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“The Thunder of Silence”

By Joel S Goldsmith

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PART THREE

FROM LAW TO GRACE

CHAPTER X

YE HAVE HEARD IT SAID OF OLD

At any moment of our experience—it makes no difference whether we are nine, nineteen, or ninety—we can begin the return to the Father's house. But let us not believe that we can return to that Edenic state by continuing to be the same persons we were yesterday with all our human virtues and failings, vacillating constantly between good and evil. Our human virtues will not gain us entry into Eden any more than will our human failings. We have to lose both human failings and human virtues and take on the mantle of the Christ by rising above the mental creation of the second chapter of Genesis which has chained us to the law of good and evil.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 4:18-20 (KJV)

18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

“Leave your nets [all the things (distractions) of this-world] and follow Me [Christ Consciousness].” ~Al Denninger

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“The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Christ Jesus.’ For hundreds of years before Moses, the Hebrews had been living in a state of slavery with little or no opportunity to make advances in education, culture, religion, art, or the sciences; and under such circumstances it is not surprising that they were living without any greatly developed moral sense. To these people, Moses presented a higher way of life, the backbone of which was the Ten Commandments. If those commandments were obeyed, a person was considered as fine a type of citizen as could be expected, and moreover, if in addition to that he also obeyed the dietetic laws and a few other customs, he merited the title of a good Hebrew. If the law were disobeyed, all the offender could expect was to be stoned or excommunicated. Little or no concept of love was embraced in this teaching. It was strictly a teaching of moral and ethical laws.

A moral or ethical sense, high as it may be, however, is only a step on the way to spiritual consciousness. While a person may live in absolute obedience to the Ten Commandments he may still be eons away from the spiritual life because the true spiritual life is a living above the pairs of opposites.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 5:43-45 (to :) (KJV)

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:

“One small step on the way is a step on His Way.” ~Al Denninger

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“When Jesus came, he taught a way of life which was not primarily concerned with changing the negative sense of life into the positive, but with rising above *both* the negative and the positive into the spiritual. It should not be forgotten that as a Hebrew rabbi in the organized Hebrew church, Jesus was authorized to speak and preach from its platform; nor should it be forgotten that what he preached was not called Christianity: There was no Christianity. Moreover, he did not preach to Christians: There were no Christians. He was a Hebrew rabbi preaching to Hebrews.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Col 3:16 (KJV)

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

“Let us acknowledge Him in all our Ways. Each individual expression of God is Perfect Love, unconditionally given.

Thy will be done, Father, on earth as it is in Heaven... Thank You.” ~al.within

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“But now a miracle takes place. This man Jesus received an illumination which gave him an entirely new religious teaching, something which heretofore had been unknown to the Hebrews. Now he goes far beyond the karmic law of the Old Testament in his teaching of one power. As he taught this revelation to the men and women of his day, it made them free of all ritual and dogma, so free that the church would not tolerate the man or his teaching. 'What else but hatred and fear could they feel for one of their own who turned his back upon some of their long established and most cherished practices, such as the insistence on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem once a year for the purpose of paying tithes as well as the observance of other rituals. Jesus' very turning away from these observances was a silent criticism and condemnation of that in which they had placed their trust for so long.

Jesus brought to light the truth that spiritual welfare is in no way related to the rigid observance of any forms, but has to do with the state of consciousness developed by the individual. He preached a new dimension of life, a higher consciousness, which required a dying to old beliefs. He made it clear that new wine cannot be added to old bottles, that is, that this new dispensation could not merely be added to the old Hebraic mode of life, but that the old would have to be exchanged for the new because the two were contradictory.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 9:17 (to:) (KJV)

17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles:

I Cor 15:50-53 (KJV)

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

I Cor 15:31 I die (KJV)

31 ...I die daily.

