



## [Jude 1:8-10](#)

(8) Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. (9) Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (10) But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

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*Dignitaries* (New King James) or *dignities* (King James) literally means "glorious ones," and it refers to the apostles. However, the indignity does not end there because to disrespect them is to also disrespect the One who sent them, as [Jesus](#) reveals in [Matthew 10:40](#).

This evil is covered in [Exodus 22:28](#): "You shall not revile [God](#), nor curse a ruler of your people." [II Peter 3:3](#) alerts us "that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts." Today, the disrespect is boldly, openly, and directly aimed at God. These vile people not only disrespect God verbally, but they also do so in their public, influential conduct. Never has there been such a universal irreverence for our Creator since the period before the Flood. The worst offenders in this nation are those who are younger and who have been thoroughly schooled in liberalism's concepts.

On the surface, [God's sovereignty](#) appears to have been eclipsed, but we must not think this. God is in absolute and complete control. Though it may appear that [Satan](#) and his evil influences are in control, it is not the reality. We can be deceived if we allow this line of thinking to continue.

What does the Bible say to the mind of [faith](#)? [I Timothy 6:15-16](#) proclaims who is God and who is in control! "[W]hich He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the [King of kings](#) and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor

The Berean: Daily Verse and Commentary for Jude 1:8-10 (<http://www.theberean.org>) and everlasting power." This is He about whom they speak evil and at whom they scoff. His time is coming, and we appear to be on its cusp.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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