

Chapter 27

The Third Angel Speaks

BIBLE

After these things, I saw another angel coming down out of the sky, having great authority. The earth was illuminated with his glory.¹ The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the cry of him who rules among fools.²

Further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge. Yes, he pondered, sought out, and set in order many proverbs.³

He said, “God’s Kingdom is as if a man should cast seed on the earth.⁴ In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening don’t withhold your hand; for you don’t know which will prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both will be equally good.⁵

“The secret things belong to Yahweh our God; but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”⁶

COMMENTARY

¹ **Revelation 18:1** [*The angel “having great authority” is George, the “third angel”*]

George: “All religions are like branches of one big tree.”

² **Ecclesiastes 9:17** Ray Comfort:

“George Harrison was known as ‘the quiet Beatle.’ Quiet people are often quiet because they are deep thinkers.”

³ **Ecclesiastes 12:9** George: “The best thing anyone can give to humanity is God consciousness.

But first you have to concentrate on your own spiritual advancement; so in a sense we have to become selfish to become selfless...

Manifest your own divinity first.

The truth is there. It’s right within us all. Understand what you are. If people would just wake up to what’s real, there would be no misery in the world.”

⁴ **Mark 4:26**

⁵ **Ecclesiastes 11:6**

⁶ **Deuteronomy 29:29** In “The Inner Light,” George talks about the secret things that belong to God. With the power of God expressing itself as us and in us (the “inner light”), we can “arrive without traveling” and “see all without looking.”

“God thunders marvelously with his voice. He does great things, which we can’t comprehend.⁷ This knowledge is beyond me. It’s lofty. I can’t attain it.⁸ Praise be to Yahweh God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.⁹

“We are His witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.¹⁰ The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don’t know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.¹¹

“It is the spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life.¹²

⁷ **Job 37:5** In “It’s All Too Much” George can’t comprehend the great things of God: “The more I learn the less I know, but what I do is all too much.”

⁸ **Psalm 139:6**

⁹ **Psalm 72:18** George praises God and His marvelous deeds in “It’s All Too Much:” “Everywhere it’s what you make for us to take, it’s all too much...there’s plenty there for everybody.”

¹⁰ **Acts 5:32**

¹¹ **John 3:8** To be born of the spirit is to come into a higher state of awareness. We now know that spirit, like the wind, exists and we can observe its effects, even though like the wind we cannot see it with our physical eye.

¹² **John 6:63** The spirit is our true essence. We are existence itself. The flesh is the false self, the ego, a self-limiting idea that we have about ourselves. The ego thinks that who we are is our body, our personality, our reputation. It always wants more, and is never truly satisfied. It is based in fear and keeps us separate from each other and separate from God. Deepak Chopra: “Your true identity lies in a core consciousness beyond the mind, intellect, and ego. When you look beyond your limited self-the “I” that struggles to find peace, love and fulfillment in life - you are on the path to your true identity.”

“Watch and pray, that you don’t enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.¹³ Because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God’s law, neither indeed can it be.¹⁴

“Don’t enter into the path of the wicked. Don’t walk in the way of evil men,¹⁵ those who have turned back from following Yahweh, and those who haven’t sought Yahweh nor inquired after him.¹⁶

“The wicked, in the pride of his face, has no room in his thoughts for God.¹⁷

“For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire.¹⁸

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you won’t fulfill the lust of the flesh.¹⁹ Yahweh himself is who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you. Don’t be afraid. Don’t be discouraged.²⁰

“Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don’t toil, neither do they spin.²¹ Commit your deeds to Yahweh, and your plans shall succeed.²²

¹³ **Matthew 26:41**

¹⁴ **Romans 8:7** The “mind of the flesh” is the egoic mind, the false self. George describes how it operates in “Think For Yourself”: “I know your mind’s made up, you’re gonna cause more misery.”

¹⁵ **Proverbs 4:14** George reminds us in “Love You Too” that “there’s people standing round, who’ll screw you in the ground.”

¹⁶ **Zephaniah 1:6**

¹⁷ **Psalms 10:4**

¹⁸ **Galatians 5:17** When we gratify the flesh, we give in to the selfish demands of the ego. George describes this in “I Me Mine”: “All through your life, I me mine...Even those tears, I me mine.”

¹⁹ **Galatians 5:16** The phrase “I me mine” comes from the *Baghavad Gita*: “They are forever free who renounce all selfish desires and break away from the ego-cage of ‘I’, ‘me’ and ‘mine’ to be united with the Lord. This is the supreme state. Attain to this, and pass from death to immortality.”

²⁰ **Deuteronomy 31:8** It can be fearful to leave behind egoic patterns of behavior and thought. “They’re frightened of leaving it,” George observes in “I Me Mine.”

