

FACE OFF: FIGHTING FOR THE FAITH

THE POINT OF NO RETURN

Jude 1:5-10

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My Spirit shall not strive with man forever. Genesis 6:3

Is it possible to cross the point of no return with God?

1. People cross the point of no return with continued unbelief.

Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. Jude 1:5

A. Many Israelites did not believe.

And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst? Numbers 14:11

"AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.' " Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God. Hebrews 3:11, 19

B. Many church people do not believe.

For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. Hebrews 4:2

2. People cross the point of no return with gross immorality.

A. Certain angels were guilty of it.

B. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were guilty of it.

C. God has made it clear what He thinks of it.

... and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly thereafter.

2 Peter 2:6

3. People cross the point of no return with blatant irreverence.

Yet in the same manner these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. Jude 1:8

A. Do you submit to the Word of God?

B. Do you respect authority?

But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." Jude 1:9

C. Are you humble and teachable?

But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Jude 1:10 ESV

Will you soften your heart and heed God's warnings?