

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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The subject of study for the month of August 2010 is:

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“NO POWER”

**Tape 110
Side Two**

1955 Kailua Study Group, Tape 1

By Joel S. Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON – August 1, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Good morning. (*Much better.*) The greatest pleasure that we get out of living is that which we get from and through each other. You know, it is literally true after you have gone along the spiritual path for awhile that the world has no pleasures to offer us, no attractions, and we begin to understand what the Master meant when he said, “*My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth.*” ‘*My peace, My peace; I have a meat the world knows nothing about.*’ And we begin to realize that it’s true that the world has very little to offer us. Even though we may enjoy a show, or an opera or a book, it isn’t the real lasting joy or peace that we can get from each other.

And the only reason we can get it from each other is that we have arrived at some place in consciousness where we are not desiring something that the other has. In other words, we are sharing whatever it is that comes through and not desiring what the other

one has. No human element enters the relationship – no jealousy, no envy, no personal satisfactions, and so the joy can come.” ~Joel

Matt 18:18-20

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 2, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“But the Master had something like that in mind when he said to the disciples, “Could ye not watch with me one hour?” You see, in our relationship that same question will come up. Very often we may do things or leave things undone that the world itself can never understand and for which the world would condemn, or criticize, or judge. And sometimes it is even true that we are tempted to judge or criticize or condemn each other.

But, you see, that really has no right to be in our relationship. And the reason is this: it is not impossible that any one of us will sin or commit some wrong according to the world’s standards or even according to our own standards. We ourselves may, at some time or other, be tempted into a violation of what we consider not only the world’s standard of goodness, but even our own standard of goodness.

But it is right there and then that we have the right to look to each other – not for criticism or judgment, condemnation, gossip or rumor, but to have our hands upheld. And you may say then, “well do you mean that we are to condone each other’s wrongs?” No, no, if you have understood the unfoldment of the Ninth Commandment, was it?, “thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor” – if you have caught a glimpse of what that means according to the spiritual interpretation of it, you will know that this means that we do not look upon each other as humans. Not as good humans or bad humans, not as spiritual humans or unspiritual humans, that we have come to the place of witnessing, experiencing, revealing Christhood.” ~Joel

Mark 14:38

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Rom 8:16,17 (to 2nd ;)

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

THE DAILY LESSON – August 3, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now we will agree here and now with Paul that we may not have fully apprehended; we may not be fully demonstrating our Christhood. But that makes no difference. ‘Forgetting those things which are past, we go forward toward the attainment of the full stature of manhood in Christ Jesus.’ And that doesn’t mean that even though we are looking forward to it and struggling toward it, that we may not still fall from Grace. Any one of us may be afflicted with a disease, an accident, a sin, a false appetite. You see, the pressure of the world – world hypnotism – is very powerful, very strong until such time as we do fully apprehend; that is, make the complete ascension.” ~Joel

Rom 6:14

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 4, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“And so it is that on our spiritual journey we may fall from Grace – according to the world’s standards, according to our own. But, if our own will not hold us up, if our own disciples will not stay awake with us one hour to continue to behold our manhood in Christ, then how can we blame the world if it sets about crucifying us or tearing us down?” ~Joel

Mark 14:66-72

66 ¶ And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

“Now you see that we are a spiritual underground without any question of that because we are presenting to the world truth in about the highest form in which it can be presented to a world in this – and probably in any other age – not that this is the first time it’s happened, but it is happening now. All the way back in Isaiah, oh all the way

back in the Psalms, you will find the prophecy that the Christ, when It comes, will be crucified. Isaiah is full of the predictions and prophecies of the crucifying of the Christ, the persecution of the Christ, and the Master himself acknowledged it.

