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Message Info

Title:

My Greatest for the
Greatest One

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Scriptures:

Jude 24-25

Theme: Make the Greatest One the greatest part of your life.

Introduction: Jude contains some passages that have a very hard tone and message. Though he wanted to write a more upbeat letter (v. 3), he found it necessary to call the church to contend against false teachers. Jude knows that if the church does not fight off these intruders, the gospel will be lost and the church will cease to be faithful. But alongside this difficult message, Jude offers one of the most beautiful benedictions in Scripture as well.

In his benediction, Jude highlights 2 aspects of God's greatness for us:

1. The Greatness that He Is

Jude highlights 2 of God's abilities: a) he's able to keep us from stumbling; and, b) he's able to present us blameless before himself.

In the face of the threat posed by the false teachers, Jude calls the church to place their trust in the God who keeps them.

Only God can make us blameless, and through the grace of Christ we are made righteous. And in him, we will be kept until Jesus returns.

Our God is also the only true God, "the only God." Any attempts at relativism or pluralism that would seek to undo his uniqueness are wrong and destructive.

2. The Greatness of What He Has

Jude tells us (v. 25) that "glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever," are ascribed to our God. We are to give those things to him in our own hearts and lives.

God's glory is what emanates from him. Just as we cannot look into the sun for long without harming our eyes, so God's glory is beyond our ability to comprehend.

His majesty expresses his splendor as Almighty King. His status should affect how we approach him—not cavalierly, but with appropriate reverence.

His dominion and authority relate to the scope and nature of his power. He truly rules over all things. As he has entrusted responsibilities to us, so we should magnify him in how we exercise those roles.

Questions:

1. How important is God to you?
2. Are you pursuing growth in your knowledge of and love for God?
3. Does your life manifest the majesty of God?