

# 彼得後書

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## 7. Pursuit of Happiness? 追求幸福 ?

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## What if...

- Inheritance from a distant relative...
- What would you do?

## False Teachers are Here...

- They will secretly introduce **destructive** heresies (2:1b NIV)
  - 他們偷偷把使人滅亡的異端引進來 (CNV)
  - Destructive opinions (NRSV)
  - Opinions - ways of thinking
- ... even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—  
**bringing swift destruction** on themselves (2:1c NIV)
  - 甚至否認那曾經買贖他們的主，迅速地自取滅亡。(CNV)
- **Swift destruction** 迅速地滅亡
  - Peter used three biblical examples (2:4-10a)

## The Destroyed

- The Fallen Angels
- The Corrupted World
- The Filthy Cities
- Lawlessness 無法無天 and licentiousness 生活淫亂
- Jewish legend about the Flood
  - The rain was not the common, but “hot rain”
  - Scalded the skin of sinners
  - Befitting sin of sensual desires

## Judgment is Inevitable 必然

- Hold the unrighteous for **punishment** on the day of judgment. This is especially true of those who follow the **corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority** (2:9b-10a NIV)
  - 把不義的人留下來，等候在審判的日子受刑罰，尤其是那些隨從肉體，生活在污穢的私慾中，和輕蔑當權的，更是這樣。(CNV)
- Share the same characters as the three OT examples
  - **Despise authority** 輕蔑當權 and **follow desire of flesh** 隨從肉體
  - **Lawlessness** 無法無天 and **licentiousness** 生活淫亂
- Judgment is coming soon
  - 等候審判的日子
  - **Inevitable** 必然

## Warning Letter

- Most “colourful” in NT 富色彩
- **Animals...** 畜牲
- 但這些人，好像沒有理性的牲畜
  - **Unreasoning animal** (2:12a NIV)
  - **Governed by instincts** (Greek)
  - **Mere animals**
- **Dog** (2:22 NIV)
  - **Man of impure mind**
- **Sow** (2:22 NIV)
  - **Wallowing in mud** 打滾
- **False Teacher’s behaviors** (2:10b-16)

## Bold and Arrogant

- 他們**膽大任性**，**毫無畏懼**地毀謗在尊位的。就是天使，雖有更大的力量與權能，尚且不用毀謗的話在主面前控告他們。(2:10b-11 CNV)
- Bold and arrogant 傲慢自大 (NIV)
- Celestial beings 在尊位的 (Greek *doxa*)
  - Clearly means angels in Jude 8
  - God's law-giver
- 就是天使長米迦勒為了摩西的屍體與魔鬼爭論的時候，尚且不敢用毀謗的話定他的罪，只說：“主責備你！” (Jude 9)
  - Archangel Michael came to bury Moses
  - Devil came to claim the body, for Moses is a murderer
  - “The Lord rebuke you” – God would decide of Moses' honour

## Pursuit of Happiness

- Their **idea of pleasure is to carouse** in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you (2:13b NIV)
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- Pleasure (Greek: *hedone*)
  - English derive “hedonism”
  - The ethical theory that pleasure (in the sense of the satisfaction of desires) is the highest good and proper aim of human life.
- Who lives for only pleasure
- Self-indulgence 自我放縱
- Carouse in broad daylight 在白晝縱情作樂

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- Reveling in pleasures while feasting
  - Love-feast – a full meal, an reenactment of the Last Supper
  - Regular gathering of the believers
  - Remembering Lord
- Turn Lord's supper into a party
  - *Symposium* – a banquet after the meal
  - From *sympiein* “to drink together”
    - Accompanied by music, dancing, singing, games, etc

## Full of Adultery

- With eyes **full of adultery**, they never stop sinning (2:14a NIV)
  - 他們滿眼淫色，而且不住地犯罪 (CNV)
- Literally – Full of an adulteress
  - Adulterous woman
- Looked at women as sexual objects
- Never stop sinning 不住地犯罪
  - Out of their control
  - Or unrestrained

## Seduce the Unstable

- They **seduce** the unstable (2:14b NIV)
  - 他們**引誘**心志不堅固的人 (CNV)
- Seduce/Entice (Greek *deleazo*)
  - A fishing word
  - Carefully luring 引|
- Unstable *soul*
  - Greek word *psyche* (soul) is missing in NIV
- “Fish” the soul of the unwary Christian

## Experts in Greed

- They are **experts** in greed—an **accursed brood!** (2:14c NIV)
  - 他們的心**習慣了**貪婪，是**應當受咒詛**的族類 (CNV)
- Experts 專家 (Greek *gymnazo*)
  - Derived gymnasium
  - Trained (NASB)
- Greed – desire to have more
- Tried variety of “pleasure”
  - Discover which are to their “taste”
- Practice how to enjoy “pleasure” to the limit
- Accursed Brood 應當受咒詛
  - Hebrew-style phrase – literally “children under curse”

## The Way of Balaam

- They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness (2:15 NIV)
  - 他們離棄正路，走入歧途，跟從了比珥的兒子巴蘭的道路。這巴蘭貪愛不義的工價 (CNV)
- Balaam (Nu. 22:2-24:5)
  - Repeatedly use as warning
    - (Dt 23:4, Jos, 13:22, 24:9, Ne. 13:2, 27, Mi. 6:5, Jude)
- The prophet who worked for profit
- Entice Israelites to commit sin

## Watch Out

- Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. (Matthew 7:15-16a NIV)
  - 提防假先知！他們披著羊皮到你們當中，裡面卻是殘暴的狼。憑著他們的果子就可以認出他們來 (CNV)
- False teaching is often revealed in false living
- False teachers in 2 Peter mistake about judgment