Whenever truth is offered to the human mind, the human mind wants to crucify that truth because the truth demands that the human mind die. Truth demands that we “die daily” to our humanhood and that we be reborn of the Spirit. Truth doesn’t promise anybody that you can go on being a good, comfortable human being. Truth doesn’t promise anybody that you can have a lot of money and a lot of fame and a lot of health and a lot of self-indulgence. Truth doesn’t promise anybody a life of ease in matter. It promises a terrific struggle – a struggle between the Spirit and the flesh until the crucifixion.” ~Joel

I Cor 15:30,31

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

I Cor 15:42-45

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 5, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“That is the final tearing down of humanhood, the final destruction of ‘man, whose breath is in his nostrils,’ after which comes a very barren period, a wilderness period in the tomb, a period of desolation. That’s why it is called the tomb. But after that three days, there comes the resurrection. And even in the resurrection you carry around a torn body with you and maybe some torn reputations too. But 40 days of that and there comes the ascension above every claim of the human mind. Then comes the pure, spiritual life in which the promises are fulfilled:

- “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
- “I will lead you beside the still waters, in green pastures.”
- “My presence will go before you to make the crooked places straight.”
- “I have never seen the righteous begging bread.”

You see, it is in that demonstration of our Christhood that there are no problems, none whatsoever.” ~Joel

Rev 3:20,21

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 6, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, we agree – and I’m speaking now not only to those sitting here in this room, but to all the students who are listening to this on tapes and who may some day read it in print – that we are called upon by our teaching to go out into the world and witness sin, disease, death, lack, limitation, wars, spiritual wickedness in high places, and yet look through the appearance and say, “Oh no, I know thee who thou art, the holy one of Israel.” If we can do that for the world at large, how much more must we do it unto each other since it is we who are upholding this banner for the world?

And if we are not united with each other, in each other, through each other, if we are not giving to each other support – spiritual support, mental support, physical support, financial support, whatever is necessary at any given moment – then we are not of that band of the spiritual brotherhood that is holding aloft the light of truth for the world.

Certain it is that your good will be evilly spoken of. Certain it is that on this path you will be accused of every crime in the calendar. And the higher you go in spiritual demonstration, the more mud the world will throw at you. And fortunate are you if those of your own spiritual household will not misjudge you or desert you, but will hold up your right hand – not only when you are innocent of any of the things that the world says about you, but even in those rare instances when you may be guilty. Do you see what I am trying to drive at – that in our work we are the targets for *materia medica*, for the orthodox ministry, for the university intellectuals, for all of those who have not yet witnessed an activity of the Infinite Invisible?” ~Joel

Isa 12:6

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Matt 18:20

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

John 8:28-32

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 7, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“You see, that is the only thing that sets us apart from the world. We have witnessed the Invisible. We have heard the inaudible; we have known the unknowable – at least in some tiny measure. And so it is that when we walk through the world we learn to ignore appearances because now we have seen that which is invisible to the world at large. We have seen Christhood as the reality of this universe. Even having seen It we have not fully demonstrated It. We are demonstrating It in a measure. We are not demonstrating It to the fullest because we have not apprehended the fullness of the stature of manhood in Christ Jesus.

Now, wherever we travel, wherever we meet with students of The Infinite Way it is our function to rise above human likes and human dislikes, personal animosities. It is our function to rise above all sense of humanhood in our relationship with each other so that we spiritually enjoy each other’s companionship, so that we enjoy the companionship of each other on purely spiritual levels, and thereby never bear witness to a fault in each other. When acting in the capacity of a practitioner or teacher to each other, we then have the right to point out any departure from a spiritual principle. But we still have no right to do it with an atmosphere of censure, or criticism, or condemnation – only with the teacher’s instinct of correction and impartation.” ~Joel

Matt 17:14-20

14 ¶ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 8, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“You see, “where two or more are gathered together in my name,” wherever there is a uniting in spiritual consciousness, the power and the presence of the Spirit is far more in evidence than otherwise. You say, “Is it not true that one with God is a majority?” Yes it is – one with God is a majority. ‘I, if I be lifted up, can draw all men unto me.’ But that only means that if I am consciously one with God that I then can be a blessing to all of you who are within my household, within my consciousness. But, the other means ‘where two or more are gathered together’ – that where we have united here in that Christ-Consciousness, that we go out into the world and draw more thousands unto us because of this multiplicity of presence and power that is manifest unto the world.

