



**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.*

**11-06-2017**

**Why Blame God?**

Whenever disaster or evil-inflicted events occur, people are quick to blame God for that evil. They ignore 2 important facts:

- 1) The Devil is real and against us. Jesus went "through death" to destroy "him who had the power of death that is, the devil" (**Hebrews 2:14**). The Devil makes death horrible to see.
- 2) Evil is in the world because people have not listened to God.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting" (**Romans 1:28**).

[Jesus] learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).

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

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**Murdered Murderers**

Devin Patrick Kelly, age 26, wounded 24 and murdered 26 innocent souls who were trying to worship God Sunday morning, November 5, 2017, in Sutherland Springs, Texas. He fled but died himself from a gunshot. Only one death was justified that day: that of the murderer. After the world-wide flood in Noah’s day, God decreed for all mankind:

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man” (**Genesis 9:6**).

Jesus repeated the principle:

“All who take the sword will perish by the sword” (**Matthew 26:52**).

Murder violates God’s Law, and justifies the murderer’s death. Solomon said:

Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him (**Proverbs 26:27**).

Murderers who plan, plan their own deaths!

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**No Safe Worship**

There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish’ (**Luke 13:1-3**).

Pilate’s killing of worshipers showed that there is no guaranteed time or place when people can’t die! Paul later said,

We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (**2 Corinthians 5:20-21**).

To both Jews and Gentiles, Paul preached, "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (**Acts 20:21**).

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**11-09-2017 & 11-10-2017                      Persecution May Come**

At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles (**Acts 8:1**).

[Saul of Tarsus] made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison (**Acts 8:3**).

God does not promise Christians that no evil will happen to them. David rightly prayed:

Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors; give them according to the work of their hands; render to them what they deserve (**Psalms 28:4**).

[The Apostle John] saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held (**Revelation 6:9**).

God promises Judgment to come.

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