



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.

10-19-2015 God's People Have No Future Land Promise

There is no prophecy of Scripture about the Jews returning to their Promised Land that has not already been fulfilled! Jerusalem was destroyed in the Old Testament, it was:

... to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years (**2 Chronicles 36:21**).

God used Babylonians to remove His people for 70 years. That time ended:

... In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing (**2 Chronicles 36:22**).

No New Testament prophecy promises the Jews that land, again.

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Who Honors God?

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him (**John 5:22-23**).

God does not judge anyone without His Son, Jesus Christ. And Jesus says no one honors God who dishonors Jesus!

"And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God" (**John 8:46-47**).

Jesus has said:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (**Mark 16:16**).

No one honors God who avoids this teaching! Claiming salvation before baptism dishonors God!

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### **10-21-2015 Salvation is Not Miraculous**

Salvation is not a miraculous act of the Holy Spirit upon a sinner's heart. After Jesus was raised from the dead, He stated:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (**Mark 16:16**).

No one can be saved without hearing and obeying what Jesus said. Saul of Tarsus was making "havoc of the church" of Christ (**Acts 8:3**) when Jesus appeared to him and said:

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (**Acts 9:4**). Saul asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Jesus told him to "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do" (**Acts 9:6**).

Jesus did not tell Saul what to do. Saul was not saved on the Damascus road. Saul had to believe and be baptized to be saved! And so must you.

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### **10-22-2015 Holy Spirit Baptize Believers?**

Jesus said, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (**Acts 1:5**).

Some teach that in **Acts 1:5**, Jesus:

... "Told His disciples that He would send one who would teach and guide all those who believe in Him" (***The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life*** by Charles Stanley).

Why would Jesus say that? If the Holy Spirit would directly "teach and guide" all believers, then why have the Apostles inspired to preach the Gospel (**Acts 2:1-4**), and the Israelites to "hear these words" (**Acts 2:22**)?

- (1) Jesus's promise was "to the apostles whom He had chosen" (**Acts 1:3**), and He "assembled together with them" (**Acts 1:4**);
- (2) This Holy Spirit baptism on those Apostles was fulfilled on Pentecost, "not many days from now" (**Acts 2:16-21**). Applying this promise for Apostles to anyone else deliberately misrepresents Bible teaching.

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### **10-23-2015 Should Believers Keep All Commands?**

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (**Luke 11:28**).

Some teach: "The Holy Spirit also takes on the role of Guide and Counselor, leading us in the way we should go and revealing God's truth (**Luke 12:12; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**)" (*The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life* by Charles Stanley).

Jesus said, "For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say" (**Luke 12:12**).

The misguided commentator must not have read that this was Jesus' promise "to His disciples first" (**Luke 12:1**), and the parallel account of this conversation in **Matthew 10:1-20** specifically shows that Jesus said this to "His twelve disciples," named as "the twelve apostles" (**Matthew 10:1, 2**). Should believers also walk on water, as Jesus commanded Peter (**Matthew 14:26-31**), or build an ark as God commanded Noah (**Genesis 6:14**)? Let the Bible speak!

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