In other words, the allness of God may well express Itself as my individual being. But then, on the other hand, as soon as there are two of us, the infinity of God is manifesting in Itself through two of us, and where there are 22, the infinity of God is multiplying Itself through 22 of us. Does that mean 22 infinities? Oh no.” ~Joel

Eph 4:4-7

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 9, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“There is still but one Infinity, but wherever I am is infinity, wherever you are is infinity, wherever you are is infinity, wherever you are is infinity, and so in that manner the infinity appears to be multiplied on earth. Do you see that? Do you see that if we were to go out into the world in 20 different directions this morning that there would be 20 different evidences, manifestations of that infinity; whereas if there were only one of us in this consciousness, that infinity would be expressed here and now to those about me? It would be infinitely expressed, but not beheld.

The reason is this: The ‘word becomes flesh’ and so far as the world is concerned, there would be no Christ evident here if there were no individual to show It forth. And so if there is an individual in this locality showing forth the Christ, then that Christ, to some extent, becomes evident in this locality.

Ah, but how about your locality? – The same thing. If there is no one there bearing witness to this presence and power, then to the world there, there is no evidence of Christ. But when the ‘word becomes flesh’ in your locality, there the world says, “Ah, there is Jesus, thee Christ, there is Christ, thee anointed Jesus, Christ, thee anointed Jesus”; in other words, the Spirit made evident as your individual being.” ~Joel

Ps 147:1-5

- 1 Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.
- 2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
- 4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Isa 26:3 (to :)

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:

THE DAILY LESSON – August 10, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“And so it is there is need in this world for consecrated souls throughout the world all united in this Consciousness with no judgment of each other, no criticism, no condemnation, not even of the methods or approaches through which we may attain conscious union with God. There are those who attain it through the Roman Catholic Church. There are some who attain it through Judaism. There are some who attain it through Sufism, and so forth all around the world. And it does not behoove us to judge, criticize, or condemn how it’s attained, but to unite with all those who earnestly by any means are living so as to bring themselves into conscious union with God.

(Now where did that come from? – because I gave this class last night, but that wasn’t in it. I gave it at 2:30 this morning thinking you might not show up, and I’d better be sure that it was delivered, so I did it at 2:30 this morning. But that wasn’t in it.) *(Joel laughs)*. What I started to say was that yesterday morning our work opened with a statement that, in our present state of development, problems must be welcomed rather than hated or feared, and I did not complete that idea since it took all of the time to lead up to it.” ~Joel

Rom 1:8-12

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 11, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“And so I will complete it now by showing you this: Our first entrance into metaphysical or spiritual studies is for the purpose of finding peace or contentment or overcoming problems of health or supply or morals, and our energies are directed in that way, toward that end, which is perfectly all right.

But the day comes when these problems are, for the most part, met – when our problems are only minor problems, and when we find ourselves enjoying 90 odd percent of health, and a sufficiency of supply, and even a sufficiency of morals, even that comes. And then comes a period of resting, a period of contentment.

“Just think, through my work, my studies, through my new religion, or a new teaching, I have arrived at a place where I am physically well, morally well, financially all right, human relationships much better than they ever were, isn't it beautiful? Isn't this a beautiful world?” And that, of course, is the period of great temptation because to rest in that is fatal because actually that is not the object of spiritual work. That is only – the overcoming of problems – is only the decoy that often brings us into the work.” ~Joel

John 15:5,6

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 12, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“But if we’re alert and if we’re alive, we will soon find out that it never was the purpose of God to make us humanly comfortable. It never was the purpose of God to give us an abundance of health and food, and clothing, and housing, and companionship and say, “Now rot away down there until you’re three score years and ten and come home.”

