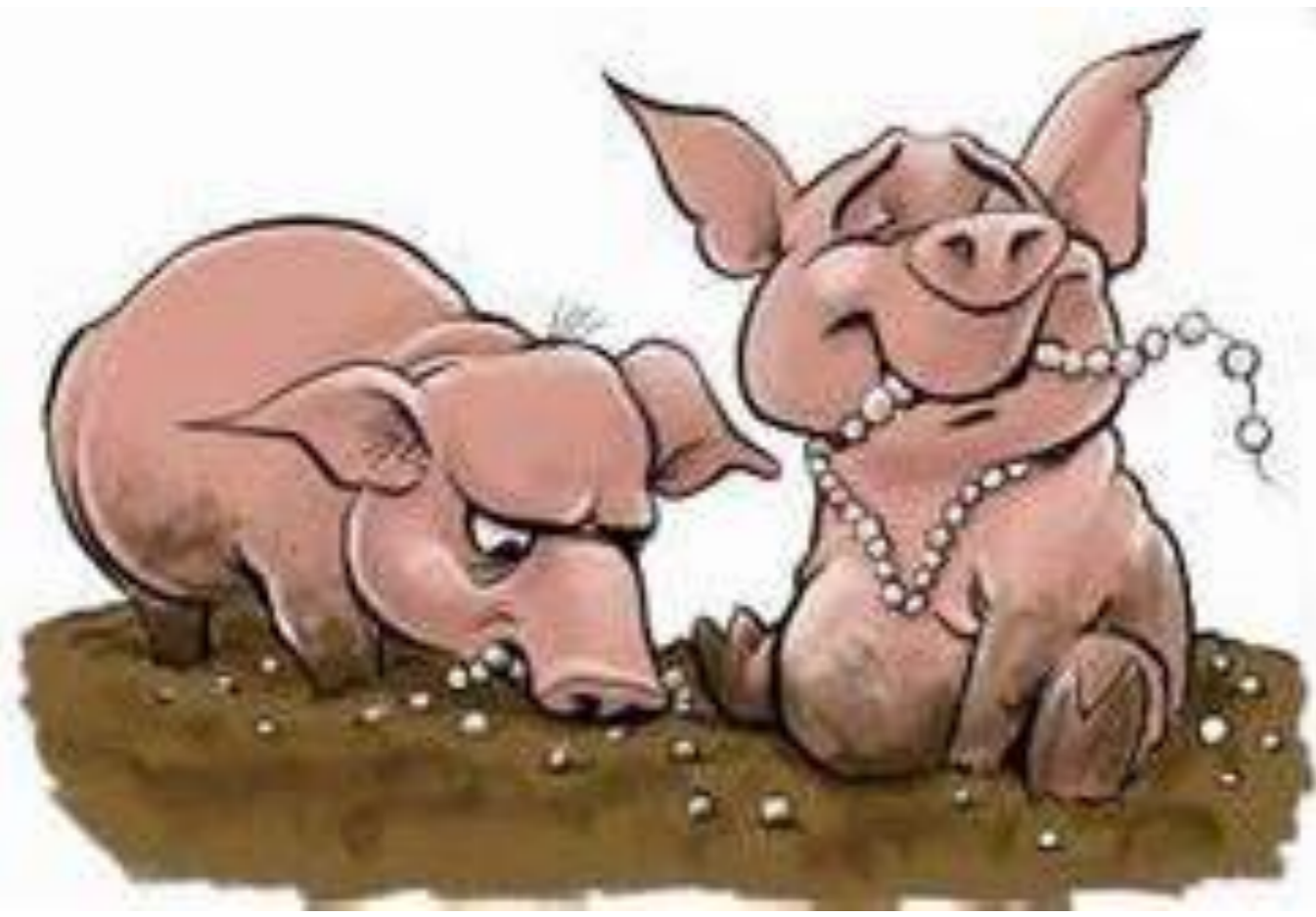




Matthew 7:6

Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.



