

“THE DAILY LESSON”

is an activity of the study group found at: www.iwso.org
It is a progression of excerpts from tapes recorded by Joel,
or from his books or writings.

It is created each day as an experience of Grace, with corroborating scripture
and inspired comments from the Practitioner and Teacher ~ Al Denninger,
to take into your meditation and live with throughout the day.

Student’s note: There are words that are capitalized throughout this work. These
words are used as if it were a synonym for, or as an activity of God. Also, the portions
that are *italicized* are spontaneous meditations.

The subject for our current study is the complete book
“The Thunder of Silence”
By Joel S Goldsmith

The Daily Lesson – March 19, 2016

“CHAPTER III

BEYOND POWER

As long as man has someone or something to which he can cling, he will not find God. Whatever man knows or is able to know with his human mentality—whether a thing or a thought—is not God. No one is going to find God while he has anything on which to stand, anything to which he can hold, or anything about which he can think. Startling and unbelievable as this may seem to be, nevertheless it is true.” ~Joel

Matt 4:18-22

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.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

“One day we all will feel an impulse to leave our nets [surrender all things, thoughts and laws of this-world] and Trust the Mind of Christ to provide our Infinite good. Will we Follow? Or will we stay behind and coast along in the limited mind of man? ~Al

The Daily Lesson – March 20, 2016

“Most of us have known a fair share of the good things of life and a few of the bad ones; and while we may not have been happy with the bad things, we undoubtedly would also admit that we did not find any permanent happiness in the good ones. Many of us must have suspected that there is something beyond all this, but what? What is that something? Is it God, and if so, what is it that men call God? Is God just a vague hope, a senseless dream, or is God really attainable? Is it possible to know God?

The search for God is not easy for anyone, and when the revelation of God does come, it is something so entirely different from what was expected that if a person is honest he will have to confess that it is beyond his understanding. Only after finding corroboration for what he himself has discovered as it is presented in a thousand different ways through the spoken and written word and then living with it for years and years, does it ultimately register.” ~Joel

Phil 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

“Thank you Father for Your Assurance.” ~al.within

The Daily Lesson – March 21, 2016

“Religions have evolved because somewhere far back in the past men were constantly encountering troubles of one sort or another in their human experience. If they were fishermen, they found that the fish were not running well in some seasons; if they were hunters, there were periods when the game was scarce; and for those engaged in farming, some years there was too much rain and some years not enough. Occasionally, there were enemies from across the border molesting them, and at such times the strong nearly always overcame the weak, plundering their less powerful neighbors and often reducing them to the status of slaves. Even if they did not hold their captives in complete physical slavery, they held them in mental slavery, keeping them in as much darkness as possible that they might exploit them the more easily; but then, if and when the weak became strong, the picture was often reversed.

The record of history indicates that the mighty have always taken from the weak. Bullets overpowered those who had bows and arrows; cannon triumphed over bullets; and finally bombs overcame cannon. One power has always been used to overcome another power, and as a last resort, men have turned to God hoping that He would be more powerful than the weapons they possessed.

The Old Testament is filled with accounts of people and nations who called upon God to destroy their enemies. That these enemies were more wicked than they and, therefore, deserved to be destroyed is usually not recounted—only that they needed the land of their enemies or their enemies' slaves, or that they needed some other thing which their enemies possessed. Their whole object in praying to God was that He would wipe out the enemy and deliver to them their property!

That is what God means to most people today—something to use. Only now, instead of being concerned merely with their human enemies, people have assigned to God the additional responsibility of removing their diseases and sins. Always man seeks a greater power with which to overcome those powers that disturb or annoy him.” ~Joel

II Chron 20:17 (to 3rd ,)

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you,

“Actually, if God is Omnipotent, there is only One power. Can there be an opposing power?” ~AI

The Daily Lesson – March 22, 2016

“Today, the world has witnessed the discovery of tremendous powers which are greater than any ever expected of, or attributed to, God because material powers have been discovered which can almost instantaneously wipe out the enemy if only the aggressor can get there first. The world has even discovered mental powers, but no one has yet discovered, either in the physical realm, the mental or the spiritual, a power that can destroy or overcome the sins, diseases, and poverty of the world.

