

Jude 1:5

But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

When you read today's verse, it may make you wonder, "Have I done things that are so bad that the Lord will reject or destroy me also?" I don't think so, because you are reading this right now, and if you have rejected the Lord you would not want to read anything about God or from His word, the bible. You must also put it in the context of the chapter. Let's look at the verse right before today's devotional verse.

† ***Jude 1:4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.***

If you read the book of Exodus, you will read that not only the children of Israel left Egypt, but others also went with them. Those who did go with them were not Israelites, and they also brought their pagan gods and practices which caused the children of Israel to turn their back on the Lord GOD.

† ***Ex 12:37-38 Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds--a great deal of livestock.***

Once again. "A *mixed multitude*" is referring to those who were not Israelites. So what are you bringing into your relationship with the Lord or into the church? Are you like the children of Israel here who brought part of Egypt with them? (Egypt represents the world) Or have you left all that junk behind, wanting to really start a fresh with the Lord?

If you ever have gone hiking, you know that you only pack what you need for the journey, because anything else that you put into the backpack will wear you down. In our journey with the Lord, all that extra old stuff from our past, just wears us down and makes the journey harder. Didn't Jesus say;

† ***Matt 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.***

Are you feeling the heavy weight (*burden*) of sin still upon you? It could be that you are bringing that into your relationship with the Lord, instead of leaving it at the cross, where Jesus paid for all your sins. Or, maybe you don't know if you have brought old stuff into your relationship with the Lord. Ask the Lord to show you what old junk you may have

brought into your relationship with Him or into the church. Then ask the Lord to help you get rid of it.

- † **Romans 6:5-6** *For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*

- † **Ephesians 4:22-24** *that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*