



Words of Wisdom Transcripts by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

8/23/2021 The Soul Exchange

Jesus asked:

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (**Matthew 16:26**)

Many have exchanged their souls for friendship with the world.

[Abraham] ‘believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ And he was called the friend of God (**James 2:23**).

Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God (**James 4:4**).

What have you done to be a friend of the world, being:

... Unholy and profane, murderers of fathers and mothers, manslayers, fornicators, sodomites, kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine (**1 Timothy 1:9-11**).

Swap those sins for The Savior today!

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8-24-2021 Self Identification

[Jesus said,] "He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?' (**Matthew 19:4-5**).

God's Creation fact is still true, no matter what people may do. Some "self-identify" as being married: without being married, or fight for dominance not being "one flesh," or marrying the same sex. Some "self-identify" as transgender, but God's Creation fact is forever established. Many "self-identify" as Christian, but Solomon asked:

Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?' (**Proverbs 20:9**).

For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends (**2 Corinthians 10:18**).

"Self-identification" does not replace Bible and cannot pass the Judgment Day!

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**8-25-2021 The Savior's Proof**

A paralytic was brought to Jesus by four men.

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven you' (**Mark 2:5**) [and then said,] "... That you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins -- He said to the paralytic, 'I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.' Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" (**Mark 2:10-12**).

- 1) "Fake healers" today fail, but blame their patient with unbelief! *The Bible says nothing about the paralytic's faith.*

2) Priests that claim to forgive sins must prove their claim with genuine miracles, which they cannot do!

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**8/26/2021      Where Is God When Trouble Arises?**

My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, 'Where is your God?' (**Psalm 42:3**).

Unbelievers taunt believers whose faith is being tested by asking: "Where was God?" It is an ignorant question asked by cruel and heartless people that assumes:

1) **God is limited.** Unbelieving Syrians challenged Israelites with:

The LORD is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys      (**1 Kings 20:28**).

God met that challenge by defeating the Syrians.

2) **That this test is "ungetoverable."** Believers simply say:

We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair (**2 Corinthians 4:8**).

3) **God is too removed to know our problem:**

'Am I a God near at hand,' says the LORD, 'And not a God afar off?'" (**Jeremiah 23:23**).

Prayers to God are answered by mountains of help!

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**8/27/2021      Why Do Good People Suffer?**

Many a self-professed "atheist," in a fit of inflated ego, will ask, "If there is a god, why does he let good people suffer?" Job, however, amidst his heap of personal losses, asked,

"Why do the wicked live and become old, Yes, become mighty in power?" (**Job 21:7**).

Job then lists how the "wicked" seem to live with life's blessings (**Job 21:8-13**)

without God:

Yet they say to God, 'Depart from us, For we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways. Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?' (**Job 21:14-15**).

Job answers with:

For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom; they shall be brought out on the day of wrath (**Job 21:30**).

Good people suffering or wicked people prospering are not settled in life, but God's Judgment will!

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