

Opportunities For Growth And Service

The Lord's Day, May 11 Mother's Day

Sunday School	9:30AM
Deacons' Prayer time	10:30AM
Morning Worship	10:45AM

The Weaker Vessel

1 Peter 3:1-7

No Youth Meeting

Evening Worship 6:00PM

What does a Christian family look like?

Tuesday, May 13

WMU 10:00AM

Wednesday, May 14

Body Life Meal 5:15PM

Body Life 6:00PM

Revelation Series

Choir 7:15PM

Thursday, May 15

Women's Bible Study at 6:45AM

Melinda Sprinkel's Home

Friday, May 16

VBS Workers Meeting 6:00PM

Chinese Christian Church 6:30 – 9:30PM

of Charlottesville

Saturday, May 17

Women's Bible Study at JPBC 8:00AM

in the Fellowship Hall

Men's Bible Study at JPBC 8:00AM

in the Conference Room

The Lord's Day, May 18

Mark Series

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Exposition of Jude: Part 9 of 25

This occasional verse by verse exposition of Jude began last year. This and previous entries are archived at Pastor Jeff's blog: jpbcstylos.blogspot.com.

"Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'" (Jude 1:9 NKJV).

This is one of the most disputed verses in the book of Jude. The author is continuing the theme of warning against false teachers. He is presenting an example for the faithful to follow in contending with these evil men.

The verse is noteworthy for the mention of Michael (the name in Hebrew means, "Who is like God?"). He is an "archangel." This implies that there is some ordering of the angels. Michael is mentioned in the book of Daniel as "one of the chief princes" (see Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1). In Revelation 12:7 there is a description of "war in heaven" between "Michael and his angels" and "the dragon and his angels." Jude 1:6 mentions rebellious angels "who did not keep their proper domain." Michael is apparently numbered with those who gladly accept their domain and faithfully serve the Lord. We get some limited insights here into the created order of angels, but we should be careful not to speculate or go "beyond what is written" (1 Corinthians 4:6). Our focus is on the Lord and not angels (cf. Revelation 19:10; 22:9).

It is also noteworthy for its allusion to an event that has no explicit description in Scripture. The reference is to some dispute in the spiritual realm between Michael (God's messenger) and the devil after the death of Moses (i.e., "when he disputed about the body of Moses"). There is a reference to such a conflict in an extra-Biblical Jewish work titled, *The Assumption of Moses*.

This is where dispute over this verse arises. Some have attacked Jude's place in the canon for this reference. This is misguided. The Biblical writers often make use of references and illustrations from books outside the Bible. In Acts 17:28 and Titus 1:12, for example, Paul quotes the pagan poet Epimenides. In making use of uninspired writings the Biblical authors are not vouching for the validity of those works. They are simply using them to make their inspired points. continues on the inside...

continued from *Exposition of Jude: Part 9 of 25*.
 Jude's point is to illustrate the proper attitude of the faithful in responding to false teachers. Even Michael when confronting as diabolical a figure as the devil himself, did not denounce him in his own power. Instead, he made his appeal to a sovereign God, saying, "The Lord rebuke you!" When we face false teachers, we should trust that Lord of all the earth to do right in the end. He will rebuke those who oppose him.

Application:

- How is Michael an example for the church in dealing with false teachers?
- Why would it be unfruitful for believers to spend too much time focusing on the doctrine of angels?
- Explain why Jude and other inspired books of Scripture are able to make use of uninspired writings without compromising their integrity.
- Do you trust that God will, in the end, sovereignly judge evil doers (cf. Romans 12:9)?

— JTR

THANK YOU

for your support of the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. Your gift will be instrumental in purchasing the best materials and supporting God called personnel to share Christ effectively. Thank you also for your many prayers which I am sure will help you discover God's power in your own life. Hopefully we have helped many to respond to the name of Jesus. Thank you again and God Bless,

Georgia Kirby

We reached our Goal of \$3,300!

Flowers

in the sanctuary this Sunday will be placed by Phyllis Steger and her daughter Mary Ann in honor of Mary Sharpley.

JPBC Prayer, News, and Notes

- **Ed Williamson** became ill last week. Pray for his recovery.
- Continue to lift up the Slaughter family.
- It was good to have former members, **Jeff and Jamie Martin** and children, in worship last Lord's Day. The Martins now live in the greater Cincinnati area.
- **Chip and Hannah Case** have announced that they are expecting their first child. Lift them up in prayer during this pregnancy.
- Congrats to JPBC student members who will be graduating from UVA: **Danny Artusio** (Music); **Kyle Artusio** (Religion); **Heather Burdette** (Education); **Chris Eller** (Medicine); **Byron Glaspy** (Economics); **Jackie Rosser** (Civil Engineering). Some of these will be leaving Charlottesville while others will be back next Fall. Pray for those who are leaving to find new church homes. Pray for all our students as they finish the semester and head into the summer break.

VBS Workers Meeting
Friday, May 16th
6:00 pm
Pizza provided.
All workers please attend!
 If you cannot attend,
 contact Melia Hatfield.



June 1, 2008

Mark your calendars now! We will have a **church-wide picnic following Sunday morning worship on the first Lord's Day of June (June 1st)**. We will meet after church at Earl and Marilyn Whitley's farm in North Garden (3605 Garden Gate Court). Bring your lawn chairs and covered dish items to share. The church will provide tea and soft drinks. Dress comfortably or bring a change of clothes. In case of inclement weather, the first Sunday lunch will be held as usual in the church Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Notes

Summertime is fast approaching and there will be times when teachers are out of town. To make sure our Sunday morning Bible study goes smoothly, please take note of the following:

- **The new quarter will begin on the first Sunday of June.** We will have information on Track Classes in next week's *Evangel*.
- **Classes will meet as scheduled even when a teacher is absent.** Please plan on attending your class.
- **Teachers: If you know you will be absent, please contact Sunday School Director Chris Marshall or Pastoral Assistant Marcus Deel, so they can arrange for an approved substitute for your class.** If you could do this at least a week in advance that would be best, but we realize that emergencies will arise from time to time.
- If you have any questions, comments, or feedback concerning Sunday School, please contact Chris or Marcus.

Youth Corner
No Youth Meeting
Sunday, May 11

Like to host a Christian lady in your family in June?

JPBC was recently contacted by a young Christian woman who is taking a job at UVA and moving to C-ville from Buffalo, NY. She is seeking to live with a Christian family in June till she finds an apartment and becomes familiar with the area and is willing to pay for the one-month stay. A flyer with more information is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

Greeters for Sunday, May 11

9:15AM Sunday School	Anne Evick
10:30AM Entrance	Georgia Kirby
Side door	Betty Snead

Nursery for Sunday, May 11

10:45AM Worship	Ann Marie Dick
	Heidi Marshall
	Anne Evick

6:00PM Evening Worship	Hannah Riddle
	Llewellyn Riddle

Nursery for Wednesday, May 14

6:00PM	Christine Liu
	Heidi Marshall

Need a Ride?
Contact:
Jamie Hatfield – 434-294-4261