



know

2 PETER

and grow

2 Peter

2:1 There will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them.

Jude

1:4 For certain men ... have secretly slipped in among you. They ... deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

2 Peter

2:3 Their
condemnation
from long ago is
not idle..

Jude

1:4 ... whose
condemnation
was written
about long ago.

2 Peter

2:4 God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment.

Jude

1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment.

2 Peter

2:6 He turned Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes ... making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly.

Jude

1:7 Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

2 Peter

2:10 They indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority... they blaspheme the glorious ones.

Jude

1:8 These people ... defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

2 Peter

2:11 Even angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.

Jude

1:9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”

2 Peter

But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct... blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction. (2:12)

Jude

They blaspheme all that they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals—these are the very things that destroy them. (1:10)

2 Peter

2:15 They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing.

Jude

1:11 They have rushed for profit into Balaam's error.

2 Peter

2:13 They are blots
and blemishes,
reveling in their
deceptions, while
they feast with you.

Jude

1:12 These men are
blemishes at your
love feasts, eating
with you without the
slightest qualm..

2 Peter

2:17 These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved.

Jude

1:12 They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind...
13 ... for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

2 Peter

3:2 Remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.

Jude

1:17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter

3:3 ...knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

Jude

1:18 They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.”

2 Peter

3:18 But grow in
the grace and
knowledge of our
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.

Jude

1:20 But you, dear
friends, build
yourselves up in
your most holy
faith and pray in
the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter and Jude

- Peter probably had a copy of Jude's letter and adapted it to address a similar situation.
- Both authors fought for the faith, exposed false teachers, and told believers to know and grow.

Animal Religion

2 Peter 2:10-22
David Feddes



False teachers

- Sneak among God's people
- Bring in destructive heresies
- Deny Jesus the Master
- Follow immoral urges
- Speak false words to exploit
- Get condemned and destroyed

Punish and rescue

⁹ The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment ¹⁰ and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

Bold and willful, they do not tremble
as they blaspheme the glorious ones,
¹¹ whereas angels, though greater in
might and power, do not pronounce a
blasphemous judgment against them
before the Lord.

¹² But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, ¹³ suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing.

Animal religion

- Careless toward mighty spirits
- Follow irrational animal instincts
- Make blasphemous noises about things they don't understand
- Strut toward slaughter

A photograph showing a row of skinned animal carcasses, likely pigs, hanging vertically from metal hooks in a meat processing facility. The carcasses are arranged in a line, with their legs and internal organs visible. The meat is a pale pink color, and the skin is a light tan. The background is dark and industrial.

Dead meat

They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. ¹⁴ They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls.

Immoral urges

- Party time all the time
- Drunk on booze and lies
- Eyes see only adulteresses
- Ever-growing appetite for sin

They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! ¹⁵ Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, ¹⁶ but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.



Trained in
greed



Prophet
for profit











¹⁷ These are waterless springs
and mists driven by a storm.
For them the gloom of utter
darkness has been reserved.

Waterless springs



Mists driven
by a storm



¹⁸ For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. ¹⁹ They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

