

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.

3/7/2022 Cyber Bullies

Let the proud be ashamed, For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood; But I will meditate on Your precepts. (Psalm 119:78)

This is a good verse with which to discuss "cyber-bullying." "The proud" have power because they deceitfully lure, and verbally abuse, others on public media. When that happens, we should simply say, "You're opinion of me is not as important as God's opinion is." The point is, they don't know you and you don't know them through their lies. "Cyber-bullies" mistreat by wrongfully made statements, that are "falsehood" (a.k.a. "lies). Jesus said the Devil is the father of lies (John 8:44), so they have actually identified themselves. Don't spend so much time on social media such as Facebook or Snapchat, where liars abound, but rather "meditate" on God's Word. The Bible will tell you what God really thinks about you...and it's good!

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3/8/2022 Jewish Special Days

In God's Law through Moses, the Israelites were given annual special days in Leviticus 23 which were given to them as reminders that God had delivered them out of Egyptian bondage:

- 1) Passover:
- 2) Firstfruits of Harvest and Pentecost;
- 3) Day of Atonement; and
- 4) Feast of Tabernacles (or booths, or tents).

These are meaningless to Christians, for:

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13):

- 1) "For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7);
- 2) On Pentecost, Peter commanded:

"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38)

- 3) God's mercy "made us alive together with Christ" (Ephesians 2:5);
- 4) Jesus ministers "the true tabernacle" (Hebrews 8:2).

Jews keep the "old days," Christians keep the New!

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3/9/2022 Cultural Worship #1

According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the LORD your God. (Leviticus 18:3-4)

The religious "cultures" of Egypt and Canaan pretty much cover a complete picture of idolatry and its corruption of morals and worship. Before Israel entered the Promised Land of Canaan, God repeated,

"You shall not worship the LORD your God with such things." (**Deuteronomy 12:4**)

God did not want His people bringing "cultural" practices into His worship. People must give God what He wants, not what they were raised with!

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3/10/2022 Cultural Worship #2

And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized. (Acts 18:8)

Because of their "cultural" background of false religions, Paul wrote by Holy Spirit inspiration, details of how different Christian worship is from their "cultural" practices: 1) Human philosophy –

That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:5);

2) Divisiveness -

For you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? (1 Corinthians 3:3);

- 3) Sexual immorality Flee sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 6:18);
- 4) False worship -

You cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. (1 Corinthians 10:21)

Worldly cultural practices must be left outside the church of Christ.

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3/11/2022 Rosh Hashanah

God commanded Moses:

"On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting." (Exodus 40:2)

This first "Rosh Hashanah" began Jewish religious worship obeying Moses' Law. The New Testament teaches:

It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience -- concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation. But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. (**Hebrews 9:9-11**)

Everyone celebrating "Rosh Hashanah" today is celebrating a people, worship, and law that Jesus Christ has removed. "Rosh Hashanah" denies the Priesthood of Jesus Christ!

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