

Chapter 28

Life Flows On Within You And Without You

BIBLE

COMMENTARY

So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead.¹ He hurried, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized that he was of the prophets.²

The king said to him, “Go in peace.” So he arose, and went to Hebron.³

Great multitudes gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat, and sat, and all the multitude stood on the beach.⁴

He taught them many things in parables, and told them in his teaching,⁵ “It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into God's Kingdom.”⁶

Then his disciples asked him, “What does this parable mean? ⁷ For you bring certain strange things to our ears. We want to know therefore what these things mean.”⁸

He answered them, “I also will ask you one question. Tell me,⁹ for what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? ¹⁰ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”¹¹

¹ **2 Kings 9:4** [*The “young man the prophet” is George*]

² **1 Kings 20:41** Ben Jollife, *Resurgence* magazine (2003): “The pop star and the prophet are rare bedfellows – but with the simple wisdom of his lyrics and the melodic sweetness of his slide guitar, George Harrison brought them together in a marriage of great inspiration.....the ‘quiet Beatle’ reconciled unparalleled fame with a dedicated spiritual search, crowning the lowly pop song with profound twists and joyful shouts in the process.”

³ **2 Samuel 15:9**

⁴ **Matthew 13:2**

⁵ **Mark 4:2**

⁶ **Mark 10:25** George, on the Beatles success: “We made our money and fame but for me that wasn't it...It was good fun for a while, but it certainly wasn't the answer to what life is about.”

⁷ **Luke 8:9**

⁸ **Acts 17:20**

⁹ **Luke 20:3**

¹⁰ **Mark 8:36** In “Within You Without You,” George admonishes “the people who gain the world and lose their soul.”

¹¹ **Luke 12:21**

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.¹² Because iniquity will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold.¹³

“Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.¹⁴ And the Spirit of Yahweh will come mightily on you, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man.¹⁵

“You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established to you. Light shall shine on your ways.¹⁶

“He who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no occasion for stumbling in him.¹⁷ But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.¹⁸

“Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.¹⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil. Cling to that which is good.²⁰

¹² **2 Corinthians 4:4** In “Within You Without You” George laments about those who are blind to the truth. “They don't know, they can't see; are you one of them?” he asks.

¹³ **Matthew 24:12** In “Within You Without You” George regrets “the love that's gone so cold.”

¹⁴ **Romans 12:2** “When you see beyond yourself, then you may find peace of mind is waiting there,” George reminds us in “Within You Without You.”

¹⁵ **1 Samuel 10:6**

¹⁶ **Job 22:28** “Try to realize it's all within yourself,” George advises us in “Within You Without You.”

¹⁷ **1 John 2:10** In “Within You Without You” George talks about “the love we all could share.” “When we find it,” he urges, we should “try our best to hold it there.”

¹⁸ **1 John 2:11** In “Within You Without You” George refers to the people “who never glimpse the truth, then it's far too late, they pass away.”

¹⁹ **Romans 12:1** Aligning ourselves in consciousness with the Divine is our responsibility, our “spiritual service”. “No one else can make you change, George reminds us in “Within You Without You.”

²⁰ **Romans 12:9** “Within You Without You,” was recorded in the Indian classical music style. No other Beatle plays on the track.

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you.²¹ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²²

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling;²³ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.²⁴

“By faith, we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made out of things which are visible.²⁵ As you don't know what is the way of the wind, nor how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child; even so you don't know the work of God who does all.²⁶

“Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, he is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other²⁷ For in him we live, and move, and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offspring.'²⁸ Am I a God at hand, says Yahweh, and not a God afar off?²⁹

²¹ **Ephesians 4:32** Aldous Huxley: “It is a bit embarrassing to have been concerned with the human problem all one's life and find at the end that one has no more to offer by way of advice than try to be a little kinder.”

²² **Galatians 3:28** In “Within You Without You,” George predicts that “the time will come when you see we are all one.”

²³ **Ephesians 4:4**

²⁴ **Ephesians 4:5** Albert Einstein: “A person experiences life as something separated from the rest – a kind of optical delusion of consciousness. Our task must be to free ourselves from this self-imposed prison, and through compassion, to find the reality of Oneness.”

²⁵ **Hebrews 11:3** In “Within You Without You,” George talks about those “who hide themselves behind a wall of illusion,” failing to see the oneness of the Universe.

²⁶ **Ecclesiastes 11:5**

²⁷ **Deuteronomy 4:39**

²⁸ **Acts 17:28** George reminds us in “Within You Without You” that “in him we live, and move, and have our being”: “Life flows on within you and without you.”

²⁹ **Jeremiah 23:23** David Griffiths, *Record Mirror*: “‘Within You Without You’ is a beautifully successful and adventurous statement in song of a Yoga truth.”

“Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth, who has set your glory above the heavens!³⁰ I remember the days of old. I meditate on all your doings. I contemplate the work of your hands.³¹

“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained,³² what is man, that you think of him? What is the son of man, that you care for him?³³ For you have made him a little lower than God, and crowned him with glory and honor.”³⁴

All his acquaintances, and the women who followed with him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.³⁵

He said to them, “Most certainly I tell you, there is no one who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, for God’s Kingdom’s sake,³⁶ who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the world to come, eternal life.³⁷

“And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins.³⁸ For Yahweh is righteous. He loves righteousness. The upright shall see his face.³⁹

“Sing to him, sing praises to him! Tell of all his marvelous works.”⁴⁰

³⁰ **Psalm 8:1**

³¹ **Psalm 143:5** Amit Ray:

“Meditation is a way for nourishing and blossoming the divinity within you.”

³² **Psalm 8:3**

³³ **Psalm 8:4**

³⁴ **Psalm 8:5** Although we are infinite spiritual Beings, we are just a tiny speck compared to the grandiosity of the Universe. We are like a wave in the ocean, with all that the ocean contains but without it’s overall power and majesty. George reminds us of this paradox in “Within You Without You”: “you’re really only very small.”

³⁵ **Luke 23:49** In “Within You Without You,” George laments the distance between people, “the space between us all.”

³⁶ **Luke 18:29** [*“He” is George*]

³⁷ **Luke 18:30** Sometimes we have to give up what we hold dearest in order to grow spiritually. This could include letting go of friendships that are no longer serving our best interests. It could also include limiting the time we spend with certain family members.

³⁸ **1 Peter 4:8** In “Within You Without You,” George declares that “with our love we could save the world.” Sin is separation from God. Love reunites us back to God and heals our “separation anxiety.”

³⁹ **Psalm 11:7**

⁴⁰ **Psalm 105:2**