Attracting a crowd

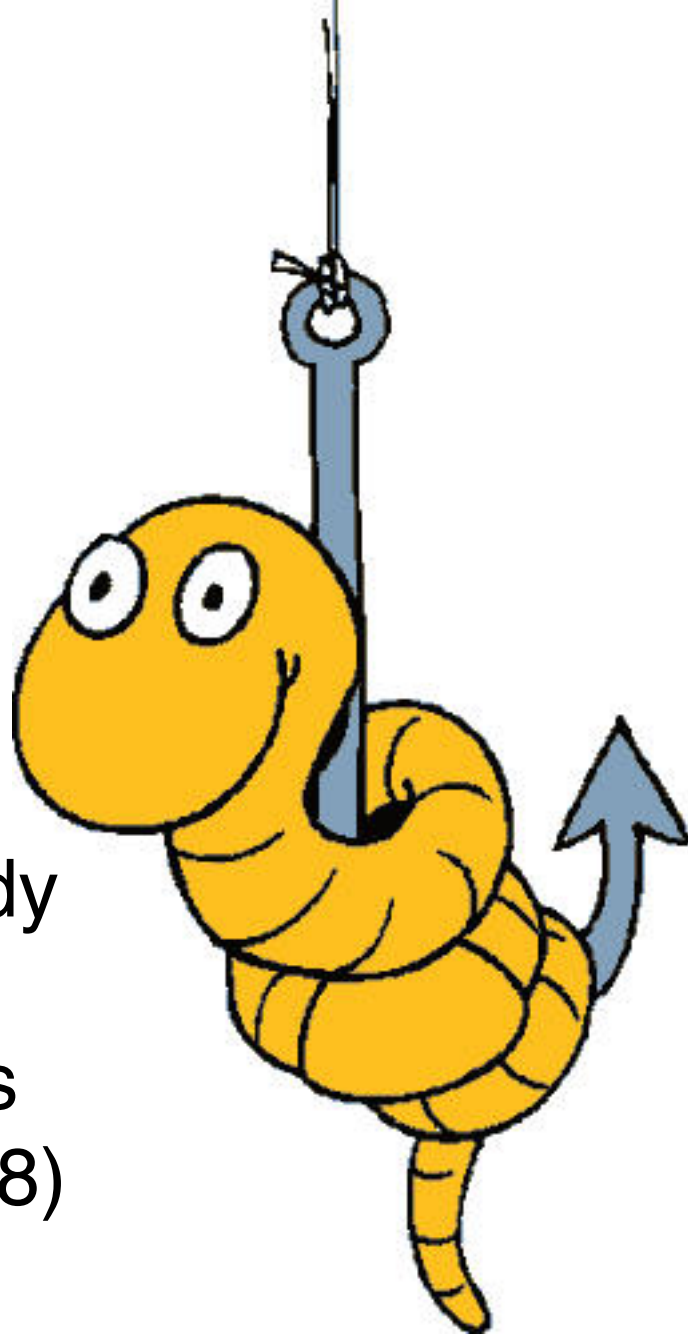
- Speak with bold authority
- Target shaky souls
- Cater to sexual passions
- Train hearts in greedy gain
- Promise fulfillment & freedom
but are slaves of corruption

Entice

δελεάζω

Bait a hook

They entice unsteady
souls... they entice
by sensual passions
of the flesh (v. 14, 18)



Free indeed

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin... So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:31-36)

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

Worse off than ever

The unclean spirit finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. (Matthew 12:45)

²¹ For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²² What the true proverb says has happened to them: “The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.”

Better not knowing

If you turn from the Way, reject the faith, and deny Christ, you get:

- **Harder heart:** ex-“Christian” is harder to save than a pagan.
- **Harsher punishment:** hell is worst for those who knew most.

Can salvation be lost?

- Churchgoers and professing “Christians” can end up in hell.
- Knowing of Christ, admitting sins, and improving behavior are NOT proof of rebirth. Perseverance is!
- Traitors were never reborn or saved; their nature never changed.

²² What the true proverb says has happened to them: “The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.”

AS A DOG RETURNS TO
ITS VOMIT...



SO A FOOL RETURNS TO
HIS FOLLY!

PROVERBS 26:11



... the sow, after washing herself,
returns to wallow in the mire.

