



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.

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Promise To Return Israelites To Land

When Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem, Israelites were:

... Carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah (**2 Chronicles 36:20-21**).

For thus says the LORD: "After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place" (**Jeremiah 29:10**).

At the end of those 70 years, "the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia" (**Ezra 1:1**), to return them "to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city" (**Ezra 2:1**). To say God's promise to return Israelites to that land wasn't fulfilled for 1900 years makes God a liar; their past return a myth; and God's word meaningless!

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**Government Without God**

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God (**Romans 13:1**).

When government personnel think that authority is within them, and that they are the source of law, then citizens are under a tyranny. When government bans the mention

of God from its properties; bars God's Book, the Bible, from its educational institutions; and bears down on believers; it has forgotten Who gave it authority! The resurrected Jesus Christ:

... Has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him (**1 Peter 3:22**).

Government without recognizing God's authority is God-less!

Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne (**Proverbs 20:28**).

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Bible Over False Prophets

Before a battle with Syria, Israelite kings consulted God. Ahab, the king of Israel, had 400 prophets who told him to go ahead. Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, asked if there was any other prophet to consult.

So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil' (**1 Kings 22:8**).

Micaiah promised,

As the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that I will speak (**1 Kings 22:14**).

One person who quotes God's Word outweighs hundreds who do not. Jesus said,

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

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**Doctrine By the People**

That this is a rebellious people, Lying children, Children who will not hear the law of the LORD; Who say to the seers, 'Do not see,' And to the prophets, 'Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits' (**Isaiah 30:9-10**).

Once prophets said what people wanted them to say, they no longer preached the Word of God, and people were not obedient to God. The same applies today. Preachers who preach what people want, do not represent the Word of God. Generally, people:

... Will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables (**2 Timothy 4:3-4**).

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Worship God, Not Man

"Choose your own church." "Dress as you please." "Be entertained in worship services." These are the appeals made to people who do not want to change. For Moses to approach Him, God said,

"Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground" (**Exodus 3:5**).

Reverential attitudes are reflected by our approach. Jesus said,

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

[and] The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved (**Acts 2:47**).

Jesus adds to His church those who obey His will for salvation. Church worship should “offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (**1 Peter 2:5**).

Who chose your church?

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