That never was the purpose of God. If it had been the purpose of God for us to be well off in humanhood, you may be assured of this: we’d all be perfectly healthy, happy humans. But God has no pleasure in our happiness. God has no pleasure in our prosperity. God has no pleasure in our health. Oh no, God is Spirit and God has no pleasure except in our attainment of spiritual consciousness, spiritual life, spiritual awareness and spiritual being, which is something entirely separate and apart from a Pollyanna life of humanhood.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:14

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 13, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now be assured of this: God is infinite power, and in God’s domain, that power is made evident and beside It there is no other power. And so when you see these physical or human discords and inharmonies, it must bring to your mind that in that realm, God is not infinite, and perhaps it’s because God doesn’t even operate in that realm. Perhaps humanhood is a sense of selfhood separate and apart from God. Perhaps humanhood with its birth, maturity, decay and death is purely an illusion – even when it’s a healthy illusion or a wealthy illusion.

And then it is you begin to question and say, “Ah, what is God’s purpose for us?” And then you’ll find that it isn’t being a lot of namby-pamby good humans with a lot of surplus money and a lot of surplus health, no, no, no. No, we must ‘die daily.’ ~Joel

Isa 43:10

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

I Cor 15:50 (to ;)

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;

THE DAILY LESSON – August 14, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“So we come to that part of the message of The Infinite Way which is its deep inner revelation, which is its deep inner unfoldment, and for those who have the capacity to carry on in spite of the battle between the Spirit and the flesh, it holds out the possibility of spiritual attainment. Now listen.”

“Health is just the opposite end of the stick of ill health. Wealth is just another belief opposed to lack. Good morals is a matter of climate, food, and territory. With certain climates, and certain foods, it’s almost an impossibility to be moral according to human standards. And certainly the greatest factor in morality is where are you living because they don’t have the same standards in New York as they have in Paris and these are far different standards than they have in the South Seas or among the American Indians.

That which the world calls morals is a matter of human conduct based on the customs prevailing at the moment. If our grandmothers lived the lives of the girls and women of today, they would all be wearing a scarlet letter on them, and there isn’t any question about that.

It would not have been tolerated in the days of the early American Republic – unless you can picture our Puritan grandmothers walking down the street with cigarettes in their hands, flicking ashes onto the street. (*Joel and class laughs*) I can’t quite get that picture. Or going in and sitting up against the cocktail bars, and saying, “Hey, John, set ‘em up again, only make it a double.” No. no, no and those things are perfectly moral. I’m not condemning them. That’s part of our times today, but they weren’t a part of

morals a hundred years ago. And so it is all the way through life. I have no intention of reading the Kinsey Report, but you can read it for yourself....(*much laughter.*)” ~Joel

Gen 2:15-17

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 15, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now spiritual living, spiritual consciousness, spiritual demonstration has nothing to do with abiding by a code of human conduct even if it’s the Ten Commandments. Spiritual living is an attunement with the Spirit in which our conduct would be the same in the year 1775 or 2075 because it would be in accordance not with custom, but with principles of life. The outer forms and customs might vary, but the inner principles never would.

Now, in making this practical in our living we come to a realization that at first astounds one – at least it astounded me. You remember yesterday that we stayed on the subject of one power, but actually that isn’t the goal. It isn’t our ultimate goal to think of God as one power. The ultimate goal is when we come to the realization that God is no power at all. That is when we come to the realization of absolute truth.

You see, in the state of consciousness in which we accept God as the one power, we feel that through that realization we break through all the discords of sense and overcome all of the so-called powers of this earth. Even in thinking of God as one power there remains within us the trace of believing that this one power, ah well let’s look at it this way. If there is such thing as a power, it must be a power to something or over something, mustn’t it? You can’t have such a thing as just plain power. Power must be power to something or over something, and that’s what God isn’t.

God isn’t a power to anything or over anything. God is Being. God is infinite, eternal being, and there is nothing in God requiring a power – nothing. God is an infinite

presence and all that is present in and of God is infinite in Its nature, and It needs no power to turn to. It has no use for a power since all that exists in and of God is Itself a part of that infinite, eternal nature which is Being.” ~Joel

II Cor 3:14-17

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 16, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“God is eternally being not because of any power, but because of Its own nature which is immortality and eternity. There’s no power keeping God immortal or making God immortal or that power would be greater than God. Nor is God maintaining you or me in our immortality since we are in and of that very God quality. Inherently we are as immortal as God; therefore, we don’t need any power to maintain our immortality or eternity. Inherently we are ‘joint heirs with Christ in God to all the heavenly riches.’

