

Chapter 23

Won't You Open Up Your Eyes?

BIBLE

You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.¹

“I will show you, listen to me; that which I have seen I will declare.”²

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”³ Stand therefore, having the utility belt of truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness.⁴

“Seeing you have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth through the Spirit in sincere brotherly affection, love one another from the heart fervently.”⁵ You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.⁶

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;⁷ who desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth.”⁸

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”⁹

COMMENTARY

¹ **John 5:33** The truth is simply the way things really are. The fundamental truth of the Universe is that there is an intelligent, benevolent presence, and that we are part of this presence. We are units of one fundamental reality.

² **Job 15:17** “I can show you,” John lets us know in “Rain.”

³ **John 4:24** We are spiritual beings and our purpose in life is to be spiritually awake so that God can live in us and through us.

⁴ **Ephesians 6:14** Gandhi: “Truth stands, even if there is no public support. It is self-evident.”

⁵ **1 Peter 1:22** “Now that you know who you are, what do you want to be,” asks John in “Baby You’re A Rich Man.”

⁶ **John 8:32** “Say the word and you’ll be free...the word is love,” John advises us in “The Word.” Choosing love sets us free because we are aligning ourselves with the truth of who we really are.

⁷ **1 Timothy 2:3**

⁸ **1 Timothy 2:4** Eckhart Tolle: “Only the truth of who you are, if realized, will set you free.”

⁹ **3 John 1:4** John: “All I want is the truth, just give me some truth” (“Gimme Some Truth”)

“Hear my words, you wise men. Give ear to me, you who have knowledge.¹⁰ He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good.¹¹

“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but one who keeps the law is blessed.¹²

“You see many things, but don't observe. His ears are open, but he doesn't listen.¹³

“Don't love sleep, lest you come to poverty. Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.¹⁴ The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light.¹⁵

“Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are on the earth.¹⁶

“While we don't look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.¹⁷

¹⁰ **Job 34:2** “Can you hear me,” John asks us in “Rain.” Steve Turner, in his book *A Hard Days Write*, suggests that John's use of this phrase, along with “I can show you” also in “Rain,” indicates that he was starting to take his role as a spokesperson seriously.

¹¹ **Proverbs 19:8** If we are wise, we will love our own soul. To not do so is to dishonor what God has created. John encourages us to get wisdom in “The Ballad of John and Yoko”: “Think!”

¹² **Proverbs 29:18** In “Nowhere Man” John describes someone who “doesn't have a point of view, knows not where he's going to.”

¹³ **Isaiah 42:20** In “And Your Bird Can Sing” John addresses those whose eyes and ears are closed to the truth: “You can't see me...you can't hear me.”

¹⁴ **Proverbs 20:13** “Won't you open up your eyes?” John asks in “Dear Prudence.” To open up our eyes means to gain spiritual awareness. When we do this we become enlightened, and the presence of God (bread) will be enough to satisfy us.

¹⁵ **Matthew 6:22**

¹⁶ **Colossians 3:2** “Now I find I've changed my mind, I've opened up the doors,” John tells us in “Help.”

¹⁷ **2 Corinthians 4:18** “Nothing is real,” John reminds us in “Strawberry Fields Forever.”

“Can you fathom the mystery of God? Or can you probe the limits of the Almighty?¹⁸ They are high as heaven. What can you do? They are deeper than Sheol. What can you know?¹⁹

“For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse.²⁰

“Commit your way to Yahweh. Trust also in him, and he will do this:²¹ he will make your righteousness go forth as the light, and your justice as the noon day sun.²² Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind. Yahweh raises up those who are bowed down. Yahweh loves the righteous.²³

“Righteous lips are the delight of kings. They value one who speaks the truth.²⁴ Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak truth each one with his neighbor. For we are members of one another.²⁵

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.²⁶ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.²⁷

“But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against Yahweh; and be sure your sin will find you out.²⁸

¹⁸ **Job 11:7**

¹⁹ **Job 11:8** In “Everybody’s Got Something To Hide Except For Me And My Monkey” John reminds us that “the deeper you go the higher you fly, the higher you fly the deeper you go.”

²⁰ **Romans 1:20** In “Baby You’re A Rich Man” John dialogues with people whose awareness is limited to what they are able to take in with their senses: “What did you see when you were there? Nothing that doesn’t show.” “Have you traveled very far? Far as the eye can see.”

²¹ **Psalms 37:5**

²² **Psalms 37:6** In “Dig A Pony,” John reminds us that we can make our righteousness shine: “You can radiate everything you are.” Our consciousness emanates from us and affects other people. It is said that when the master Jesus entered a room, his mere presence lifted everyone up in spirit.

²³ **Psalms 146:8**

²⁴ **Proverbs 16:13**

²⁵ **Ephesians 4:25** Becoming more authentic helps us to grow spiritually, but our conditioning sometimes encourages us to wear a mask. John laments in “Strawberry Fields Forever” that “it’s getting hard to be someone.”