This modern mechanistic world is still seeking exactly what it sought before the days of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; it is still praying to God for the same things for which our pagan ancestors prayed. Man has not yet learned the great lesson that the overcoming of any and every difficulty is not through using any kind of power; and if in all the thousands of years the world has not learned the folly of seeking powers with which to overcome error, it may be wise to let it pursue its vacillating course while we walk the high way, the infinite way, demonstrating that there are no powers to be overcome because life is to be lived ‘not by might, nor by power, but by *My Spirit*.’” ~Joel

Zech 4:6

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

“Can mental or physical effort influence that which is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent?” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – March 23, 2016

“When the great wizard of General Electric, Charles P. Steinmetz, said forty years ago that the next great discovery in the world would be spiritual power, he was prophetic. It must be understood, however, that this spiritual power to which he referred is not power in the commonly accepted meaning of the term: Spiritual power is the lack of power; it is no power in the sense that it is nothing that the world can conceive of as power because it is neither physical nor mental. It is not a power that can be manipulated by man, and that is why a term such as *using Truth* is archaic. Truth cannot be used. God cannot be used. Imagine man's using God! The very thought is shocking.

When spiritual power is finally understood, it will be revealed to be *no-power*. And what is the meaning of such a statement? No-power means a state of consciousness in which there are not two forces combating one another; there are not two powers, one to be used to destroy the other. In other words, there is not a spiritual power that can be used by anyone to destroy his enemies; there is no spiritual power that can be used in place of the nuclear power upon which the world is now relying.” ~Joel

John 19:9-11 (to :)

9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:

“Omnipotence can have no other... *Thank you Father, My confidence is in You.*” ~AI

The Daily Lesson – March 24, 2016

“Some of us may think that inasmuch as the power we are seeking and hoping to use is spiritual, that makes its use legitimate. But what we really are doing is expecting spiritual power to do exactly what we have relied upon bombs to do. Let us not be deluded into believing that it is possible to find some undiscovered power to do what the already discovered powers are failing to do. We are not going to find a spiritual power to destroy or overcome anything: Instead, we are going to overcome the belief that there is good or evil in any effect or in any form.” ~Joel

Matt 4:1-4

- 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.

“Before we are tempted into asking God to correct a perceived lack, stop, and ask within, ‘Father, what do You see?’” ~AI

The Daily Lesson – March 25, 2016

“When I was led to meditate on this idea of power, I saw that the cause of all the turmoil and conflict in life lies in the deep-seated belief in two powers which has resulted in such attitudes as that of the survival of the fittest, self-preservation as the first law of nature, and the use of force in war and in almost every other activity of human existence. Always throughout the ages one power has been used to overcome, destroy, or replace another power, and yet despite all this use of power, the same evils that were on earth at the beginning of time are still plaguing the world. The passing of years has not in any sense eliminated or destroyed the power of evil.

It was in meditation, while pondering this, that the question came to my mind, ‘Does this mean that what man is searching for is a greater power to do something to these other powers? Is it possible that there is a spiritual force which will destroy material power and supplant it? And, in the event that such a spiritual force might be discovered, is there a possibility that some evils may develop in its use so that ultimately the world will have to find still another power with which to overcome the spiritual power? What is the limit? Where does it all stop?’

I knew that wherever power of any kind has been used there have always been the possibility and the potentiality of its being used either for good or for evil. ‘How can this be?’ was the question I asked in my meditation. ‘In a God-ordained world, is it possible that God-power can be used for both good and evil?’

