

Doctrine of Dogs

Matthew 7:6

*“Give not that which is holy unto the dogs,
neither cast ye your pearls before swine,
lest they trample them under their feet,
and turn again and rend you.”*

1. The term “dogs” is used in Scripture to speak of a variety of people.
 - A male prostitute is called a dog. *Deuteronomy 23:18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the Lord thy God.*

Special Note.

dog. Hebrew, *keleb*, meaning, “to yelp, or else to attack; a dog; hence (by euphemism) a male prostitute.

2. The word is used in a socially contempt way.
 - *1 Samuel 17:43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.*
3. David prayed that his “darling” soul, as he called it, be delivered from Satan, “*that old enemy who bruised the heel of the seed of the woman, the prince of this world*” (Matthew Henry).
 - *Psalms 22:20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.*
4. Wicked men can be thought of as dogs as they devour others. Certainly they devoured the Messiah.
 - *Psalms 22:16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.*
5. False prophets and false Bible teachers are no better than a dog.
 - *Isaiah 56:10 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.*
 - *Philippians 3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.*

6. Those who are classified as “dogs” in Scripture are identified as sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, and idolaters.
 - *Revelation 22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*
 7. A fool who returns to his folly is like a sick dog which returns to lap up his own vomit.
 - *Proverbs 26:11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.*
 8. An honest, and humble, self-analysis, sees the vile nature of the soul, and pleads for help.
 - *Matthew 15:26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.*
 9. Those who turn back from following the Lord are rightly referred to as dogs.
 - *2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*
2. In association with dogs, swine are used figuratively of three classes of individuals.
- Women who are morally indiscreet. *Proverbs 11:22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.*
 - Individuals who do not value the gospel pearls of Christ. *Matthew 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.*
 - Those who move from Christ back to a lifestyle of debauchery and decadence. *2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*