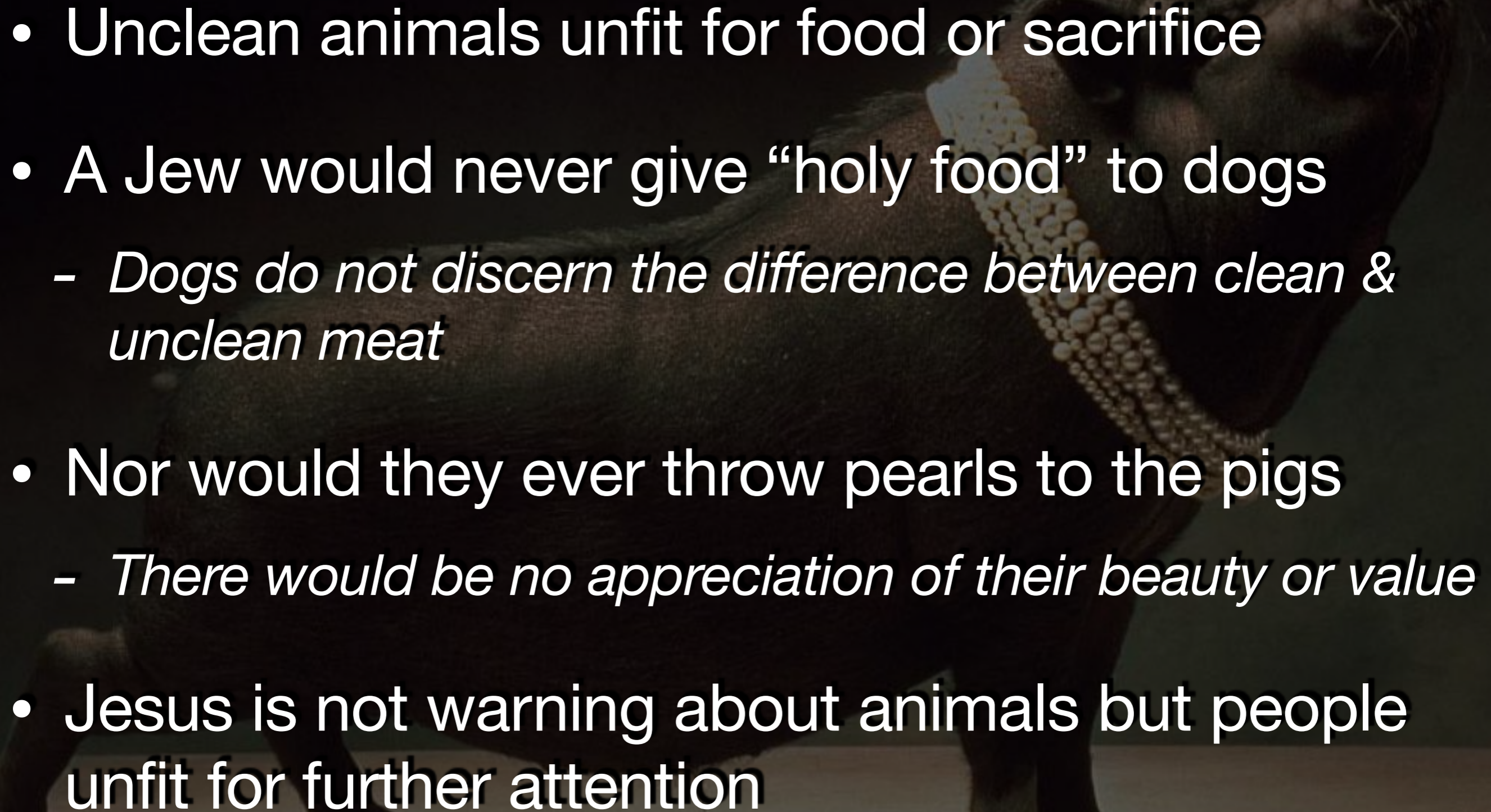
“Do Not Give What Is Holy...”

Matthew 13:45-46

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it



“Dogs” & “Pigs”

- Unclean animals unfit for food or sacrifice
 - A Jew would never give “holy food” to dogs
 - *Dogs do not discern the difference between clean & unclean meat*
 - Nor would they ever throw pearls to the pigs
 - *There would be no appreciation of their beauty or value*
 - Jesus is not warning about animals but people unfit for further attention
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Discerning The Difference

Proverbs 9:7-8

He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, and he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself. Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 9:4-6

“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake foolishness and live, and go in the way of understanding.”

Discerning The Difference



Proverbs 1:7b

... fools despise wisdom and instruction

Proverbs 15:12

A scoffer does not love one who corrects him,
Nor will he go to the wise

Proverbs 23:9

Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your words

Discerning The Difference

A dark pig is shown in profile, facing right. It is wearing a thick, white, beaded necklace around its neck. The pig's head is tilted upwards, and its eyes are closed or looking towards the top right. The background is dark and out of focus.

Acts 7:51-60

1 Peter 4:3-4

For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you

Shaking The Dust Off Your Feet

Matthew 10:11-15; Acts 13:44-51

Ezekiel 33:8-9

When I say to the wicked, “O wicked man, you shall surely die!” and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

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Zechariah 11:9

What is to die, let it die, and what is to be annihilated, let it be annihilated; and let those who are left eat one another's flesh

Titus 3:9-11

But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

Shaking The Dust Off Your Feet

Acts 18:5-6

When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ. But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, “Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

He Distanced Himself

He Declared Their Personal Responsibility

He Disavowed Any Personal Responsibility

He Directed His Efforts Elsewhere



**Are You Respecting
God's Holy Treasures?**