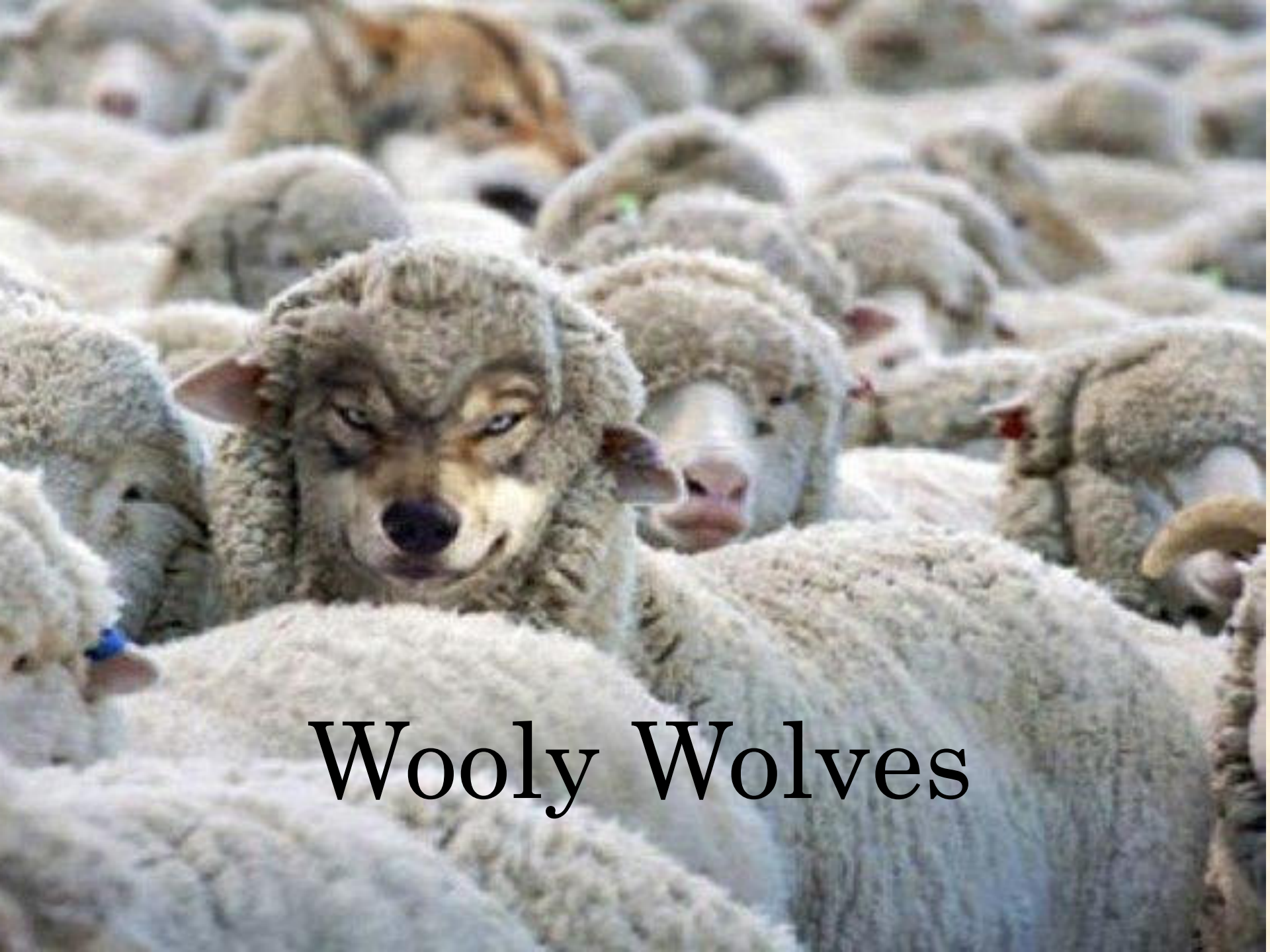
Animal religion

... like irrational animals, creatures of instinct ... “The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.” (2 Peter 2:12, 22)

... understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals ... follow their own ungodly desires ... follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. (Jude 1:10-19)

You serpents, you
brood of vipers, how
are you to escape
being sentenced
to hell? (Matt 23:33)





Wooly Wolves



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2 PETER

and grow