



Words of Wisdom by [John T Polk II](#)
For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

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

10-12-2015 Legal Threat to Nehemiah

God removed His people from the Promised Land 70 years because of their sins. His promise to return them to their land was fulfilled in the Books of **Ezra** and **Nehemiah**. As Jerusalem was being rebuilt, outside opposition mounted a campaign to cause their work to cease.

Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, they sent a letter calling us "rebels" and that "these matters will be reported to the king" (**Nehemiah 6:1-7**).

Then I sent to him, saying, 'No such things as you say are being done, but you invent them in your own heart' (**Nehemiah 6:8**).

Bible believers are getting letters charging them with violation of separation of church and state. Our reply should be Nehemiah's: You're making this up.

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### **10-13-2015**

### **Death Threat to Jesus**

Jesus Christ, in one of the synagogues, was teaching about the kingdom and healing on the Sabbath.

On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You" (**Luke 13:31**).

However, these Pharisees were lying:

For Herod [*had, jtpII*] feared John [*the Baptist, jtpII*], knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. It was Herod's hasty, lustful promise that forced that beheading (**Mark 6:16-29**).

Jesus' response to the Pharisees was:

Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected' (**Luke 13:32**).

Jesus was, in effect, saying, "Nothing you say will stop Me from doing what I must do."

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### **10-14-2015 Preaching Threat to Apostles**

After the church of Christ was begun in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost (**Acts 2**), Peter healed a man lame from birth (**Acts 3:1-10**). When "all the people ran together," Peter preached to them (**Acts 3:11-26**).

Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening (**Acts 4:1-3**).

And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus...But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard' (**Acts 4:18-20**).

Religious leaders cannot stop Gospel Preaching.

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10-15-2015 Threat of Demon Possession

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marvelled, saying, 'It was never seen like this in Israel!' But the Pharisees said, 'He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons' (**Matthew 9:32-34**).

True demon possession had never been seen before Jesus came, and after the New Testament was finished in the First Century, it has never been seen again. Jesus sent Apostles to: "cast out demons," while the Lord was:

... Working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs (**Mark 16:17-20**).

Demon possession occurred only while the Holy Spirit was casting them out. God is more powerful than the Devil, for:

Even the demons believe--and tremble! (**James 2:19**)

Read the Bible.

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### **10-16-2015 Christian Lives Under Threat**

After He was raised from the dead, and before He ascended to His throne in Heaven, Jesus Christ said:

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned (**Mark 16:15-16**).

This is the message of salvation to all who are burdened with their sinful lives. God now

... Commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead (**Acts 17:30-31**).

All who obey this Gospel must also know that:

All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution (**2 Timothy 3:12**).

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