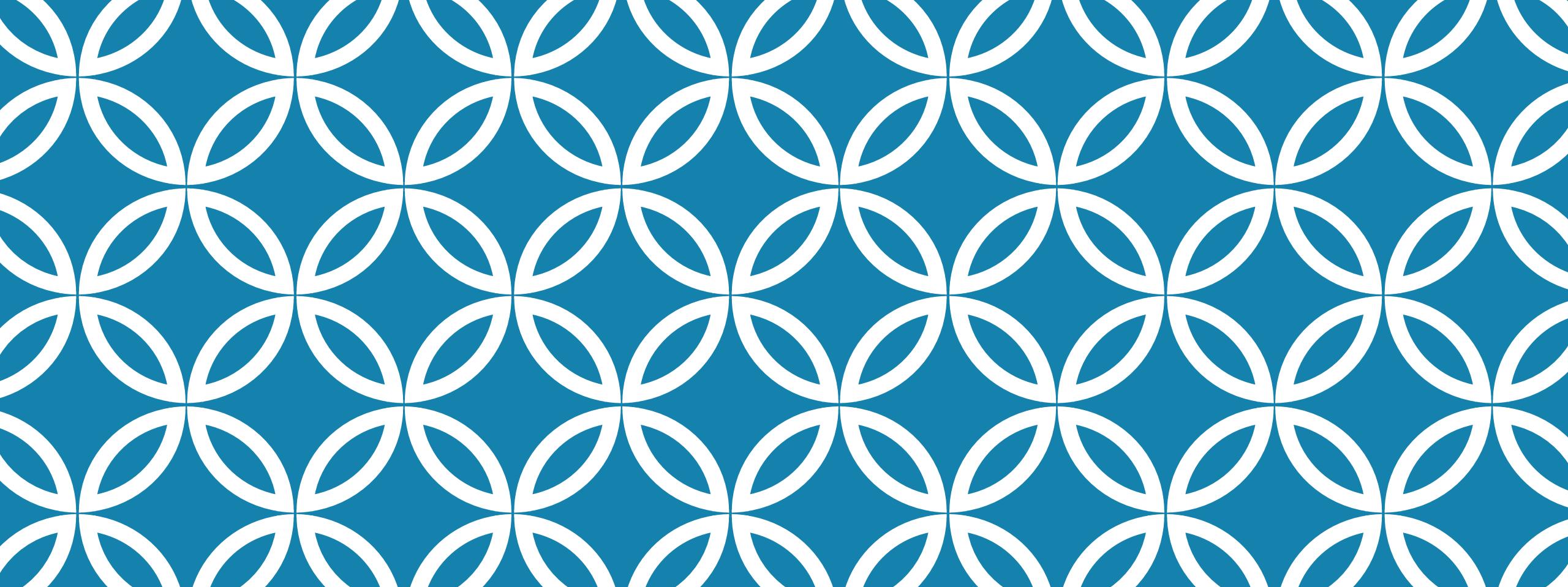
FINAL DESTINATION

13“to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever”

GOD IS JUST.

False teachers may enjoy short-term fame, power & riches ... but will face God's eternal justice!

Mathew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.



ENOCH'S PROPHESY

14-15

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¹⁴ And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

¹⁵ To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.



Adam

Seth

Enosh

Kenan

Mahalel

Jared

Enoch

ENOCH: 7TH FROM ADAM



ADAM TO NOAH

PROPHESY OF ENOCH

Behold, the Lord
cometh with ten
thousands of his
saints,

Prophesy of Enoch not found in the Bible

God spoke to Enoch, but did he speak this specific prophesy?
We cannot be sure.

Jude quotes from apocryphal book (book of Enoch).

Apparently read until the time of apostles. But Jews abolished and destroyed it because of many prophesies concerning Christ. Some believe that Methuselah may have recorded it (oldest, lived 969 years)

Christ returns at rapture for the church (I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Christ returns after 7-year tribulation with the church to begin 1,000 year rule

CHRIST WILL RETURN TO EXECUTE JUDGEMENT

15 TO EXECUTE JUDGMENT UPON ALL, AND TO CONVINCE ALL THAT ARE UNGODLY AMONG THEM OF ALL THEIR UNGODLY DEEDS WHICH THEY HAVE UNGODLY COMMITTED, AND OF ALL THEIR HARD SPEECHES WHICH UNGODLY SINNERS HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST HIM.

UNGODLY

will be punished for their ungodly words and deeds

CERTAIN MEN

16 THESE ARE MURMURERS,
COMPLAINERS, WALKING AFTER THEIR
OWN LUSTS; AND THEIR MOUTH
SPEAKETH GREAT SWELLING WORDS,
HAVING MEN'S PERSONS IN
ADMIRATION BECAUSE OF
ADVANTAGE.

