

Intro:

VII. Creatures Born to be Killed

A. Their Presumption - vs 10b-13a

1. They are - similar to Satan in his original rebellion - Ezek 28:12-19 - pride is always a factor

a. presumptuous, - *tolmetes* - a daring (audacious) man:--presumptuous.

i. lit darers or reckless ones

ii. Defying God in exalting themselves

b. self-willed - *authades* - self-pleasing, i.e. arrogant:--self-willed.

i. connotes self-pleasing conceit and obstinacy

ii. determined to have their own way

c. not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, - Jd 8,10

i. *blasphemeo doxa* - referring to slandering angelic majesties - see vs 11

ii. Considered themselves superior to angelic beings

2. whereas angels, - the dignitaries of vs 10

a. who are greater in power and might, - Ps 8:5; **Heb 2:7,9**

b. do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord. - **Jd 9**

3. But these

a. like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed - Jd 10

i. unreasoning animals - creatures of instinct, not rational

ii. Primary role in the ecological system is to be caught and eaten

iii. speak evil of the things they do not understand - like animals, they make no positive contribution in serving others

b. will utterly perish in their own corruption,

i. they will not escape God's judgment

ii. **2 Pet 3:7, 12**

c. will receive the wages of unrighteousness,

i. *komizo* - to provide for, to carry off, bring, receive.

ii. pres. mid or pass.—to be damaged, harmed or injured

iii. Law of sowing and reaping - Ga 6:7

B. Their Practices - vs 13b-14

1. as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. Ro 13:13;

a. *hedone* - sensual delight; by implication, desire:--lust, pleasure.

b. *truphe* - enfeeble, especially the mind and body by indulgence); effeminacy, luxury or debauchery:--delicately, riot.

2. They are spots and blemishes,

a. carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you - 1Co 11:20-21; Jd 12

i. *entruphao* - to revel in:--sporting selves.

ii. *suneuocheo* - to fare well, or feast; to entertain sumptuously in company with, to revel together:--feast with.

b. having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin,

i. a shift to their private life - Php 3:19;

ii. No longer possessed any moral self control, lust overpowered them

c. enticing unstable souls.

i. *deleazo* - to entrap, delude:--allure, beguile, entice, To catch w/ bait

ii. *steriktos* - unfixed, vacillating:--unstable. - Ge 49:4; Jas 1:8; 4:8

3. They have a heart trained in covetous practices,
 - a. ***gumnazo*** - to practice naked (in the games), train:--exercise.
 - b. actions are not accidental

4. and are accursed children. - **Jd 11**

C. Their Premium - vs 15-16

1. They have forsaken the right way and gone astray,
 - a. forsake describes a deliberate rebellion against scripture
 - b. the right way - OT metaphor meaning obedience to God
2. following the way of Balaam the son of Beor,
 - a. who loved the wages of unrighteousness; his motivation - Nu 22:5,7,21,23,28
 - b. but he was rebuked for his iniquity:
 - i. a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice
 - ii. restrained the madness of the prophet.

D. Their Prophecies - vs 17-19 - Three characterizations of a false teachers ministry

1. treat scripture based doctrines w/ contempt - vs 17; **Jer 6:16; Jd 12-13**
 - a. These are wells without water, - offering false hopes
 - b. clouds carried by a tempest, - mists - the appearance of rain that doesn't come
 - c. for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. - their judgment
2. authoritarian - Diotrefes - **3 Jo 9-10**
 - a. For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, - vs 18a; Jd 16
 - i. claim great wisdom and knowledge
 - ii. Flowery vocab or academic arguments
 - b. While they promise them liberty, - vs 19
 - i. they themselves are slaves of corruption;
 - ii. for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. - Jo 8:34; Ro 6:16
3. man centered ministry - preach what men want to hear - vs 18b; **2 Ti 4:3;**
 - a. they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness,
 - i. feeling oriented
 - ii. Charismatic personality
 - b. the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.
 - i. they are trying to reach, deceive believers
 - ii. Those who live in error - those religious among unbelievers

E. Their Perversion - vs 20-22

1. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world
 - a. ***miasma*** - (morally) foulness (the effect):--pollution.
 - i. through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
- an accurate awareness
- Mt 7:21-23; Heb 6:4-6; 10:26-29
 - ii. they are again entangled in them and overcome, - return to what their nature dictates
 - b. the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. - Mt 12:45; Lu 11:26;
2. For it would have been better for them
 - a. not to have known the way of righteousness,
 - b. than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.
- Lu 12:47-48; Jo 9:41; 15:22
3. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb:
 - a. "A dog returns to his own vomit," - Pr 26:11 - biblical
 - b. "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire." - secular
 - c. both animals have the same standing in the Jewish mind