²⁶ **1 John 1:8**

²⁷ **1 John 1:9**

²⁸ **Numbers 32:23** It is impossible to hide from our own consciousness.

“Don't lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his doings.²⁹ He who conceals his sins doesn't prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.³⁰

“He who practices deceit won't dwell within my house. He who speaks falsehood won't be established before my eyes.³¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God.³²

“A righteous man walks in integrity. Blessed are his children after him.³³ The law of his God is in his heart. None of his steps shall slide.³⁴

“Confess your offenses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The insistent prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective.³⁵ Yahweh is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.³⁶

²⁹ **Colossians 3:9** Paul: “To thine own self be true’. I think that was very apt with The Beatles. We were always very true to ourselves- and I think that the brutal honesty The Beatles had was important. So sticking to our own guns and really saying what we thought in some way gave some other people in the world the idea that they too could be truthful and get away with it, and in fact it was a good thing.”

³⁰ **Proverbs 28:13** “Everybody's got something to hide,” John laments in “Everybody's Got Something To Hide Except For Me And My Monkey.” If we want to grow spiritually, we need to be honest with ourselves and with others. The Holy Spirit will help us to become more authentic.

³¹ **Psalms 101:7** John: “The more real I get, the more unreal the world gets.”

³² **John 3:21**

³³ **Proverbs 20:7** Integrity is the state of being whole and undivided. When we operate in integrity, we are able to harness more of God's power into our life.

³⁴ **Psalms 37:31**

³⁵ **James 5:16** Getting real and affirming the truth about ourselves and about each other is powerfully effective because it brings us into alignment with our Source.

³⁶ **Proverbs 15:29**

“Don’t grumble, brothers, against one another, so that you won’t be judged. Behold, the judge stands at the door.³⁷ Do all things without murmurings and disputes.³⁸

“The light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to the bones.³⁹ A glad heart makes a cheerful face; but an aching heart breaks the spirit.⁴⁰

“In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; yes, God has made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out anything after him.⁴¹

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.⁴² For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksgiving.⁴³

“God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’⁴⁴

³⁷ **James 5:9**

³⁸ **Philippians 2:14** In “Rain” John has no complaint with the weather: “Rain, I don’t mind, shine, the weather’s fine.”

³⁹ **Proverbs 15:30** In “Sexy Sadie” John describes how “just a smile would lighten everything.”

⁴⁰ **Proverbs 15:13** “Won’t you let me see you smile,” John urges in “Dear Prudence.”

⁴¹ **Ecclesiastes 7:14** “If the rain comes,” John tells us in “Rain,” others may “run and hide their heads,” but to him “when it rains and shines it’s just a state of mind.” When we are in our carnal mind, we make judgments and habitually react to our circumstances. When we are in spirit, we are living from principle, and instead of reacting to things we create the conditions that we want. We realize that there is really no such thing as a “day of prosperity” or a “day of adversity”; each day is the same. When we move our C (Consciousness) forward, we shift from R-E-A-C-T-I-N-G to C-R-E-A-T-I-N-G.

⁴² **Romans 8:28** In “Strawberry Fields Forever” John reassures us that “it all works out.”

⁴³ **1 Timothy 4:4**

⁴⁴ **Genesis 1:26** We are created in the image and likeness of God, with the power and authority we need to accomplish our purpose, which always involves serving others.

“We know, brothers loved by God, that you are chosen.⁴⁵ We have come to believe and know that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”⁴⁶

“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”⁴⁷

“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”⁴⁸ I will hear what God, Yahweh, will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, his saints; but let them not turn again to folly.”⁴⁹

He called the multitude to himself with his disciples, and said to them, “Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”⁵⁰ Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.”⁵¹

He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers for men.”⁵² For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”⁵³

He left Judea, and departed into Galilee.⁵⁴ He stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.⁵⁵

⁴⁵ **1 Thessalonians 1:4** We are loved by our Creator and we are not here by mistake. In “Dear Prudence” John reassures us that “the sun is up, the sky is blue, it’s beautiful, and so are you.”

⁴⁶ **John 6:69** The Christ is our true identity. Jesus discovered and demonstrated this Divine nature, and encouraged us to do the same.

⁴⁷ **Matthew 5:48** To be perfect is to be whole and complete, like our Source. Our objective is to be in alignment with this energy.

⁴⁸ **1 Corinthians 14:15** We connect to spirit with an open heart and an understanding mind. “When I cannot sing my heart, I can only speak my mind,” John cries out in “Julia.”

⁴⁹ **Psalms 85:8**

⁵⁰ **Mark 8:34** [*“He” is John*] Taking up your cross means to die to the small self, the ego. John reminds us in “Tomorrow Never Knows” that “it is not dying” a physical death. It means dying to the ego based games (“game existence”) that the personality loves to play.

⁵¹ **Proverbs 7:2** *Apple* was the name of the Beatles business organization and record label.

⁵² **Matthew 4:19**

⁵³ **Matthew 18:20** “Come together right now, over me,” John pleads in “Come Together.”

⁵⁴ **John 4:3**

⁵⁵ **Acts 9:43**