I Cor 15:34 (to ,) (KJV)

34 Awake to righteousness,

“Remain focused on the New Horizon. Put on the mantle of Christ Consciousness and The Way becomes clear. The old thoughts and perceptions fall away into the nothingness they always were...” ~Al Denninger

I Cor 15:58 (KJV)

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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“In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus summarizes the difference between Judaism and his new teaching which was not yet known as Christianity but as the teaching of a radical and independent-thinking Hebrew rabbi. And what is the teaching of this man who was undoubtedly the most illumined and spiritually developed of anyone ever known, so illumined that today the world practically revolves around his teachings?

The word *Grace* will reveal what it is. The law came by Moses, ‘but grace and truth by Jesus Christ.’ This grace and truth mean something quite different from what is meant by the law. And so for three hundred years after Jesus’ ministry, there were people traveling up and down the Holy Land, crossing over into Rome and Greece, teaching and preaching not the law as set forth in the Hebrew faith, but a something new, a something startling, something different called grace and truth which gradually came to be known as the teaching of Christianity.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 1:14-18 (KJV)

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

“I leave this to you: To study this new message of Grace and Truth that came through Jesus Christ, take a look through Matt: 5-7 [The Sermon on the Mount]. I Am with you, Loving you.” ~Al Denninger

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“The first followers of his teaching were called Jewish Christians because they were Jews who were followers of the Christ. In fact, in those early days, only those who were Hebrews could become Christians. But eventually Paul and Peter realized that this Christ-teaching was more than just a different kind of Judaism. It was unique, something separate and distinct of its, own, and gradually it came to pass that in order to become a Christian, it was not necessary to be a Hebrew first: Circumcision was no longer required, and many other time-honored practices were forsaken; the disciples began to preach to the Gentiles and to acknowledge that this teaching of the Christ was universal in its nature, until the day came when even the pagans of Rome and Greece or any man, regardless of his background, could, if he would, become a Christian.

So for several hundred years this was the state of the Christian teaching, and then one of the strangest events that has ever happened in the history of the world took place. A church was organized that adopted all the rites and rituals of the Egyptians and other pagans of the day, that accepted bodily and literally Judaism as taught in the Old Testament, discarded all the Christian teaching except the name of its revelator, and then called itself the Christian church. But what happened to this Christ-teaching when it became thus organized? Did this church practice Jesus' teaching of 'resist not evil,' or did it still cling to the ye-have-heard-it-said-of-old teaching of an 'eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth'?

The practice of true Christianity lifts the Adamic man who would wreak vengeance on his enemy from the karmic law state of consciousness to the consciousness of grace and truth which reveals a God of love instead of a God of rewards and punishments.”
~Joel S Goldsmith

I John 2:8 (KJV)

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

I John 4:7,8 (KJV)

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

“There is no separation in God’s Kingdom. There is no race, creed, enemy or error known to those that Love unconditionally.” ~Al Denninger

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“The God Jesus revealed was of an entirely different nature from that of the Old Testament, and in that part of the Sermon on the Mount which deals with karmic law, Jesus taught that sin is punished by the sin itself, but no reference is made to a God who punishes. It is clearly explained that as we do unto others, it will be done unto us—not by God, but according to the karmic law of *as ye sow, so shall ye reap* under which all human beings live. Our deeds of love are reflected back to us in love, and our evil deeds are brought back to us in evil effects by the very act itself. By our own state of consciousness, we set in motion both the good and the evil. ‘With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again’—not by God, but by the law.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 7:1,2 (KJV)

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Rom 8:5 (KJV)

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

“This-world will govern us, if we do not rise above it.” ~Al Denninger

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“When we hate, we are invoking the law, and when we love, we are invoking the law; when we give or share, we are invoking the law, just as we are when we hold on to things. On every hand, nature testifies to the truth of this law. For example, unless the fruit on the tree is plucked or in some way removed from the tree, the tree will stop bearing. We do not blame God for that—God is not punishing the tree. It is a law of nature that the tree must yield up its fruit in order that it may bring forth more fruit. So unless we yield up, surrender, or release good, we become barren because the law is: ‘Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.’

