



“Brute Beasts”

Mishandling the Word of God
II Peter 2:12-22

Identified by their:

I. Manner - “following the way of Balaam” (vs. 12-16)

They are:

- A. Brutish** – “count it pleasure to riot in the day time”
- B. Blending** – “while they feast with you”
- C. Beguiling** – “beguiling unstable souls”

II. Method - “springs without water” (vs. 17-19)

They use:

- A. Eloquence** – “they speak great swelling words of vanity”
- B. Enticement** – “they allure through the lust of the flesh”
- C. Enslavement** – “they promise them liberty”

III. Malady - “The dog is turned to his own vomit” (vs. 20-22)

They are :

- A. Polluted** – “the pollutions of the world”
- B. Powerless** – “to turn from the holy commandment”
- C. Pathetic** - “to her wallowing in the mire”

Sentence Sermon:

“When we earnestly study the Bible, it transforms us.”

Additional Verses

- *2 Peter 1:2-3, 8*
- *Matthew 13:25-26*
- *I John 2:18-19*
- *Proverbs 26:11*
- *Numbers 22:1-6; 22-35*
- *Proverbs 6:16-19*
- *I John 5:4-5*
- *Ephesians 1:7*
- *Romans 6:1-2; 12-16*
- *Luke 12:48*

Verses on Eternal Security (Once Saved Always Saved)

- *I Peter 1:5*
- *Ephesians 4:30*
- *II Corinthians 5:17*
- *I John 5:13*
- *John 6:39; 10:28-29*
- *Romans 8:29-30*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. What is the picture in your mind when you read “brute beasts?”
4. Why would they count it pleasure to riot in the day time?
5. Why do they beguile unstable souls?
6. What was wrong with the way of Balaam?
7. What keeps us from being entangled and overcome?
8. Why is the latter end worse for false teachers in verse 20?
9. What is “the holy commandment” and what is its purpose?
10. Which is worse the dog and vomit or the sow and its mire? Why?