We need no power to bring us supply. We need no power to bring us health. We need no power to make us moral or keep us moral. There is no such thing as our needing any power. That which we are we are by the divine right of our spiritual nature which is, ah here comes that word again, capital S-e-l-f, Self-maintained, Self-sustained. There is no power to turn to. There is no power to bring into our experience. If anything at all, that power is expressing Itself as our individual being. Therefore, we, ourselves, would be all the power there is - but power over what? And power for what, since in our spiritual identity we have been since before Abraham. We are now; we will be unto eternity. Is something going to keep us that way? No, no that’s our nature to be that way.” ~Joel

Rom 8:14-17

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 17, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Let’s see if we can clarify that a bit with this: In the beginning of our studies we turn to God for health, for supply, for companionship, for home, and what do we find after we’re on the path awhile? We find that we have been seeking amiss. Why? Because we never had a right to be seeking health, supply, companionship or home. We never had a right to be seeking anything but the kingdom of God – which eventually we learned we already are. We have never had a right to turn to God for anything.

The Master made that clear: “Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, what ye shall drink, wherewithal ye shall be clothed. The nations of the world seek after these things, but not ye.” What then do ye seek? The Kingdom of God. What is ‘Kingdom?’ – consciousness, realization. That is the only thing there is to seek. What happens when you find the kingdom of God or realization of God? You find that all these things are included in that consciousness.” ~Joel

Luke 12:19-23

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22 ¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 18, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now. I have seen in my years of work this vision: It is a sin to desire anything. It is a sin to seek for anything because it is a denial of God. It is as if we were saying, “God, I have an awareness of something I need, but evidently you haven’t. Or if you have, it isn’t your ‘good pleasure’ to give it to me. But I need it and I want it and I’m coming to you for it.” That is a sin. It is our Father’s “good pleasure to give us the kingdom,” and all the things that are included in the kingdom. Therefore, it must be a sin to seek it.

It must have been given to us in the beginning before ever the earth was. And so our work is not the seeking – although it was legitimate in the early days of our studies – it is not legitimate to a disciple. It is not legitimate to a student who is along the path. To the student, all desires must drop away in the realization that:

I seek only the revelation of that which is, the revelation of that which already is established in me from the beginning of time, and which will be there unto the end of eternity – not by any power of God operating today, but by the fact of my co-existence with God since the beginning of time.”

~Joel

Luke 12:29-32

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 19, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now in our treatment work as you will learn, those who haven't already learned it, we never take consideration with health or supply or morals or appetite, never, never. I have never known but one way of helping – whether it's patients or students or family – and that way is to be still, to get silent, to retire within myself until such time as I feel a stirring which is the evidence to me of the presence of the activity of the Christ. Now that's all I know.

I do not care whether the activity of the Christ will appear as money for you or as health for you or as home or companionship, or the winning of a lawsuit. It makes no difference. Only one thing is concerned. Once I have the feeling of the presence of the activity of the Christ in me, I know that your need is met – mental, physical, moral, financial, I don't care what it is, human relationships.” ~Joel

Matt 6:6

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matt 24:44

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 20, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

"In this letter that I have that came yesterday I noted a paragraph this morning that – this was in that case of the corporations and unions that were working in the East toward an agreement. I first worked with them two or three years ago when the union was about to wreck the corporations. Just about to put them out of business with hate and fury, and I only came into the case toward the end and was able to witness peace established there.

