



**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.*

**8-14-2017      The Israelites' Example**

God delivered the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, leading them through Moses.

By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land  
(**Hebrews 11:29**).

The Apostle Paul said

[They] all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea  
(**1 Corinthians 10:2**).

But they refused to enter the Promised Land, and rebelled against God. Concerning those "twenty years old and above" (**Numbers 14:29**), God swore that

They would not enter His rest... who did not obey... So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief" (**Hebrews 3:18-19**).

- (1) No one was saved without being baptized;
- (2) Baptized believers could become unbelievers;
- (3) "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience" (**Hebrews 4:11**).

No "once-saved-always saved" here!

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**8-15-2017      Is It Your Time To Die?**

Some think "when it's your time to die, there's nothing you can do about it." David wrote:

LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days,  
That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as  
handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at  
his best state is but vapor. Selah Surely every man walks about like a  
shadow (**Psalm 39:4-5**).

To "measure my days," means we should count our birthdays to remind us "how frail" we are. This expression does NOT say, "God has predetermined the length of every life," BUT we need to

Number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom (**Psalm 90:12**).

We should "number our days" but nothing says that God has our days numbered!

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**8-16-2017      We Are Not In Despair**

But as a mountain falls and crumbles away, And as a rock is moved from its  
place; As water wears away stones, And as torrents wash away the soil of  
the earth; So You destroy the hope of man (**Job 14:18-19**).

By the time we read the headlines, see network TV News, watch destructive TV shows or dismal movies, or listen to our dreary "friends," it's no wonder that "depression" has enveloped our land. Job voiced the danger of being surrounded by downers! But if we listen to God: **Romans 15:13**:

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

Christians learn to speak like Paul,

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

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**8-17-2017 Monumental Destruction**

After the Israelites crossed on dry land through the divided Jordan River into the Promised Land, they stacked 12 stones there that:

This may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever (**Joshua 4:5-7**).

Monuments give moments to teach history lessons to curious children. Tear down the monuments, and raise the next generation in ignorance! With wisdom, Solomon said:

Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set (**Proverbs 22:28**).

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**8-18-2017 When Is Jesus' Second Coming?**

Nearly 40 years before it happened, Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem that took place in 70 A.D. There would be signs preceding it: "wars and commotions," "nation will rise against nation," "great earthquakes," "famines and pestilences," "persecution" of His disciples (**Luke 21:8-19**). He related "'the abomination of desolation' spoken of by Daniel the prophet" (**Mark 13:14-23**), when they would

See Jerusalem surrounded by armies” (**Luke 21:20**), and said,

“Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place” (**Mark 13:30**).

Of the Second Coming, Jesus said,

“But of that day and hour no one knows” (**Mark 13:32**).

Those who preach those “signs” as if they precede the Second Coming of Christ have ignored what Jesus actually said, and have shown complete disregard for the Word of God.

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