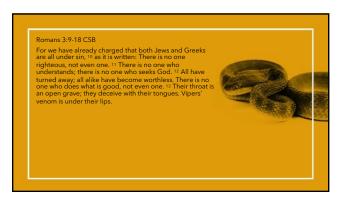




"The dragon is explicitly identified as that ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the world."

- Michael Gorman





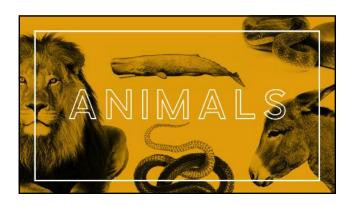




Matthew 23:1-7 CSB

Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 "The scribes and the Pharisees are seated in the chair of Moses." I Therefore do whatever they tell you, and observe it. But don't do what they do, because they don't practice what they teach. 4 They tie up heavy loads that are hard to carry and put them on people's shoulders, but they themselves aren't willing to lift a finger to move them.

5 They do everything to be seen by others: They enlarge their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. 4 They love the place of honor at banquest, the front seats in the synaggues, 'greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi' by people.



Matthew 12:33-34 CSB

33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit will be good, or make the tree bad and its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by list fruit. 34 Broad of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil? For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.





Luke 18:9-14 CSB

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: 19 "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Phanisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 1 thank you, God, that I am not like other people-cheaters, sinners, adulterers. In certainly not like that tax collector! 12 I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

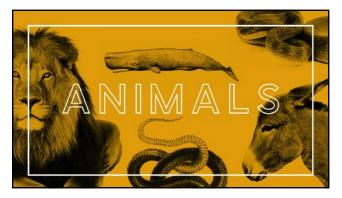
13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, "O God, be mercful to me, for I am a sinner." 14 I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be be waited."



Romans 12:2 NIV

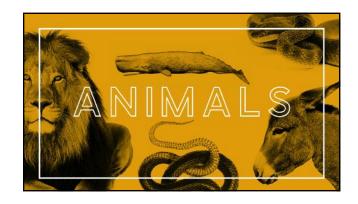
<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.





"At its heart, biblical faith is a creed of the antihero. It is the story of men and women who come to the end of themselves and must discover God."

- Mark Sayers



"In times of great untruth, God will call leaders to be his heralds of truth."

- Mark Sayers