Quick as a flash the question answered itself: ‘No, if you ever discover what God-power is, you will learn that it has no opposite and no opposition; it cannot be used for good and it cannot be used for evil: It can only remain the creative, maintaining, and sustaining power of good, a power which *cannot be used*. *God-power cannot be used*: It can use us, but it cannot be used *by us*.’ That is the power the world awaits, a power which will prove to be no power, a power that no one can use, but that only God Itself can express, activate, and motivate.” ~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.

“An error appears in the possibility of a second chapter of Genesis consciousness. Lack and limitation seems to have power over us the instant we accept the idea that we-of-our-own-selves understand our own life and its control. This so-called knowledge perpetuates the illusion as long as we consider the consciousness of the material world our home. Our Spiritual Consciousness [our Soul] was created by God, in His Image and Likeness and never left the first chapter of Genesis.” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – March 26, 2016

“It became very clear to me that as long as there is a belief in two powers, there will be some people who will use power for good and other people who will use it for evil; but inasmuch as inertia prevents most members of the human family from taking a positive stand for good, the evil will usually predominate.

When power rested primarily on material force, there were both good and bad material forces operating. Then came the era when mental power was in the preponderance, and for a short while it was a good era, during which time mental power was used for healing and regeneration, but it was not long before it was discovered that mental power could be used for evil purposes as well as for good. Today the world as always is a world of both material and mental forces. The challenge is to go beyond the use of *any* force or power to a state of no power.” ~Joel

Rom 13:1

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

“When we Experience God IS, there is nothing else we need to know.” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – March 27, 2016

“For every bit of good power in the physical or mental realm that can be brought to bear in any situation, somebody in this world is going to discover how to use a corresponding amount of evil power. The ultimate solution to this battle of opposing forces is the ability to rise to God-power, which is not good power but a creative, maintaining, and sustaining power; to rise to a dimension of life in which there is no power, that is, no power that can be used.

In a God-created universe, the secret of life is no power. When we come to the place of no power, *no power can operate against us, in us, or through us*. That puts us in a very humble position where much as we may dislike doing it, we have to acknowledge as Jesus did, ‘I can of mine own self do nothing.’” ~Joel

John 7:24

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

“In Righteous judgment [Spiritual Enlightenment] there is no other... The self is but an individual expression of the Source.

The Daily Lesson – March 28, 2016

“That is the goal of this message—to come to a place where we do not pay lip service to the statement, ‘I can of mine own self do nothing,’ but where we demonstrate that it is actually true and let whatever it is that is the power of God, the no-power, assert Itself and do the work.” ~Joel

John 14:8-11

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

“Father, I surrender. I know that I cannot do Your Work. It’s impossible for me to do it alone... You’re going to have to do it... ... But, I am willing to stop everything right now, let my life be in your hands, and let Your will be done through Me...”
~al.within

The Daily Lesson – March 29, 2016

“There is a second part of this principle which is of equal importance and a natural corollary of the first part. I have stated that men have always sought for a power to overcome other powers, but they have also sought for something more than that. They have sought for a God who would give them *things*—food, clothing, housing.

Because the Master knew that, he cautioned his followers, ‘Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on.’ He knew that long before his day men had been seeking a God to give them food, clothing, housing, companionship, supply, good crops, good hunting, and good fishing; and even though his command was that they stop seeking after things, two thousand years later the world still goes to church to pray for the very things that the New Testament admonishes it not to pray for. Men are still seeking a God to give them *things*—and failing, just as they failed to find a God who would be an insuperable power to destroy their enemies.

