



A Textual Outline of 2 Peter 2:17-22

The Thesis ¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

A ¹⁸ For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. ¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption;

B for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

A' ²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. ²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

B' ²² But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “*A dog returns to his own vomit,*” and, “*a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.*”

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The Thesis The Actions, Plight, and End Result of False Teachers

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B The Proverbial Saying

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Peter's Reminders in 2 Peter 2:17-22

1. Be discerning in who you listen to and take advice from.
 2. Watch out for conceited attitudes (in yourself and others).
 3. Don't associate with those who may lure you into lustful situations.
 4. Watch out for those who over-promise "liberties" in the Christian faith.
 5. Keep desiring to really know God through His Word.
 6. The world is full of corruption and pollution. Don't be dulled to it.
 7. The pollution of this world is one bad decision away.
 8. Don't become entangled or overcome by the sins of the world.
 9. God will judge those who cause people to sin.