

“KEPT FROM FALLING”**Introduction**

1. Jude altered his theme.
2. The reason for this change.
3. The warning against false religion.

1. THE TERRIBLE EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO FELL

- 1) Two kinds of falling:
 - (i) temporary
 - (ii) total and final = apostasy
- 2) God shows his children this terrible face:
 - (i) unbelieving Israel
 - (ii) the fallen angels
 - (iii) Sodom and Gomorrah
 - (iv) others mentioned here (v.11)

ILLUSTRATION: to the edge of a precipice

- 3) Similar to Hebrews 6, etc.

DOCTRINE: Many commit apostasy

APPLICATION: Let us not play with fire

2. THE STEPS WE MUST TAKE TO AVOID FALLING

The writer shows what we must do:

- (i) build ourselves up in the faith
- (ii) pray in the Spirit
- (iii) keep in God’s love
- (iv) wait for God’s mercy
- (v) help those that waver
- (vi) snatch some out of danger
- (vii) watch not to be defiled

APPLICATION: There is ever a danger that we fall in love with this world:

ILLUSTRATION: Delilah.

3. THE ASSURANCES TRUE CHRISTIANS HAVE

- 1) God is able to keep us. How?
 - (i) by His word: John 17
 - (ii) importance of preaching
 - (iii) diligence in all our duties
 - (iv) fear and love go together
- 2) This “Presentation” before God:
 - (i) the Great Day
 - (ii) the happiness of saints then
 - (iii) the glory given to God

CONCLUSION

We dare not go to sleep in this world.

ILLUSTRATION: a man gassed

PSALMS

107: 15 – 22

48: 8 – 14

104: 33 – 35