

Jude 3 – I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.” Wanting to write a message about salvation, Jude was moved by the Holy Spirit to write about apostasy instead. He wrote for times like these. The world is out of control; false teachers abound; and the church is fast asleep, like Jonah. It took a wale of a trial, but God finally got His prophet to Nineveh. The result was the salvation of more 120,000 people. Will God have to do the same with His sleeping church? “Awake to righteousness and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame” (I Cor. 15:34). The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost to empower the church for world-wide evangelism (Acts 1:8). The power is available. The Spirit is available. The church is unavailable. The power of the Spirit was given for the whole church age. “The promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:39). God is calling; His people aren’t hearing. We are listening to other voices. Greek mythology speaks of sirens, i.e., women whose singing lured sailors on to the rocks. The church has its sirens – self-esteem theology, prosperity promises, and manifest destiny are leading the church to the rocks. If we do not heed the voice of the Spirit, the ship will wreck. God is calling the church to revival. “Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts...” We don’t have to wait for God to have revival; God is waiting on us. Call out to God to revive the church (and hopefully save this nation). Awake to righteousness and sin not, by not praying. HA