

DOXOLOGIES

SERMON #7: HE IS ABLE, TO PROTECT US, AND PRESENT US [Jude]

Doxologies: To him be glory....

[Note: here I give only sermon notes and a general outline. For the most part, the personal illustrations I would use in preaching the sermon are not included. Neither do I give a detailed study of the text. Please note, especially for preachers and teachers, careful exposition and application are always a significant part of the expository sermon.]

Jude 24-25 - Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Introduction

We near the end of the series, we have been traveling through the New Testament in order, so we also near the end of the New Testament. We have come a long way, but we have only begun, certainly we have not begun to touch all of the doxologies and themes that one could identify in the NT.

Today's doxology declares four truths that undergird the doxology. The doxology is more extensive than many. The declarations of the doxology may be seen as a restatement of the message of the book.

Forgive me if I temporarily jump outside the text of Jude to reinforce Jude's claims.

God's power

God is able. Perhaps no promise is more precious, God is able.

God's protection

God protects. He can keep me from stumbling. I do not have to fall. I do not understand every detail of this promise, this reality. I see my own weakness, I see my own stumbles, but I do not go down. I am not flattened. I recover mid-stride.

God's presence

God presents us blameless in his glorious presence, with joy. We do not understand God's presence. He is always present, but there is more. We can be presented to God. We can come into his presence and been seen as blameless.

Doxology

Jude mentions four things. God-realities.

- glory (doxa)
- majesty (megalosune, greatness)
- dominion (kratos, power, strength)
- authority (exousia)

Powerful God. All of this is through Jesus Christ. Is the God of the OT great? Glorious? Yes. But that glory is now seen through Jesus Christ. God is visible, the invisible now visible. Glory among us, glory within us, from his glory to our glory (2 Cor. 3:18).

You can participate in God's glory, the glory through Jesus Christ. We see God's glory, we see grace and truth. The Bible abounds with God's glory!

He invites you to allow his glory to dwell in you, to come to you, to protect and present you.