This law of sowing and reaping is applicable to individuals as well as to nations. There is no way to avoid the penalty of wrongdoing—not that there is any God who is going to do anything about it, but because there is a karmic law that each person sets in operation by his actions.

All this the Master revealed in that part of his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount in which he said, ‘Ye have heard that it hath been said. . . .’ But the Master never taught that God punishes—no, not even the thief on the cross, not the woman taken in adultery, not the man born blind. Always it was, ‘Go, and sin no more.’ What evil we are experiencing we are bringing upon ourselves—it is not God inflicting it on us.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 5:43-45 (KJV)

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

“God’s Love is Omnipresent and unconditional. Be still, and at ease - and rest in confidence and comfort that this is so...” ~Al Denninger

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“When Christianity became organized, it adopted the Old Testament teaching of a punishing God, perhaps in the vain hope that it might frighten people into being good; but as a matter of fact that very teaching, far from being a deterrent to evil-doing, is probably responsible for many of the sins committed in the world today. Evil-doers soon discover that there is no God who does anything to them, and the evidence they see about them does not convince them that God will punish either their evils of omission or commission.

If men were taught that the *evil deed itself* punished them, they would understand Jesus' interpretation of karmic law, and then they would be prepared to accept his higher teaching of how to overcome that law. It is possible to set aside karmic law, wipe out all punishment for our former misdeeds and live under Grace, but this cannot happen to anyone individually or to the world until the karmic law as explained by the Master is first learned and understood.

The deed itself carries with it its own reward and its own punishment. It does not have to be an overt act, because the act itself is only the outward expression of the thought impelling the act. Therefore, for example, it is not necessary to steal to bring down the punishment of karmic law: It is only necessary to think of stealing, and actually it is not even necessary to think about it. Merely desiring what somebody else has is sufficient to set in motion karmic law. It is not necessary to strike a person—to become angry with him is enough to bring the law down upon us.

People in grosser states of consciousness do not feel the repercussions of karmic law as quickly as those on the spiritual path who suffer more as a result of a minor infraction of the law than others from a major one, because they have a greater awareness of what is right and what is wrong, and the slightest deviation from the way sets the law in operation.

Setting aside karmic law involves first of all a recognition that it exists—that the evil that we think or do reacts upon us—and then this realization prevents us from blaming somebody or some set of circumstances or conditions for any predicament in which we may find ourselves. We begin to see that we alone are responsible. There is not a mysterious God somewhere chalking up our errors against us, but we, ourselves, determine the issues of life by understanding that we have set in motion the good and the evil that befall us. That leads us to stop blaming or condemning other people and makes us realize that some change must take place within us and that the state of consciousness which made it possible for us to do wrong, either carelessly, thoughtlessly, or sometimes willfully, must be transformed.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gal 6:8 (KJV)

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

“Corruption destroys itself. You see?... A thought that separates us from God is like choosing to give credence to a dream. There is none other. I AM.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – July 31, 2016

“Very quickly we learn what Paul discovered—that there are two of us. Each one of us is a dual person, one the creature who is not under the law of God, and the other, the son of God who has the Spirit of God dwelling in him: ‘For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.’ There seem to be two of us, the one warring with the other—one who knows the right and the other who is struggling against it, one who wants to be the perfected man and the other who through limitation of one sort or another cannot achieve it.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gal 5:16-18 (KJV)

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

“Are you willing to be Led by the Spirit? Start by practicing the presence of God. Then be still and Dwell in the secret place of the most high with an attitude of: speak Lord, thy servant heareth...” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – August 1, 2016

“When we come to the place of realizing that there is a son of God in us, but that the prodigal son of man is still struggling for survival, we begin to understand the warfare between the flesh and the Spirit. The prodigal, or Adamic man, out in the world using up his substance and finally sinking to the depths of degradation as symbolized by his eating with the swine, was none other than the son and heir who later wore the purple robe and jeweled ring. They were not two different men, but the selfsame man in two different states of consciousness.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Rom 12:2 (to ,) (KJV)

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,

“Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven.... In order to obey the Father’s will, our finite thoughts and things of this world must fall away we must be reborn in the Infinite Consciousness of Christ.

