

Chapter 40

While My Guitar Gently Weeps

BIBLE

All the angels were standing in a circle round the throne and round the Elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces in front of the throne and worshipped God.¹

They sang a new song, saying, “You are worthy to take the book, and to open its seals: for you were killed, and bought us for God with your blood, out of every tribe, language, people, and nation.”²

The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.³ He is clothed in a garment sprinkled with blood. His name is called “The Word of God.”⁴

He gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites,⁵ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.”⁶

“My little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ is formed in you⁷ - I have been silent a long time. I have been quiet and restrained myself. Now I will cry out like a travailing woman. I will both gasp and pant.⁸ For I am full of words. The spirit within me constrains me.”⁹

COMMENTARY

¹ **Revelation 7:11** [*The “angels” are the Beatles*] On the cover of *Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*, the Beatles are depicted standing around the “throne,” a drumhead emblazoned with the Sgt Pepper logo. The “new” turned-on Beatles are dressed in psychedelic attire, and are standing next to the “old” pre-turned on Beatles (the four living creatures), with mop top haircuts and matching suits.

² **Revelation 5:9** “Seals” are chakras, or spiritual energy centers within the body. The angels, getting very metaphysical with their new song, are singing about opening our chakras, dying to the small self, embracing the Christ, and sacrificing our will to God.

³ **Revelation 16:4** [*“The third” is George, “the third angel”*]

⁴ **Revelation 19:13**

⁵ **1 Chronicles 23:2**

⁶ **Hebrews 9:20** Blood represents life. We are saved by the blood of Christ, which represents real, spiritual life.

⁷ **Galatians 4:19** Awakening to the indwelling Christ presence is our hope of glory.

⁸ **Isaiah 42:14**

⁹ **Job 32:18**

“You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.¹⁰ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.¹¹

“Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.¹² The ear that listens to reproof lives, and will be at home among the wise.”¹³

“Yahweh has sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them (but you have not listened, nor inclined your ear to hear).¹⁴

“For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn't believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. When you saw it, you didn't even repent afterward, that you might believe him.¹⁵

“Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it can't save; nor his ear dull, that it can't hear.¹⁶ But your iniquities have separated you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.¹⁷

¹⁰ **James 4:4** To be “adulterated” is to be contaminated, corrupted, impure. George describes those who have become adulterated by the world in “While My Guitar Gently Weeps”: “I don't know how someone controlled you, they bought and sold you.”

¹¹ **Matthew 23:28** In “While My Guitar Gently Weeps,” George chastises those who appear righteous on the outside but on the inside are full of iniquity: “I don't know how you were inverted, nobody alerted you.”

¹² **Proverbs 1:23**

¹³ **Proverbs 15:31** George: “With every mistake we must surely be learning.” (“While My Guitar Gently Weeps”)

¹⁴ **Jeremiah 25:4**

¹⁵ **Matthew 21:32** Beatle John came to show us the truth, “though not many had ears,” as George recounts in “All Those Years Ago,” his tribute to his fellow band member released in 1981. “You were the one that they said was so weird,” he recalls. “You had control of our smiles and our tears, all those years ago.”

¹⁶ **Isaiah 59:1**

¹⁷ **Isaiah 59:2** Sin is a consciousness of fear and lack where we feel separate from God. By spiritual law, there will be consequences for any actions we take while in this condition.

“No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love has been perfected in us.”¹⁸

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another.”¹⁹

“If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.”²⁰ So then let's not sleep, as the rest do, but let's watch and be sober.²¹

“But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for [your] pride; and my eye shall weep bitterly, and run down with tears, because Yahweh's flock is taken captive.”²²

“A voice is heard on the bare heights, the weeping [and] the petitions of the children of Israel; because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten Yahweh their God.”²³

Some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.²⁴ He went out, and wept bitterly.²⁵ But he withdrew himself into the desert, and prayed.²⁶

“Help us, God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.”²⁷

¹⁸ **1 John 4:12** Ferdinand Foch: “The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire.”

¹⁹ **John 13:34** George's last words: “Everything else can wait but the search for God cannot wait, and love one another.”

²⁰ **1 Corinthians 13:1** Robert Browning: “Take away love and our earth is a tomb.”

²¹ **1 Thessalonians 5:6** George: “I see the love there that's sleeping.” (“While My Guitar Gently Weeps”)

²² **Jeremiah 13:17** “I don't know how nobody told you how to unfold your love,” George cries in “While My Guitar Gently Weeps.”

²³ **Jeremiah 3:21** In “While My Guitar Gently Weeps,” George laments those who have forgotten God: “I don't know how you were diverted, you were perverted too.”

²⁴ **Acts 28:24**

²⁵ **Luke 22:62** [*“He” is George*] George: “Still my guitar gently weeps.” (“While My Guitar Gently Weeps”)

²⁶ **Luke 5:16**

²⁷ **Psalms 79:9** As a solo artist, George wrote a sequel to “While My Guitar Gently Weeps” entitled “This Guitar (Can't Keep From Crying).” Focusing more on his personal difficulties this time rather than the plight of mankind, he is still “crying,” but now has “learned to get up when I fall” and is “happier than I've ever been.”

