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Open the Eyes of My Heart

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you..." Ephesians 1:18

Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

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Holy is the Lord

“...Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory” Is. 6:3

Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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Ancient Words

*“Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him with all
their heart” Psalm 119:2*

Lynn DeShazo

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk, in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words, ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Holy words, of our faith
Handed down, to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of
Christ

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Matthew 16:1-12— English Standard Version (ESV)

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The Solid Rock #404

*“Everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is
like a wise man who built his house on the rock” Mt 7:24*

Edward Mote

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
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His oath, His covenant, His blood; Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay

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All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When He shall come with trumpet sound; Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

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Offering: Lord I Need You

"It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption." 1 Cor. 1:30

Matthew Maher, Daniel Carson, Jesses Reeves, Christy Nockels, Kristian Stanfill

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

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Following Jesus

Following Jesus- Finding Truth

Matthew 16:1-12



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Matthew 16:1–4

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This request for “a sign from heaven” is a repeat request from earlier in the Gospel (See 12:38-42). There, Jesus provides two answers to their request for a sign. He explains about the sign of Jonah and he points them to the sign of His wise teachings.



Matthew 16:1-12

The problem with the religious leaders is **three-fold**. **First**, they are not discerning or interpreting the “signs” of His teachings. In Mt. 12, Jesus points out that Solomon had given less to his generation, but the queen of Sheba had sought him out for wisdom, but the religious leaders had missed the wisdom of Jesus.

Are we the same? We are looking for something to amaze us when the wisdom of God is available in the biblical texts for us to read and yet we miss it (or even yawn).

Matthew 16:1-12



Second, they are missing the “sign” of His healings (Mt. 9:6). The religious leaders wanted to set the standard of the sign that they were demanding and by doing so were missing the gracious acts of God around them.

Are we the same? Do we have expectations for what God must do before we will recognize His grace toward us?

Third, the religious leaders are not looking for the “sign of Jonah”, which Jesus explains in Mt. 12, as His resurrection.

Are we the same? Do we downplay that the resurrection offers more than any other temporary healing does? Why would we pray that our diseases are healed (only to get something else later) and not celebrating that one day we will be raised to eternal where there will be no more disease? (Rev 21)



Matthew 16:5–12

[5] When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. [6] Jesus said to them, “Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” [7] And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.” [8] But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? [9] Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? [10] Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? [11] How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” [12] Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.



Following Jesus

Matthew 16:1-12

Jesus warns His disciples about the teaching of the religious leaders based on their unwillingness to receive Jesus' message (wisdom) in the previous exchange. The disciples completely what Jesus wanted (not needed) from them. Like the religious leaders, they did not “perceive” the situation well.

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Like the religious leaders, the disciples had failed to learn the lessons of the two miraculous feedings (Mt. 14:13-21; 15:32-39). They did not perceive and failed "to understand", thereby revealing their little faith.

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The main problem with the teachings of the religious leaders is the self-righteousness that pervaded their thinking (Mt 5:20ff). Jesus describes this self-righteousness as having the effect of leaven, just a pinch will affect everything.

Are we the same? The contemporary church needs to be careful not to allow a pinch of self-righteousness to affect all of our conversations, all of our worship gatherings, and all of our ministries. We are the needy ones!



Following Jesus

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Following Jesus today: Three truths to recognize



Following Jesus

1. God has shown His grace and revealed His wisdom in the Scriptures.

Are we looking for a "sensational" sign from God so much that we are missing the "miracle of grace" revealed in the Bible? Remember that the Scriptures provide many "signs" of God's love for us sinners.

2. God does not need us for what we provide.

God is creating a new people for Himself. These people are sinners who have become worshippers. They have been called from the crowds of onlookers to become disciples (faith-filled followers of Jesus).

3. We need to be wary of our own self-righteousness and instead seek the righteousness that God provides (6:33).

Jesus has to warn His disciples continually about the sneakiness of self-righteousness. We still need to be aware of this leaven. We are not insiders. We are not likely recipients of God's blessings. We do not have "status" of our own. All that matters is to be "in Christ".

I Surrender All #366

"Offer yourselves to God" Romans 6:13

Judson VanDeVenter

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me; May I know Thy pow'r divine

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All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me

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