My son, All that I have is thine – It always was – by Spirit to Spirit and Soul to Soul.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – August 2, 2016

“As soon as we can begin to accept the principle that there is neither good nor evil in person, thing, or condition, that is, in any effect or appearance, in that moment the inner yielding begins which leads to the life by Grace, because we are now no longer in conflict with, or in opposition to, any person or thing. There is always the choice of accepting one way or the other, and the choice as to which way we accept is ours.”
~Joel S Goldsmith

Ex 20:16 (KJV)

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

“The greatest false witness we can bear is the lie that our neighbor is separate and apart from the Kingdom God... If you can say: ‘I Am included in the Omnipresence of God’ – then what would your neighbor say differently?” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – August 3, 2016

“The goal of life now becomes the attainment of the conscious awareness of our true Self; or as it is stated in mystical literature that conscious union with God in which the little self disappears and the pure Self remains intact as our eternal and everlasting identity.

There is within every one of us the kingdom of God. There is within every one of us a capacity for living on earth without fighting, hating, or envying. But this we cannot do as human beings, and that is why we are told by our friends that this is a very impractical way of life—beautiful, of course, but very impractical.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Luke 17:21 (KJV)

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

“Can you see now, why we must be still?” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – August 4, 2016

“The ‘I say unto you’ of the Sermon on the Mount is possible only when people come to the realization that they are not living off one another or from one another or by human modes or means, but by ‘every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.’ The Sermon on the Mount is a way of life that is impossible for us as human beings to attain, unless we have contacted the divine faculties within us and are living through the Soul rather than through the body and mind. Then as we begin to accept the responsibility of loving our neighbor as ourselves and loving God supremely, acknowledging in true humility that of our own selves we can do nothing—that we cannot even be good because there is but one good, the Father, and nothing else is either good or evil—we are on the mystical path, the path of conscious communion with God.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 4:1-4 (KJV)

- 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
- 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.
- 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
- 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

“Father, I surrender... There is nothing I can do of mine own self... I acknowledge only Your Presence. You are the fabric of my Life... My joy and my Good. My breath is Your breath. My Soul is Your existence. Thank you Father, for Lifting me to a place that I can See with my heart and Feel with my Consciousness. Thy Grace is My sufficiency in all things... Thank you Father for Life. Speak Lord, I will follow... Your grateful son,”
~al.within

The Daily Lesson – August 5, 2016

“In the Sermon on the Mount, (Matt 5-7) which is the greatest message ever given to the world, two diametrically opposite ways of life are presented. Here is the *ye-have-heard-it-said-of-old* way, the way the world is now living, and here too is the but *I-say-unto-you* way, the new dispensation of living by divine Grace.

‘I say unto you’ is a complete assurance that God is the creative, maintaining, and sustaining principle. It is the mystical way of life in which we are not the actor, the doer, or the be-er, but in which there is a transcendental Presence and Power which the Master called the Father within.

We live under the law and are in the ye-have-heard-it-said-of-old or the prodigal experience as long as we are in the mind-creation of the second chapter of Genesis. When we return to our original state of pure being, we no longer live under karmic law but under Grace—under the ‘I say unto you’ of the Sermon on the Mount.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 5:38,39 (KJV)

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matt 5:43,44 (KJV)

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

II Cor 3:13-18 (to .) (KJV)

13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

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.

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

“The New Promise reveals an impersonal and Infinite Way of Life. Beloved now are we the Sons of God beholding the activity of unconditional Love Loving.” ~Al Denninger

This concludes this very powerful Chapter 10 of “The Thunder of Silence”, by Joel S Goldsmith. I hope you will keep it close until it is deeply within your grasp.

Tomorrow we begin Chapter 11, entitled “Say Unto You”.