**The Epistle of Jude, Part Six**

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**Jude 1:9-10**  Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. 10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

**2 Peter 2:10-12**  they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. 11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. 12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

**False teachers blaspheme pastors in contrast with Michael who did not rebuke the devil; their instinct is animalistic >** 1**.** F.T. blaspheme Pastors (human level); 2. Michael does not blaspheme devil (angelic level), 3. Angels don’t blaspheme F.T. (angel/human level). F.T. were not insulting angels and angels don’t insult angels

**I. The Illustration**

**A. The Example** > Michael and the Devil

1. Michael > *“who is like God”* >

a. His status > *archangel* (I Thes. 4:16): only one archangel!

b. His service > Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1; Rev. 12:7

2. Devil > *diabolos* “slanderer” (38x)

**B. The Episode** > contention over body > Dt. 34:5-6

**C. The Exclamation** > the Lord rebuke thee

1. Railing declined (no blasphemy against underling Devil): blaspheme > I Pet. 4:4, 14; II Pet. 2:2, 10, 12; Jude 1:8, 10; noun Jude 1:9.

2. Rebuking declared (*epitimao* [29x]) > Mt. 16:22; II Tim. 4:2

**II. The Instinct**

**A. Their Ignorance** > not recognizing the importance of pastorate > I Thes. 5:12-14; Heb. 13:7, 17; I Pet. 5:5 (application obey human leader Moses > Christ)

**B. Their Immorality** > act as animals fornicating with whatever (Rom. 1:24; I Cor. 6:9-11)

**C. Their Infliction** > self destruction > II Pet. 3:16

**CONCLUSION: Apostasy culminates in blaspheming Pastor who represents Christ!**