

They have no fear of God; they are prideful, unrepentant and boastful. From the smile on this young "lady's" face, she is even happy about all this.

I find this picture beyond belief. Understanding the thinking of these people is beyond my comprehension. Apart from the Scriptures, who really knows what lies beyond our death? So, isn't it the absolute pinnacle of stupidity to boast about something you do not understand.

It is written in the book of Jude...

## Jude (World English Bible)

 $^{f 5}$  Now I desire to remind you, though you already know this, that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who didn't believe. <sup>6</sup> Angels who didn't keep their first domain, but deserted their own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. <sup>7</sup> Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having, in the same way as these, given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are shown as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. <sup>8</sup> Yet in the same way, these also in their dreaming defile the flesh, despise authority, and slander celestial beings.  $^{9}$  But Michael, the archangel, when contending with the devil and arguing about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him an abusive condemnation, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you!" <sup>10</sup> But these speak evil of whatever things they don't know. What they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, they are destroyed in these things. (emphasis added) <sup>11</sup> Woe to them! For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in Korah's rebellion. <sup>12</sup> These are hidden rocky reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you, shepherds who without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; <sup>13</sup> wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. <sup>14</sup> About these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."<sup>16</sup> These are murmurers and complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaks proud things), showing respect of persons to gain advantage. (emphasis added)

<sup>17</sup> But you, beloved, remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> They said to you that "In the last time there will be mockers, walking after their own ungodly lusts." <sup>19</sup> These are they who cause divisions, and are sensual, not having the Spirit. (emphasis added) <sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, keep building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> On some have compassion, making a distinction, <sup>23</sup> and some save, snatching them out of the fire with fear, hating even the clothing stained by the flesh. (emphasis added)

We know what lies beyond this life because the Bible tells us about it. And that knowledge of either eternal blessing or eternal punishment should be enough to wake us from the desire to sin.

May the God of all creation work on the hearts of those poor people who are mocking God by their attitudes and actions. May HE give them understanding and a repentant spirit, so that they may be saved from the destiny they so proudly proclaim.

One last thing – help me to remember to pray for them, because they desperately need it!