

# Roger Clemens Calls Out MLB After Giants Pitchers Warned for Bible Verses

Major League Baseball has spent years embracing Pride events, rainbow-themed promotions and social messaging across the sport. Apparently, though, a simple Bible verse is where the line gets drawn.

That is the controversy now unfolding after San Francisco Giants pitchers Landon Roupp, JT Brubaker and Ryan Walker reportedly received warnings from MLB for writing references to Genesis 9:12-16 on their Pride Night hats.

The passage describes God's covenant with Noah and the meaning of the rainbow as a sign of that covenant.

According to reports, MLB informed the players that the markings violated league uniform policies.

We have seen this pattern before.

Organizations that enthusiastically promote ideologies that directly conflict with biblical morality suddenly become strict rule-followers when believers publicly express their faith. The same institutions that celebrate nearly every worldview under the sun often treat Christianity as something that must be kept private, toned down or hidden altogether.

Fortunately, not everyone is staying silent.



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Baseball legend Roger Clemens recently addressed the controversy during an appearance on "The Will Cain Show," and

his comments exposed just how weak MLB's position really is according to Fox News.

"We alter our uniforms all the time with numbers or somebody that has passed away," Clemens said.

He then pointed to his own playing career.

"I know one time in Boston, Larry Bird retired. I put his hat on. They put 33, silver marker on the hat to honor Larry Bird. I did it for my mom and grandmother."

It is a fair question.

If players can honor retired athletes, family members and personal causes through modifications to their equipment, why does a Bible verse suddenly become a problem?

The answer seems obvious.

The issue is not the policy. The issue is the message.

A Bible verse referencing God's covenant does not fit neatly within the cultural orthodoxy that dominates many major institutions today. And that is precisely why so many Americans are growing weary of the double standards.

Clemens did not hesitate to defend the players.

"I love it that these guys show the blessings that the Lord has given them to be out there on that field," he said. "That's the way it was for me."

That statement reflects what generations of athletes have understood. Talent is a gift from God. Success is a blessing from God. Public gratitude toward God should never be treated as controversial.

Yet here we are.

Professional sports leagues regularly encourage athletes to

celebrate causes, movements and identities. Fans are expected to embrace the messaging, applaud the campaigns and accept the symbolism. But when Christian athletes point to Scripture, suddenly league officials discover a deep concern for neutrality and policy enforcement.

The inconsistency is impossible to ignore.

Clemens even offered a common-sense solution.

“They do the special cleats where you can paint, do your cleats how you want it,” he said. “Maybe they do something like that and guys can have a hat with a Bible verse. They feel strongly about it.”

Imagine that. A standard applied equally.

The controversy has now drawn the attention of Sen. Josh Hawley, who sent a letter to MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred seeking answers about the warnings and the league’s treatment of religious expression.

That scrutiny is warranted.

We are increasingly tired of watching Christian faith treated as the one belief system that must constantly apologize for its existence. We are tired of being told that every viewpoint deserves public celebration except the biblical worldview that helped shape the nation’s moral foundation.

What happened in San Francisco may seem minor on the surface. A few handwritten Bible references on a hat hardly qualifies as a national crisis.

But symbols matter. Double standards matter. And the message being sent matters.

These pitchers did not insult anyone. They did not attack anyone. They did not disrupt the game.

They wrote a Bible verse.

The fact that Major League Baseball found that worthy of a warning says more about the state of our culture than it does about the players.

For too long, we have been expected to remain silent while opposing ideologies receive endless promotion and celebration. More believers are deciding that silence is no longer an option.

Frankly, it is about time.

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