SINS OF THE TONGUE

Murmurers/ Grumblers – not content, bitter, negative

Complainers – about others, God, and church

Flatterers – empty praises to gain favors

Proverbs 28:23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

Proverbs 20:19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

Lies of tongue: slander/ flatter/ gossip

THE TEST

TRUE VERSUS FALSE TEACHERS

CHARACTER

- **Christ like, lead by the spirit**
Versus Compromised life, lead by the flesh

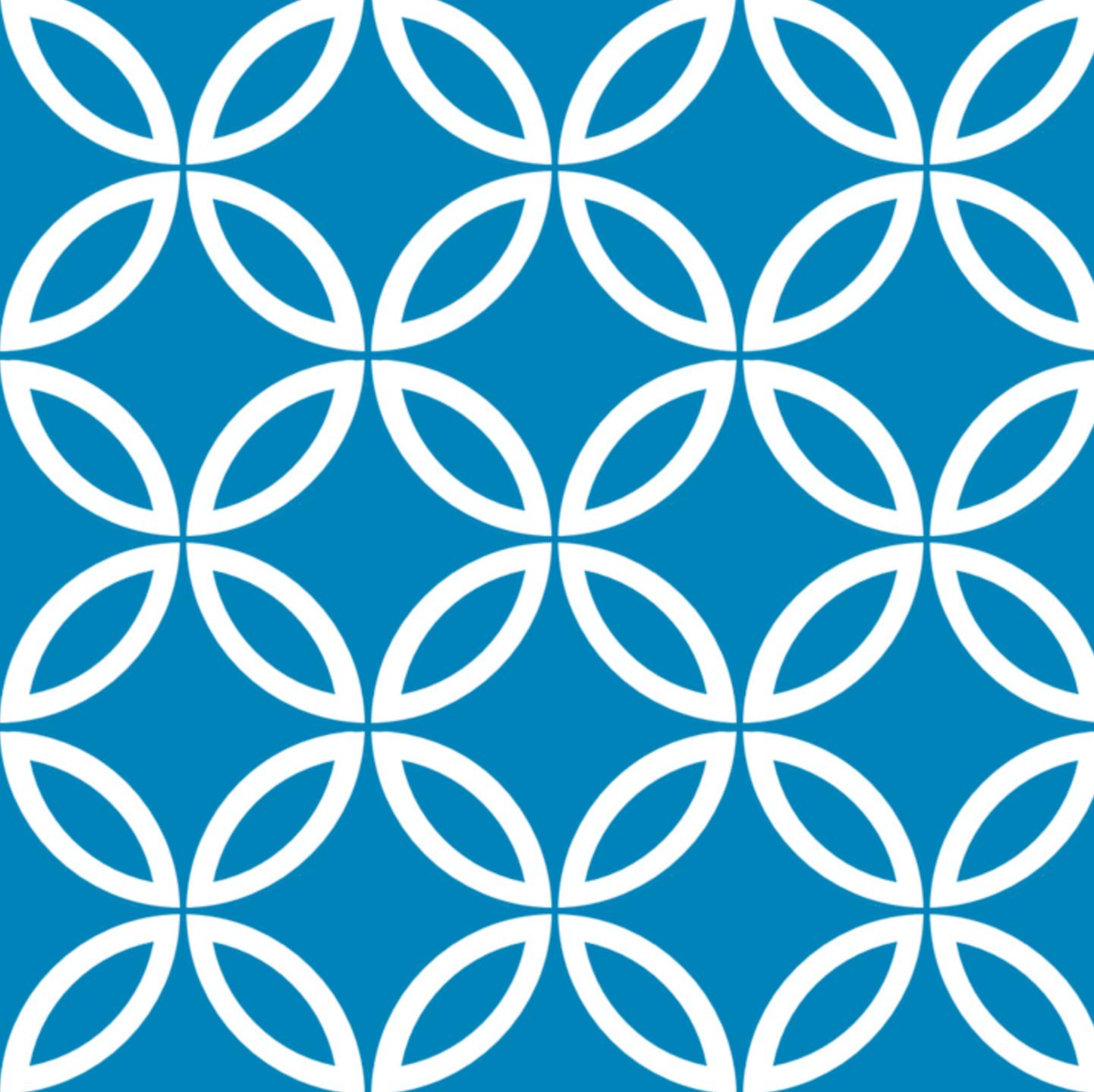
CONTENT OF TEACHING

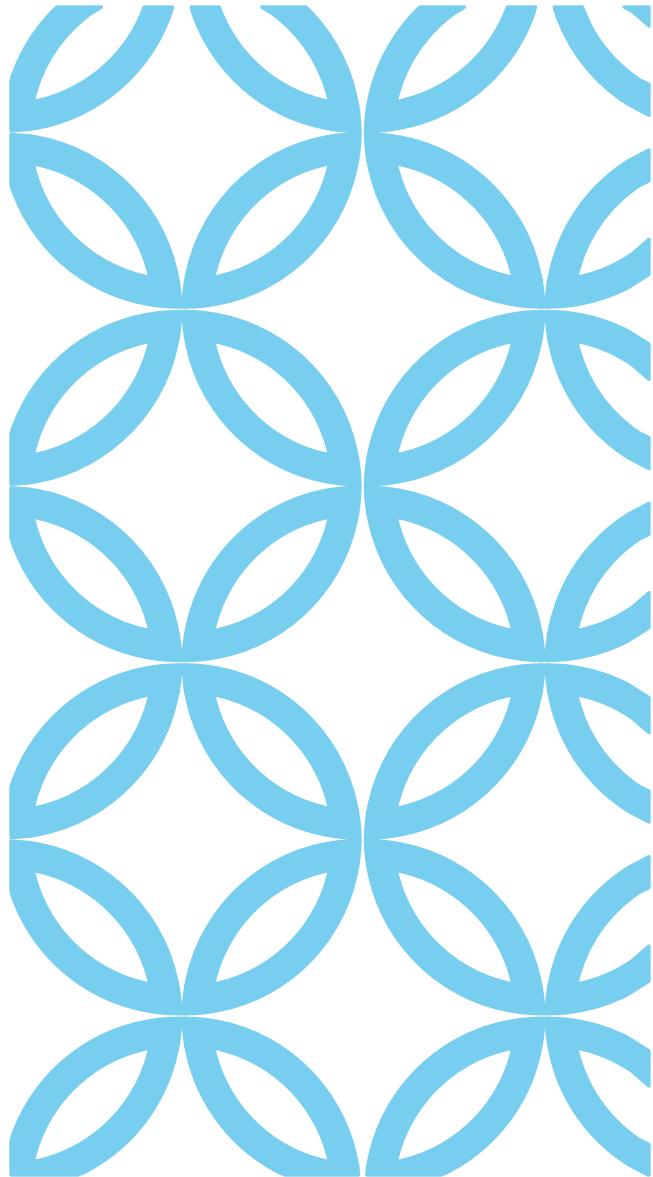
- **Sound doctrine**
Versus Diluted/adulterated doctrine

OUTCOME OF MINISTRY

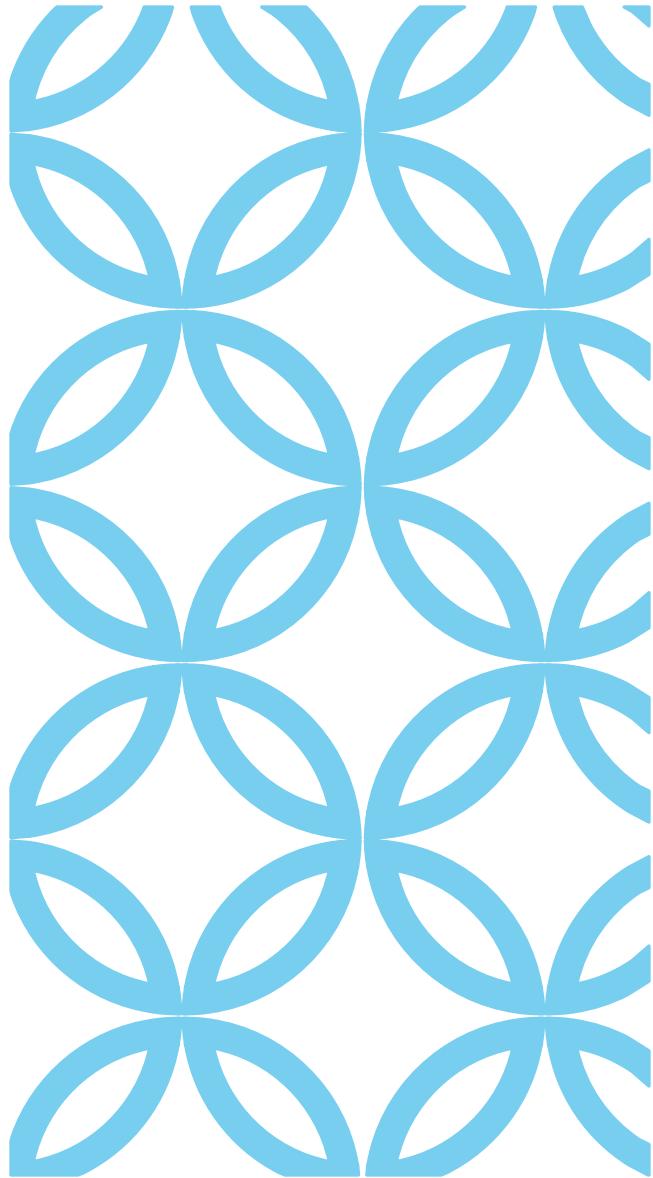
- **Fruitful**
Versus Barren

REFLECTIONS





**#1 GREED, PRIDE, AND SELFISH AMBITIONS
CAN DESTROY OUR GOD GIVEN MINISTRY**



#2 WE MUST LOOK OUT FOR FALSE TEACHERS THAT
HAVE 'CREPT IN' ... DISCERN TEACHING, CHARACTER,
AND FRUIT