But this time I was called in right from the beginning of the negotiation. And I have this letter saying that when the government negotiator came in to sit in on the last three days of the negotiation, that he said that never in his experience as a government negotiator had he witnessed such harmony and peace in meetings as there were in those. That he never believed it possible for unions and capital to sit together in that degree of unity." ~Joel

Isa 32:15-17

15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 21, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, you see, that could not have been brought about if the practitioner were thinking in terms of bad labor and good capital or even of bad capital and good labor. That must be transcended to where you do not sit in judgment. You do not take sides nor do you have any wish for your client to come out a winner, where the only aspiration you have when you go into meditation is that I may witness within me the risen Christ, the living Christ – that I may feel the divine presence within me way out here in Hawaii. Of course, the world would say, “What has that got to do with a meeting taking place or a series of meetings taking place way back in the East?” Now you see we are all one as long as we have been admitted by even one person into that council – we are there in presence.”
~Joel

Matt 7:8

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 22, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Here is a room closed off from the rest of the world, and as far as the world is concerned, we could shut out every bit of divine influence. But if any one person in this room were to contact a person of spiritual light – even if it were as far away as in South Africa – this room, and the relationship in this room, would be transformed. Now in the same way, if someone in South Africa or New York, Canada, England reaches out to us for the inspiration of the Christ, wherever they are the presence and power of the Christ is made evident and made manifest. I use the word “power” there in the human sense that the activity of the Christ appears outwardly as a power overcoming discords just as God appears in our experience as if It were a power overcoming disease and sin and lack. Actually that is not taking place because God is not a power.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9 (to .)

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 23, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“The secret is that in the moment that you achieve the realization of God’s presence, you are where there is no need of power because there are no discords. Is that clear? The moment you achieve a realization of God, you have no need of God-power because you have no, there is nothing there to be overcome. There is nothing there but what this conciliator found: love, harmony, unity, peace. And so it is the minute you achieve the realization of Christ in you, there’s no disease to be overcome. That disease gets out just a second ahead of what’s coming. It’s going to be gobbled up if it doesn’t. (Laughter)

Do you see that in the presence of God there are no discords whatsoever? In the presence of the Christ there are no discords and so, God, or the individual realization of the Christ, isn’t a power. It is a divine presence in which there’s no darkness at all. That’s the mystery of the inner working of The Infinite Way, and The Infinite Way is not another way of overcoming disease or sin. The Infinite Way is not a way to contact God and get the presence and power of God. The Infinite Way acknowledges with the Master, ‘Don’t ever say that error is subject unto you through my name. Don’t ever say that.’ Wherever the presence of God is, there is no need for any power to overcome anything because there is only harmony.” ~Joel

Luke 10:17-22 (to :)

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

22 All things are delivered to me of my Father:

THE DAILY LESSON – August 24, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now do you see what I mean when I say God is not really a power? It appears on earth as if It were a power doing something to something, but It isn't really a power at all, and we don't need God as a power; we only need God as God. In the same way, it is a sin to desire health, harmony, wholeness, completeness or perfection because if our desire is limited to the desire to experience God, or Its individualization, the Christ within, Christ then appears as the harmony necessary to our fulfillment.

Now just listen to the Master: “I am the bread of life.” “I am the water; I am the wine; I am the truth.” Now is there any evidence there that Christ sends us bread, wine, water? No, then there would be bread, wine, water separate and apart from Christ, and there isn't. The Christ IS the very body of our lives. Christ IS the very loaf of bread we eat. Christ IS the very water we drink. Christ IS the very home in which we live. Christ IS the very substance of our friendships and of our relationships when our relationships are built on spiritual quality.

So you see that having Christ, you have bread, wine, water, meat. Having Christ, you have all things. In the absence of Christ you can't have anything of a permanent, spiritual nature. But expecting Christ, or God, to give you or be the instrument or avenue through which these come to you would be making a servant out of God, a human being making a servant out of God, a human being wielding the power called God for its own benefit. Isn't that a sin? As if we could take that great big Infinity and make It do our bidding, or ask It, or coerce It, or plead with It or bribe It – sometimes threaten It!” ~Joel

John 6:51 (to 2nd :)

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:

John 6:58

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Matt 6:13

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 25, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

"Now. God does not do our bidding. God does not subject Itself to our will. God will not fulfill Itself on our level of desire. God will not fulfill Itself on our level of desire. And how do we know that? Because It isn't doing it. If It were doing it we could then say, "Thank you, Father." But God isn't fulfilling Itself on our level of desire, and for that reason we have thousands and thousands of churches built. So we can go there on certain days of the week and just club God (*Laughter*) into answering our prayers, stopping our wars, feeding us while we burn up food, take care of us while we're hating our neighbor, as we do not like our neighbor to hate us.

