**The Epistle of Jude, Part Thirteen**

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 **(God resists the proud): no self-reflection in mirror of word leads to pride which leads to an apostatizing heart which leads to destruction: Prov. 16:18; I Pet. 5:5 > 6-9 (**u`perh,fanoj *huperephanos* [5x])

Is this you or someone you know?

 1. They have to tell you that they are “humble.”

 2. They have to tell accounts of their greatness.

 3. They can never self-efface.

 4. They cannot self-reflect.

 5. They cannot take criticism.

 6. They are willing to give up minor sins but in essence they have no problems or faults.

 7.They never allow themselves to be put in a position of weakness or defeat.

 8. They are victims of people or events but it is never their fault for “failure.”

 9. They can’t understand why they are going through a valley.

 10. They seek disciples who will accept their proud “humility.”

 11. They constantly spin everything to make themselves look good.

 12. They cannot maintain long term relationships.

 13. They are a blight and not a blessing to others.

14. They are self-deceived and do not recognize that pride oozes from their being, but others see their “pride shine”!

**PREMISE: the proud Church member is the prime candidate for apostasy (aimed at pastor).**

\*Doxology > I Tim. 6:16; I Pet. 5:11; Rev. 5:13

**I. His Power (v. 24a) >** *dunamai*

 A. To Keep from Falling

 1. *phulasso* (guard as a captive) > *aorist* infinitive (timeless guarding after fact of salvation).

 2. *aptaistos* (not stumbling) in apostasy to damnable apostasy. > see II Pet. 2:5 ff.; Jude 1:20-23

 B. To Present Faultless

 1. *stesai* (to stand) *aorist* infinitive; with exceeding joy *> en agalliasei* (for believer)

 2. *katenopion* (presence) intensely in face of Lord

 3. *amomos* (faultless) > our life walking in and filled with Spirit > Eph. 1:4; 5:27

**II. His Person (vv. 24b-25a)**

 A. His Glory (*doxa*) > Heb. 1:3; Rev. 1:13-15

 B. His Wisdom

 1. Only (*mono*) > Mt. 4:11 (serve Lord only)

 2. Wise (*sopho*) > I Tim. 1:17; Rom. 16:27 (wise omitted in CT adds Saviour Jesus Christ)

 C. His Saviour-Hood

 1. God (vv. 1, 4. 21, 25)

 2. Our Saviour (11x in NT > I Tim. 1:1)

**III. His Praise (v. 15b) >** only humble can worship God in pure religion (Jam. 1:27)

 A. About His Glory (*doxa*)

B. About His Majesty (*megalosune* [3x]) > Heb. 8:1; II Pet. 1:16

 C. About His Dominion (*kratos*) > Col. 1:10:11

 D. About His Power (*exousia*) now and all ages Mt. 28:18

**CONCLUSION: Only humble believer can offer doxology of praise to Lord!**