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## **“Goat Reduction” (2)**

**“...Whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.”  
(Ecclesiastes 10:8 KJV)**

### **Disgruntled Goats**

**Isaiah 14:12-15** – (12) “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! (13) You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ (15) But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.”

**Jude 1:6** – “And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment.” (NLT)

**Hosea 4:1-2** – (1) “Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; (2) there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; **they break all bounds**, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.”

**Jude 1:16** – “These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.”

### **Abide in God’s Sheep Pen**

**John 10:4-5** – (4) “When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. (5) A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

**Psalms 91:1-3** – (1) “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. (2) I will say to the LORD, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’ (3) For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.”

## **Appreciate & Respect Boundaries**

**Ecclesiastes 12:11-12** – (11) “The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. (12) My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.”

**Proverbs 25:17** – “Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor’s house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.”

## **Gate Keepers**

**Song of Songs 8:8-10** – (8) “We have a little sister, and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister on the day when she is spoken for? (9) If she is a wall, we will build on her a battlement of silver, but if she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar. (10) I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers; then I was in his eyes as one who finds peace.”

**Acts 20:28-29** – (28) “Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. (29) I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;”

## **Curb Killer Curiosity**

**2 Timothy 3:6-7** – (6) “For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, (7) always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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