And all this time expecting the dear Lord to forgive us our inequities – not inequities that we have forsaken, but inequities that we have no intention of forsaking because we are going to keep right on hating the German or the Japanese or the Russian, as the case may be, as the occasion may require, or the government may dictate. No, no, no. We are going to continue to hate the stranger in our midst, but God has certainly – well we've even been told to try tithing. That might do it. No, nothing will do it. God does not submit Itself to human will. But a human, in order to avail itself of God, must submit itself to God's will. Not 'my will be done, thy will be done' – a complete and total self-surrender of personal desires, ambitions, and hopes." ~Joel

Luke 5:17-23

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 ¶ And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

THE DAILY LESSON – August 26, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“You see, the world fails to find peace and security because it seeks peace and security. Once it would give up the desire for peace and security to seek the realization of God, peace and security would be found to be the ‘added things’ or included things. The world cannot find what it is seeking because it is seeking it – instead of giving up the search for things, conditions, and seeking awareness alone. ‘Seek ye the kingdom of God and His righteousness,’ His rightness, oneness with His being and all these things will be found included in you or scripturally added unto you.

Now, in the message of The Infinite Way there is no such thing as health or wealth. There is no such thing as safety or security. There is no such thing as peace – not in heaven or on earth. There is only one thing: this realization of the activity of the presence of the Christ here and now, the realization of God’s presence, union with God, conscious oneness with God. You say, “We are already one with God,” and it’s true, but so is the man dying on the crucifix or the man dying on the gallows, and so is the man dying on a battlefield one with God – but not consciously so.

And you remember yesterday we brought that out – “consciousness” is the secret word. Only what you are conscious of can you bring forth. And if you are conscious of God, you can bring forth infinity – but an infinity of joy, an infinity of peace, an infinity of supply, an infinity of home, an infinity of inspiration, of all good. The big lesson is this:

neither. Neither God nor the individualization of God, which we call the Christ, neither of these things will bring good to us." ~Joel

Matt 6:33

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Eph 4:4-6

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 27, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

"The attainment of God or the Christ is the fulfillment in our experience of all good. Never, never, separate God from Its infinite manifestation. Never believe for a minute that there is a manifestation of God separate and apart from God Itself. And so, therefore, in thinking of peace, joy, success, opportunity, inspiration, health, harmony, wholeness, completeness, drop them as quickly as possible from thought and say, "no, no, no, none of those things will satisfy me. One thing alone do I desire: 'my heart panteth after thee, O God. My Soul longs for thee and for thee alone, for God and for God alone.'" Then in that realization of God, these things are added.

Do you see why the world rebels at this? Do you think that I haven't witnessed some of our friends write to me and say, "oh but you don't understand, I must have this rent on Saturday or I must have this job or I must get rid of this pain. If only you'll take care of those things first, we'll go after God next." And they don't understand when I say, "I'm sorry. I don't know how to bring these things to you. I've never learned how to demonstrate those things for you." The only thing I've known since the beginning of my religious life is that when I made my contact with God, all other things seemed to flow without taking any thought, without worry, without concern, without planning.

