

"Hey Jude!"

I enjoyed this study very much, and am amazed at how much I have learned in the course of thinking about 25 verses! There's *so* much in this little book - it's like a little gem that I've been discovering ever since Anna 'phoned and asked if I might like to be a part of this email study group. Thank you, Anna!

Not that it hasn't been a challenging 'little gem'!

Churches can be difficult places, and we can all be tempted by new ideas and new ways of thinking and believing which take us off the narrow path and on to what we imagine are 'pastures new'.

The great value of Jude's letter, for me, has been to make me more aware of the danger of being swept along by people who put 'SELF' before 'GOD'. On of the most insidious temptations is that of taking seriously the words of someone who, in effect, is saying:

"Come on, now! Is God *really* saying _____? (*Fill in the blank*)

Wouldn't it be better if we did it this way? Surely if it makes us happy it must be OK? etc etc ...

It's been very encouraging to learn from Jude that there are answers to these problems, and they rest, not in *our* wisdom, discernment or ability to 'sort it out', but in the power of our Gracious, Loving and Just Father-God.

I found the study exciting and challenging, and have been very encouraged by reading the summary of answers from the others in the group.

What a lot we can learn from the insights of others!

Love and Thank you from Eileen to Anna, Ian, Christine, Ailsa and Sue ...

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.