

# 彼得後書

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## 8. False Hope 虛假的盼望

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## Facts of the Teachers (2:10b-16)

- Most explicit and colorful language in NT 最不客氣
  - Expose behaviors and way of living
- 他們披著羊皮到你們當中，裡面卻是殘暴的狼。(Mt 7:15b)
- 好像沒有理性的牲畜，生下來就是給人捉去宰殺的 (CNV)

## Animal Instinct

- They are like unreasoning **animals**, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed (2:12a NIV)
  - 但這些人，好像沒有理性的**牲畜**，生下來就是給人捉去宰殺的 (CNV)
- Be caught and destroyed
- Unreasoning
- Creatures of instinct
- Wolves are very adaptive...
- Only see female wolves as mating partner

## More than Animals...

- With eyes **full of adultery** (2:14a)
  - 他們**滿眼淫色**，而且不住地犯罪 (CNV)
  - See women as sexual object
- They **seduce** the unstable (2:14b)
  - 他們**引誘**心志不堅固的人
- Loved the wages of wickedness (2:15)
  - 愛不義的工價
  - As Balaam – Prophecy for personal benefit
- Carouse in broad daylight 在白晝縱情作樂 (2:13b NIV)
- Hedonism
  - Self-indulgence 自我放縱
  - Turn Lord's supper into a party

## The Pursuit of Happiness

- Fundamental right to freely pursue joy and live life in a way that makes you happy, as long as you don't do anything illegal or violate the rights of others
  - The Declaration of Independence – July 4, 1776
- “Enjoying life” is NOT sinful
  - Built within us to enjoy – food, play, sex, etc
- Problem is pursuing the “unreachable”
  - Always better food, entertainment...
  - Never be satisfied...
- Hedonism
  - Pleasure is the highest good and proper aim of human life

## The Pursuit of Happiness

- ... all men are created equal, that they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
  - The Declaration of Independence – July 4, 1776
- Pursuing pleasure becomes dominating...
  - Unrestricted
  - Just do whatever please you

## “Ministry” of False Teachers

- From characters (2:10b-16) to impact on others (2:17-22)
- These people are **springs without water** and mists driven by a storm (2:17a NIV)
  - 這些人是無水的泉源，是暴風催逼的霧氣 (CNV)
- They are **clouds without rain**, blown along by the wind (Jude 12b)
  - 是無雨的浮雲，隨風飄蕩 (CNV)
- Hopeless
- The message is hallow and disillusioning
- The spring of living water - Jerimiah 2:13
- Jesus would quench our thirst - John 4:13-14

- They **mouth** empty, boastful words (2:18a NIV)
  - 他們說虛妄誇大的話 (CNV)
- Greek word **mouth** (*phtheggomai*)
  - Any sort of sound (of man or animal or object)
  - same as 2:16
- A donkey ... **spoke** with human voice and restrained the prophets madness (2:16b NIV)
  - 不能說話的驢，竟用人的聲音說出話來，制止了這先知的狂妄(CNV)
- Entice people... (2:18b NIV)
  - 引誘

## Hope of Freedom

- **Entice** people who are just escaping from those who live in error (2:18b NIV)
  - 引誘那些剛剛逃脫了錯謬生活的人 (CNV)
- Seduce/Entice (Greek *deleazo*)
  - A fishing word
  - Carefully luring 引|
  - Same as 2:14b
- They **seduce** the unstable (2:14b NIV)
  - 他們引誘心志不堅固的人 (CNV)
- Just escaping from living in error 剛剛逃脫了錯謬生活
  - Targets the new Christians

## False Hope

- They promise them freedom (2:19a)
  - 他們應許給人自由 (CNV)
- A freedom of continue old way of living
  - live in error 錯謬生活 (2:18b)
- Claim it is “okay with God”
  - God’s business is forgiving our sin...
  - God is our loving Father...
  - God is love...
- Pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality (Jude 4b NIV)
  - 把我們 神的恩典當作放縱情慾的藉口 (CNV)