Let us meditate for a few minutes. ~Joel

Ps 42:1-4

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Phil 3:17-20 (to ;)

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

20 For our conversation is in heaven;

THE DAILY LESSON – August 28, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Do you see now how clear it becomes that a discipline is necessary so that we stop turning to God as if expecting something from God when there is nothing to expect from God? There is no use of looking to God as a power. There is no use looking to God as a means of our accomplishing something, and we have scriptural authority for this in the words, “*I am.*” *I am.* All that God is, *I am.* *I am* now. *I am* – not I will be after I get a hold of God - not I ought to be when I get a hold of God – not if I deserve it – not if I am worthy of it. But the secret is *I am*, and if we live in *I am*-ness, we demonstrate *I am*-ness. If we live as if expecting something from God, which is a future tense, we are always living in a tense that we cannot demonstrate because no one yet has succeeded in living in the future.” ~Joel

Luke 18:9-17

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

So then, our practice and discipline must be to let go of this so-called well-meaning man who was taught to have an ego by man whose breath is in his nostrils. Be as an innocent child, full of love, trust and receptivity, aware only of the Omnipresence of the Father. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – August 29, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“You can only live in this instant now. And if you are not now in the consciousness of God’s presence, you are not going to be there later except through acknowledging that: “Even though I do not appear to be, *I am*. I shall not look to God for my good. I shall realize that in God I already am in possession of my good. In God’s sight I already am the ‘image and likeness of God.’ In the realization of God, I already am full and complete.” And so you discipline the mind to stop this looking for good tomorrow. It won’t come.”

Tomorrow has never come to anybody. It is always today. It is always this hour; it is always this minute; it is always now. If you are not now in the presence and power of God, what hope have you for the future? Why should God respect you more tomorrow than now? Why should God do more for us next week than now? Why should God be more to us in the future than now?

Can we ever be more the child of God than we are now or as mortals could we ever be less? NOW is the time of fulfillment. Now is when ‘*I and the Father are one.*’ Now is when God is fulfilling Itself in this garden. Even though you see no fruit out there, now God is fulfilling Itself, and in its season the fruits and flowers will be there. But they will be there in the future because God is fulfilling Itself now.

We may look into our bodies or into our purses and not see God's fulfillment, but if we will stand fast in *I am*-ness and realize "God's will is being done in me now. There is no sense of separation between me and the Father" – then when it comes flower time it will be flowers, and when it comes fruit time it will be fruit. And when it comes other times it will be that because of God's fulfillment in me NOW.

If, however, I put off in my consciousness the time and appearing of God, I keep myself blank and barren because whatever happens to me must happen through consciousness. And if I am conscious now that God is fulfilling Himself in me – physically, mentally, morally, financially, inspirationally – then that fulfillment is taking place and will appear outwardly for whatever is known secretly is shouted from the housetops in demonstration." ~Joel

I John 3:1,2

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 30, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

"Then instead of praying, "God, put roses on my rose bush," I'd merely look at my rosebush and say, "as barren as you appear to be, God's law is fulfilling Himself in you," and I rest in that awareness until the day finally comes when those buds and blossoms appear externally to my sight.

So it is we never look to God to be a power. We never look to God to do something. It is God Himself that becomes the center of our being and the hope and the joy of our expectancy. Nothing do we expect and nothing do we hope for than that God's Grace give us the realization and demonstration of His presence.

Then, you see, when we are presented with physical disease in ourselves or in others, we say, "Disease, health, what of it? My mind isn't on that. My mind is on the realization of my Christhood which was never born, does not age, and will never die." ~Joel

John 11:25,26 (to .)

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

THE DAILY LESSON – August 31, 2010

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series - "No Power" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“And so it is as we are called upon to be healers for friends, for family, for patients, for students, always we will say: “Disease, health, poverty, abundance, what difference? I’m not looking to those things. I’m not looking in that direction. I am realizing my Christhood. I am realizing your Christhood. I am realizing Christhood as the true entity and identity of every being on earth – human, animal, vegetable or mineral.”

Christ is the life and Christ is the law. Christ is the ‘bread, and the wine and the water.’ Christ is the infinity of individual being – yours, mine, his, hers, and its. And if I permit thoughts of disease or health, lack or abundance to come into my thought, I’m juggling appearances instead of seeing even through the harmonious appearances to the Christ Itself which is never born, will never die.

Thank you until tomorrow morning.” ~*Joel*

John 7:24

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.