²¹ **Matthew 6:28** “It doesn’t really matter what clothes I wear,” George realizes in “Only A Northern Song.”

²² **Proverbs 16:3**

“Yahweh will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.²³ He pours contempt on princes, and loosens the belt of the strong.²⁴

“Now therefore put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to Yahweh, the God of Israel.²⁵

“But be doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding your own selves.²⁶

“What good is it, my brothers, if a man says he has faith, but has no works? Can faith save him?²⁷

“Don’t say to your neighbor, ‘Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you,’ when you have it by you.²⁸ For it isn’t the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified.²⁹

“There are those who covet greedily all day long; but the righteous give and don’t withhold.³⁰ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be given to you. For with the same measure you measure it will be measured back to you.³¹

²³ **Proverbs 10:3**

²⁴ **Job 12:21** People who are driven by the ego are “coming on strong all the time,” George relates in “I Me Mine.” Fortunately, Yahweh “loosens the belt of the strong.”

²⁵ **Joshua 24:23** “Foreign gods” are fear-based thoughts originating from the ego.

²⁶ **James 1:22** “We all know obladi blada, but can you show me where you are?” George asks in “Savoy Truffle.” “Obladi oblada” is an expression that affirms that life will go on in spite of our challenges. George is reminding us that such affirmations are fine, but we still have to put our faith into action.

²⁷ **James 2:14** George definitely put his faith into action by organizing the groundbreaking *Concert for Bangladesh* benefit concerts held in August 1971. These were the first multi-star rock charity concerts ever, setting the stage for similar events such as *Live Aid* in 1985.

²⁸ **Proverbs 3:28**

²⁹ **Romans 2:13**

³⁰ **Proverbs 21:26** Since the ego is based in fear, covetousness and greed are part of its daily agenda. George describes this in “I Me Mine”: “All through the day, I me mine.”

³¹ **Luke 6:38** In “It’s All Too Much,” George reminds us that “the more you give the more you get.” This is the law of cause and effect.

“Be careful that you don’t do your charitable giving before men, to be seen by them, or else you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.³² I have not sat with deceitful men, neither will I go in with hypocrites.³³

“Don’t judge, so that you won’t be judged.³⁴ For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.³⁵

“Therefore let’s not judge one another anymore, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block in his brother’s way, or an occasion for falling.³⁶

“Let us acknowledge Yahweh. Let us press on to know Yahweh. As surely as the sun rises, Yahweh will appear. He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain that waters the earth.³⁷

“Sing praises to Yahweh with the harp, with the harp and the voice of melody.³⁸ For, behold, the winter is past. The rain is over and gone.³⁹ Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to see the sun!⁴⁰

³² **Mathew 6:1**

³³ **Psalm 26:4** “When I get near you, the games begin to drag me down,” George laments in “I Want To Tell You.” This lyric may have been inspired by the 1964 bestseller *Games People Play*, in which Eric Berne describes “games” as ego-based dysfunctional social transactions that people engage in for a payoff of some kind.

³⁴ **Matthew 7:1** “You won’t get time to hang a sign on me,” George advises us in “Love You To.” To “hang a sign” on someone is to limit them by labeling and judging them based on preconceived notions.

³⁵ **Matthew 7:2** By the law of cause and effect, our judgments come back to us. People tend to show up in our lives based on the way that we perceive them.

³⁶ **Romans 14:13** We want to see others the way that God sees them.

³⁷ **Hosea 6:3** “Here comes the sun, and I say it’s alright,” George shares in “Here Comes The Sun,” his timeless classic of faith and optimism.

³⁸ **Psalm 98:5**

³⁹ **Song of Solomon 2:11** In George’s “Here Comes The Sun,” it’s been a “long, cold, lonely winter...it feels like years since it’s been clear.”

⁴⁰ **Ecclesiastes 11:7** In “Here Comes The Sun,” “the ice is slowly melting.”

“From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, Yahweh’s name is to be praised.⁴¹ Give thanks to Yahweh with the lyre. Sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings.”⁴²

When he had spoken these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.⁴³

“You are righteous, Yahweh. Your judgments are upright.⁴⁴ For you will save the afflicted people, but the haughty eyes you will bring down.”⁴⁵

“Yahweh, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.⁴⁶ Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his bounds that he can’t pass.”⁴⁷

“Yahweh, you will ordain peace for us, for you have also done all our work for us.⁴⁸ Therefore I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the nations, and will sing praises to your name.”⁴⁹

“I will also meditate on all your work, and consider your doings.”⁵⁰ You will show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forever more.”⁵¹

⁴¹ **Psalm 113:3** Hafiz: “Even after all this time the sun never says to the earth, ‘You owe me’. Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole world.”

⁴² **Psalm 33:2** Eckhart Tolle: “Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.”

