

# He Makes Us Stand

Jude 24-25

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a study of the epistle

## D. Edmond Hiebert:

“The concluding doxology (vv. 24-25) is universally recognized as one of the fullest and most beautiful in Scripture. Stressing the security of the believer in the midst of apostasy, it brings the epistle to a marvelous conclusion.”



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# Concluding with a Doxology

- In closing, Jude reminds us:
  - All glory and majesty and power belong to God.
  - He will be praised forever by those saved in Christ.
  - And it is God that is able to hold them fast and keep them from apostasy.
  - Those who belong to Him will endure.



# But Not of Ourselves...

Our faithfulness until the end is not  
due to our own nobility or inner  
strength.

It is God, and God alone, Who keeps  
His own from falling away, and He  
grants the ability to stand before God  
blameless and joyful on the last day.

# The New Testament Doxology

1. God, the person who deserves the praise, is addressed in the dative case.
2. Glory and honor are ascribed to God.
3. The endless duration of God's praise is highlighted.
4. A concluding "Amen" is incorporated.



## Romans 16:25-27

25 Now **to Him** who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, 26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; 27 **to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever.**  
**Amen.**

## Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now **to Him** who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 **to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.**



## 2 Peter 3:18

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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## Jude 24a

“Now to Him who is able to keep you  
from stumbling”

Not that God *might* keep believers from  
falling but that He *will* keep them from  
falling.

“keep” - φυλάσσω (*phylassō*)







## John 17:12

“While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded (*phylassō*) them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.”

# “stumbling”

- Not sinlessness.
- God does not promise that believers will never sin, but He does promise that He will preserve us from apostasy and forsaking the faith.
- And this is confirmed by the next statement.



## Jude 24b

“and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy”

“make you stand” (στῆσαι – *stesai*)

Elsewhere in the NT, the term is often eschatological.

## Romans 14:4

**4** Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he **stands** or falls; and he will **stand**, for the Lord is able to make him **stand**.



## 1 Corinthians 10:12

**12** Therefore let him  
who thinks he **stands**  
take heed that he does  
not fall.

# Ephesians 6:11, 13-14

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to **stand** firm against the schemes of the devil...13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to **stand** firm. 14 **Stand** firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness



# It is God

Who will keep believers from committing apostasy so that they will be able to stand before God “with great joy” on the Day of the Lord.

And that joy brings honor to God as their savior and protector on that day.

# “blameless”

- This is a term often used of OT sacrifices.
- In the NT, it is used of Jesus as a perfect sacrifice (Heb. 9:14) and of believers on the day of judgment (Eph. 1:4).
- And once again, it is the Lord who will make us “blameless” on the last day.



## Philippians 1:6

**6** For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

## Jude 25

**25** 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.



**“the only God and Savior”**

- **John 17:3 –**

**“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”**

# Surprise, Surprise, a Set of 3!

1. “glory”

2. “majesty”

3. “dominion and  
authority”



# 1. “glory”

- Honor, resplendence, and beauty ascribed to God for His saving work.
- Glory refers to “public reputation or fame,” and this glory is to be publicly expressed and proclaimed.

## 2. “majesty”

- Denotes God’s greatness and how worthy He is of honor given His exalted position.
- This is an established OT idea, for example 1 Chronicles 29:11 –  
“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth...”



### 3. “dominion and authority”

- God is sovereign and in control.

- **Revelation 4:11 –**

“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

**This is NOT a Prayer**

**It is a FACT.**

**Jude rested securely in the  
truth of Who God is and what  
He has done.**

**And we should, as well.**



## One Last Set of 3

- God's "glory, majesty, dominion and authority" is eternal.
  1. "before all time"
  2. "now"
  3. "forever"

**One Commentator said:**

**“Words could hardly  
express more clearly  
Jude’s belief in the pre-  
existence and eternity of  
Christ.”**





**“Amen”**

## One Commentator wrote:

“It lifts the thoughts from earthly conflicts with which the author has been compelled to busy himself, up to the heavenly realms, where God is enthroned amidst eternal might and honor.”





*That's all Folks!*

