

Peter is speaking about false teachers in the church and the damage they do.

**“Of them the proverbs are true: ‘A dog returns to its vomit,’**

**‘A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud’** (2 Pet 2:22).

As pigs will be pigs and dogs will be dogs, false teachers live by the instinct to sin.

**Jesus:** “Watch out for *false prophets* they are *ferocious wolves*” (Matt 7:15-16).

*‘It is an inevitable hallmark of no longer believing in the second coming that ethics become a matter of private choice and taste. Key issues become **self-fulfilment** and **self-expression** rather than purity and obedience.’*

(Chris Green)

### To the false teacher nothing is sacred:

**‘blaspheme** in matters they do not understand. They are like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like animals they too will perish’ (2 Pet 2:10-12).

### To the false teacher nothing is shameful:

*‘Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.’*

### To the false teacher no one is safe:

**‘With eyes full of adultery,**  
they never stop sinning;  
they seduce the unstable;  
they are experts in greed  
– an accursed brood!’ (2:14)

### **Empty WORDS**

‘These people are **springs without water** and **mists driven by a storm...** they mouth **empty**, boastful **words**

### **Enticing WORDS**

And by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, **they entice people** who are just escaping from those who live in error.

### **Evil WORDS**

**They will be paid back with harm for the harm that they have done**  
Blackest darkness reserved for them

Follow the way of Balaam  
*Turned their backs on the command*

**Be comforted by God** (2 Peter 2:9)

**Be faithful** (2 Tim 4:2; John 21:17) **shepherds** (Acts 20:28-29)

**Be followers** of truth and  
of true leaders (Heb 13:7)