



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.

1-11-2016 Can Moses Save?

[Jesus was asked:] 'Which is the first commandment of all?' Jesus answered him, 'The first of all the commandments is: "Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these' (**Mark 12:28-31**).

No one has ever received authority to raise any other of Moses' commandments over and above these first two. The 10 Commandments do not include these two, and therefore, cannot save anyone, then or now. Keeping Moses' 10 Commandments today is to reject Jesus Christ, for He said,

"If you love Me, keep My commandments" (**John 14:15**).

Jesus, not Moses, saves today.

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1-12-2016 What Prophecy Did Jesus Fulfill?

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (**Matthew 5:17-18**).

Jesus, then, gave 6 quotes from the Law of Moses which He contrasted with His own Laws (Matthew 5:21-48). After He was raised from the dead,

He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures (**Luke 24:44-45**).

Once fulfilled, the Law of Moses was removed by Jesus' cross.

He takes away the first that He may establish the second (**Hebrews 10:9**).

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**1-13-2016 Wilful Ignorance**

On January 7, 2016, Edward Archer shot and wounded a Philadelphia policeman. Archer was wearing a Muslim cloak, confessed he did this "in the name of Islam;" and his mother said he was a Muslim. But Philadelphia Mayor, James Kenney, said: "In no way, shape or form does anyone in this room believe that what was done represents Islam." There are people who are "willfully ignorant" (**2 Peter 3:5**), that is, they refuse to see, or admit to, the facts. Peter was discussing "scoffers" who reject the abundant evidence for the world-wide flood in Noah's day, but this applies to anyone who willfully refuses to accept plain truth.

[Jesus Christ said,] "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**)

The the willfully ignorant will claim "baptism has nothing whatever to do with salvation."

[Jesus said,] "If the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." (**Matthew 15:14**).

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1-14-2016 Right Worship

Before Israelites were given the Promised Land, God warned:

That you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods (**Deuteronomy 12:30-31**).

Since God gave specific instruction as to the time, manner, and type of offerings He would accept as "worship," His people should not alter nor adopt other people's "worship" for themselves. But, what if those people were sincere? What if those people were talented in their worship? What if God's worship did not attract big numbers of other people?

[Jesus said:] The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him (**John 4:23**).

Make sure our worship is "in spirit and truth" as God demands.

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### **1-15-2016 Capital Punishment From Above**

After the world-wide flood, God told Noah:

Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man" (**Genesis 9:6**).

[Moses' Law said,] "Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death" (**Leviticus 24:17**).

[Jesus repeated this principle,] "All who take the sword will perish by the sword" (**Matthew 26:52**).

[God is in charge of vengeance,] For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. And again, 'The LORD will judge His people' (**Hebrews 10:30**).

All governments who honor God's Word should understand:

He is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil (**Romans 13:4**).

Any questions?

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