

How should God's people think about dangerous imposters in the church who influence people into sin?

1-They are evil—Sin leads to judgment (5-10)

- Reminder—OT Apostates who faced judgment (5-7)
 - Exodus generation—disobedience and disbelief
 - Disobedient angels—transgressing God’s boundaries
 - Sodom & Gomorrah—sexual immorality and perversion
- Application—NT Apostates who will face judgment (8-10)
 - They pollute the flesh IMMORALITY
 - They reject authority FREEDOM
 - They slander celestial beings PRIDE

2-They are dangerous (11-13)

- Old Testament examples [types] (11)

- Cain
- Balaam
- Korah

- Application to false teachers (12-13)

Hidden reefs at your love feasts
Shepherds who feed only themselves
Clouds without rain
Autumn trees without fruit
Wild waves of the sea
Wandering stars

Dangerous imposters
Self-serving leaders
Making empty promises
Unfruitful and dead
Restless wickedness
Undependable guides

3-They are heading for God's judgment (14-16)

- Ancient Prophecy—God will judge all the ungodly (14-15)
- Modern Application—The false teachers are ungodly (16)