⁴³ **Acts 20:36** Not everyone was in agreement with George embracing Eastern religion. Pastor David J. Stewart: “George Harrison was an imposter who rejected Jesus Christ, and is burning in the fires of Hell today because of his sin of unbelief. I say this with sadness.”

⁴⁴ **Psalm 119:137**

⁴⁵ **Psalm 18:27** In “Piggies,” George chastises those with haughty eyes: “In their eyes there’s something lacking, what they need’s a damn good whacking.”

⁴⁶ **Jeremiah 10:23**

⁴⁷ **Job 14:5** “A lifetime is so short, a new one can’t be bought,” George reminds us in “Love You To.”

⁴⁸ **Isaiah 26:12**

⁴⁹ **Psalm 18:49**

⁵⁰ **Psalm 77:12** Swami Sivananda: “Practice meditation regularly. Meditation leads to eternal bliss. Therefore meditate, meditate.”

⁵¹ **Psalm 5:12** God will show us the path, one step at a time. “Show me that I’m everywhere and get me home for tea,” George prays in “It’s All Too Much.”

He said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.⁵² They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes.⁵³

Fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!”⁵⁴

So he was their shepherd according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.⁵⁵ When they asked him to stay with them a longer time, he declined.⁵⁶

“I have yet many things to tell you, but you can’t bear them now.”⁵⁷ These things have I spoken to you, so that you wouldn’t be caused to stumble.⁵⁸

“Indeed surely there is a future hope, and your hope will not be cut off.”⁵⁹ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I don’t go away, the Counselor won’t come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.⁶⁰

“But I say this, brothers: the time is short, that from now on, both those who have wives may be as though they had none;⁶¹ and those who use the world, as not using it to the fullest. For the mode of this world passes away.”⁶²

⁵² **John 6:59** [*“He” is George*]

⁵³ **Mark 1:22**

⁵⁴ **Luke 7:16** “Fear” in this sense of the word is awe and wonder.

⁵⁵ **Psalms 78:72**

⁵⁶ **Acts 18:20**

⁵⁷ **John 16:12** God’s plan for our life is usually revealed to us one step at a time, on an “as need” basis.

⁵⁸ **John 16:1**

⁵⁹ **Proverbs 23:18** “The future looks good, and you’ve got time to rectify all the things you should,” George reassures us in “Think For Yourself.”

⁶⁰ **John 16:7** George is reminding his followers that they too have the spirit of God within them, and that they are relying too much on him for wisdom and guidance. If he goes away, then they will have to learn how to listen to their own inner voice. “Think for yourself ‘cos I won’t be there with you,” admonishes George in “Think For Yourself.”

⁶¹ **1 Corinthians 7:29** “Each day just goes so fast, I turn around, it’s past,” George observes in “Love You To.”

⁶² **1 Corinthians 7:31** In “All Things Must Pass,” George reminds us that nothing on the Earth plane is meant to last: “All things must pass, none of life’s strings can last.” George recorded a demo of this song as a Beatle and then later included it on his solo album of the same name.

So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and *disguised himself with his headband* over his eyes.⁶³

Now in the morning, as he returned to the city, he was hungry,⁶⁴ and entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.⁶⁵

The woman had a fattened calf in the house. She hurried and killed it; and she took flour, and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread of it.⁶⁶

As she was going to get it, he called to her, and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."⁶⁷ They had a few small fish. Having blessed them, he said to serve these also.⁶⁸ He took them, and ate in front of them.⁶⁹

He said to them, "To you is given the mystery of God's Kingdom, but to those who are outside, all things are done in parables."⁷⁰ May Yahweh bless you out of Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.⁷¹

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you took me in."⁷²

"Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for in doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it!"⁷³

⁶³ **1 Kings 20:38** Charles Fillmore described a *prophet* as "a teacher, one who receives the inspiration of Spirit," someone who has "an understanding of spiritual law, and imparts it to others". George, by being a member of the most famous rock group on the planet, had a huge audience to impart his spiritual philosophy to.

⁶⁴ **Matthew 21:18**

⁶⁵ **Luke 1:40**

⁶⁶ **1 Samuel 28:24**

⁶⁷ **1 Kings 17:11**

⁶⁸ **Mark 8:7**

⁶⁹ **Luke 24:43**

⁷⁰ **Mark 4:11** Parables are a great tool for those who need help learning and applying spiritual concepts, such as in this case the principle of giving and receiving.

⁷¹ **Psalms 128:5**

⁷² **Matthew 25:35**

⁷³ **Hebrews 13:2** Steve Rabey: "[George] Harrison was perhaps the most explicitly and consistently theological rock star of the last half-century. While he failed to convert everyone to his beliefs, he nudged his bandmates – and his listener fans – a bit further to the East, encouraging audiences to open themselves to new (or very old) spiritual influences... His greatest legacy may be the way his decades-long spiritual quest shaped the ways the West looks at God, gurus and life."