“We have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances.”²⁸

“Hear me, Yahweh, hear me, that this people may know that you, Yahweh, are God, and that you have turned their heart back again.”²⁹ Don't hold the iniquities of our forefathers against us. Let your tender mercies speedily meet us, for we are in desperate need.³⁰

“I will meditate on your precepts, and consider your ways.”³¹ Then I will teach transgressors your ways. Sinners shall be converted to you.³²

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, Yahweh, my rock, and my redeemer.”³³ My eyes stay open through the night watches, that I might meditate on your word.³⁴

“Preserve my soul, for I am godly. You, my God, save your servant who trusts in you.”³⁵ For you formed my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb.³⁶

“Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things out of your law.”³⁷ The heavens are yours. The earth also is yours; the world and its fullness. You have founded them.³⁸

²⁸ **Daniel 9:5** Elbert Hubbard: “We are punished by our sins, not for them.”

²⁹ **1 Kings 18:37**

³⁰ **Psalm 79:8** George, using a dirty floor as a metaphor for our spiritual condition, describes how we are in need of God's tender mercies in “While My Guitar Gently Weeps”: “I look at the floor and see it needs sweeping.”

³¹ **Psalm 119:15**

³² **Psalm 51:13**

³³ **Psalm 19:14**

³⁴ **Psalm 119:148** Meditation and chanting were the hallmark of George's spiritual practice. George: “If there's a God, I want to see Him. It's pointless to believe in something without proof, and Krishna consciousness [chanting] and meditation are methods where you can actually obtain God perception.”

³⁵ **Psalm 86:2** To affirm “I am godly” is to claim our Divine nature. We existed in spiritual form before our present incarnation, and we will continue to exist after we leave the physical world. While in a body, we realize our oneness with an omnipresent God through the Christ.

³⁶ **Psalm 139:13**

³⁷ **Psalm 119:18**

³⁸ **Psalm 89:11** George: “I look at the world and I notice it's turning” (“While My Guitar Gently Weeps”)

“Lord, open my lips. My mouth shall declare your praise.³⁹ I will speak, that I may be refreshed. I will open my lips and answer.⁴⁰

“Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!⁴¹ I have remembered your name, Yahweh, in the night, and I obey your law.⁴²

“Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this great people of yours?”⁴³

God said to him, “Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have you asked for riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice;⁴⁴ behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given you a wise and understanding heart; so that there has been no one like you before you, and after you none will arise like you.⁴⁵

“I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you for all your days.”⁴⁶

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.⁴⁷

³⁹ **Psalm 51:15** Chanting is opening our lips and praising the name of the Divine over and over in a rhythmic way. George: “The response that comes from chanting is in the form of bliss, or spiritual happiness, which is a much higher taste than any happiness found here in the material world. ... One of the main differences between silent meditation and chanting is that silent meditation is rather dependent on concentration, but when you chant, it’s more of a direct connection with God.”

⁴⁰ **Job 32:20**

⁴¹ **Psalm 8:9**

⁴² **Psalm 119:55** “Chant in the name of the Lord and you’ll be free,” George advises us in his solo composition “Awaiting On You All”

⁴³ **1 Kings 3:9** An “understanding heart” is Christ consciousness.

⁴⁴ **1 Kings 3:11** George’s prayer is answered, not by an external power but within his own consciousness.

⁴⁵ **1 Kings 3:12**

⁴⁶ **1 Kings 3:13** When we center ourselves in higher consciousness, we open up to Divine prosperity.

⁴⁷ **Revelation 8:1** The seven seals are the seven chakras within the body. As George continues to meditate, chant and pray, his chakras are opened and he experiences perfect control of his mind for a half hour.

When he rose up from his prayer, he came to the disciples, and found them sleeping because of grief.⁴⁸ He asked them, “Don’t you understand, yet?”⁴⁹ My heart was hot within me. While I meditated, the fire burned: I spoke with my tongue.”⁵⁰

Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, “Surely Yahweh is in this place, and I didn’t know it.”⁵¹

Yahweh’s angel appeared to him, and said to him, “Yahweh is with you, you mighty man of valor!”⁵² He said to him, “What is your name?” He said, “Jacob.”⁵³

He said, “Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have fought with God and with men, and have prevailed.”⁵⁴

“Even now I know that, whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”⁵⁵ The sun will be no more your light by day; nor will the brightness of the moon give light to you, but Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.⁵⁶ Blessed be Yahweh’s name, from this time forward and forever more!”⁵⁷

Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.⁵⁸ When he saw them, Jacob said, “This is God’s army.” He called the name of that place Mahanaim.⁵⁹

⁴⁸ **Luke 22:45**

⁴⁹ **Mark 8:21**

⁵⁰ **Psalms 39:3**

⁵¹ **Genesis 28:16** Lanny Wolfe:

“Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace.” (“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”)

⁵² **Judges 6:12** [*“Yahweh’s angel” is George*] George: “If we were all perfected beings, we wouldn’t be here in the physical world.”

⁵³ **Genesis 32:27**

⁵⁴ **Genesis 32:28** *Israel* symbolizes God consciousness. With the help of George, Jacob’s Divine self has prevailed over his human self.

⁵⁵ **John 11:22** Since Jacob’s will is now in alignment with God’s will, he will get whatever he asks.

⁵⁶ **Isaiah 60:19** Paul: “I’m really glad that most of the songs dealt with love, peace, understanding... There was a good spirit behind it all, which I’m very proud of... It were a grand thing, The Beatles.”

⁵⁷ **Psalms 113:2** Matt Redman:

“Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your name.” (“Blessed Be Your Name”)

⁵⁸ **Genesis 32:1** [*The “angels of God” are the Beatles*]

⁵⁹ **Genesis 32:2** *Mahanaim* means “two camps.” It symbolizes the human and the Divine sharing the same space. We are not pure spirits, we are *embodied* spirits.