

Words of Wisdom Radio Transcripts by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

12/6/2021 Reasons For Doubt

In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus walked across the water to His disciples in the boat. Peter said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come," and Peter walked on the water to go to Jesus. However, he became aware of the boisterous wind, and began to sink, he cried, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:23-31)

Do you doubt because:

- 1) Jesus cannot save?
- 2) The Bible is not clearly God's Word?
- 3) Scoffers have ridiculed this passage?
- 4) You haven't taken the time to search these Scriptures thoroughly?

This passage disproves all these "reasons" for doubt! Sinners aren't asked to walk on water, but be baptized in water (Mark 16:16)!

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12/7/2021 So Goes The Nation

The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it. (Jeremiah 18:7-10)

Could it be, that enough Americans realized the evil that had descended upon the country, and turned from it, so that God spared it from disaster? And, could it be, that same God will benefit the country, until people refuse to obey His voice, and do evil, again?

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Jesus Saves the Lost

Jesus defined His mission when He said:

"For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost." (Matthew 18:11)

Define "lost." It is from a Greek word meaning "wasted, ruined, lost," and Satan is called "Apollyon," meaning "him who lays waste" (Revelation 9:11). Is your life being wasted through alcohol and drugs, sex and babies outside of marriage, hatred and racism, violence and murder, or cheating and stealing? Then Satan rules your life! To break Satan's power, Jesus became:

... Flesh and blood ... that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage (**Hebrews 2:14-15**).

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (**Ephesians 1:7**).

Baptism is into His death (Romans 6:3).

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The Savior's Saved

A disciple asked Jesus,

"Lord, are there few who are saved?" (Luke 13:23)

The answer was "Yes," because only:

Whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. (Acts 2:21)

But Jesus had taught that

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

(Matthew 7:21)

It takes more than words to "call on the name of the LORD" to be saved. Saul of Tarsus believed in Jesus Christ and was told to,

"Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16)

Calling on the name of the LORD is not done by claiming your salvation, professing salvation before baptism, or prayer. It is completed when sins are washed away in baptism.

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An Immoral Playhouse

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)

He then lists over twenty sins, including: sexual immorality, evil-mindedness, haters of God, violent, unloving, and unmerciful. These people:

... Knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:32)

People who approve, ignore, or popularize wicked people who do wicked works, even helping to hide or justify them are just as guilty as the sinners, themselves! What hypocrisy to act like everything is all right, then jump off the sinking ship! People who portray all Bible believers as "hypocrites," should examine themselves! "Do not be deceived."

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