When we give up seeking the power of God, we shall find the no-power which brings harmony into our lives. When we give up seeking things of God, we shall receive the greatest gift—God Itself. We shall receive God in consciousness, in our inner sanctuary or temple, in that secret place of the most High, which is found in no other place than within ourselves. The great lesson to be learned is that the goal is God-realization, and that not for any purpose.” ~Joel

Matt 6:31-33

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

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

“You are Included in The Kingdom of God. There is nothing else to seek.” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – March 30, 2016

“To those who are thinking, ‘Should I not have health?’ or, ‘Should I not have abundant supply?’ my answer is, ‘I suppose so—I suppose so because the grace of God supplies us abundantly with everything of which we have need, even in what appears to be this human scene, but we do not have any power to *get* these things from God. When we have the actual conscious realization of God, pain, lack, and limitation fade away.”
~Joel

Luke 15:31

31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

“Return to the Father’s House. Throw your arms around Him, and Give your Life to Him... Let Him Unfold your Life for You.” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – March 31, 2016

“Unfortunately, there will still be people who are sick or poor. The poor are always with us—the poor in health, the poor in purse, and the poor in morals. With these, we share out of our abundance to the best of our ability. More than that we cannot do. We can never give them all they need or want. That is an impossibility because there is no end to what ‘man, whose breath is in his nostrils’ needs or wants; but until a person realizes the futility of seeking things, he will not be fulfilled.” ~Joel

Matt 19:23,24

23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

“Why? Because a rich man is content and usually coasting in comfort and in his ‘personal’ power. He has given power to his good, so why would he stop and surrender to God’s Will? Well, eventually, in his experience, there will be some ‘thing’ he will not be able to buy or the riches may be lost.

We’ve always known that we must not give the so called evil of this world power. And so it is, we must not only drop the evil of this world belief but the good too. Why? Because both the good and the evil are of this limited world sense and not of the Infinite Spiritual Realm. Coasting in our worldly good tends to separate us from the One Good – of which there are no opposite powers.” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – April 1, 2016

“Why do we not stop searching for the power of God, stop looking for some thought or some truth that we think will make us well or prosperous, and acknowledge that of our own selves we can do nothing, and that nobody ever has discovered a power that destroys his enemies? Let us rest in the realization that all the evil of this world constitutes but the ‘arm of flesh’ and let it pass from our experience—let it pass—not by pushing or forcing it out, but by *letting* it pass. Nothing is accomplished by struggling physically or mentally, because struggling only increases what seems to be an evil power in our experience. It is you and I who falsely entertain a sense of the power of sin, false appetite, disease, lack, or limitation, a sense of power which the thing itself, whatever it is, does not have; and that is why no power discovered in the physical, mental, or spiritual realm has ever been sufficient to remove any unwanted condition.

Every time that the thought comes to us, ‘I need this’; ‘I need that’; ‘I would like this’; ‘I would like that’; ‘I should have this’; ‘I should have that’; our answer must be, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone’—by effect, by creation—but by Spirit, the Creator.’ That must be a continuous realization until we have overcome our desire for anybody or anything that is in the external realm. We have to lose all desire for the visible in the realization that we live not by that which is visible but by that which is invisible, and then we shall find that the Infinite Invisible will produce in our experience the persons, things, circumstances, and conditions necessary to our daily life.” ~Joel

Zech 4:6 Not

...Not by might [mental powers], nor by power [physical strength], but by my spirit [the Infinite Invisible Source], saith the Lord of hosts.

James 4:3 (to 3rd ,)

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,

The Daily Lesson – April 2, 2016

“In the same way, every time we are tempted to think of some power—some negative, evil, erroneous power that apparently is dominating our life, rendering it futile and fruitless and which we want destroyed—let us smile at it as we realize, ‘No, I have no need of any power with which to overcome this discord. There is a God, even though I do not know what God is. I cannot know what God is because It is beyond the utmost comprehension of the human mind. If I could think something that I believed to be God, or Truth, I would ultimately find that that is not It.’ And so it would go on unto eternity until we come to the realization that if we can think It, It is not That.” ~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 human mind busily thinks it’s in charge – but at the moment of Spiritual Discernment, all that’s left is a Smile.” Al

The Daily Lesson – April 3, 2016

“How could anyone possibly believe that a thought of God in his mind could be God? That would surely be localizing and *finitizing* Him. The great Solomon realized fully that even the magnificent Temple he had built could not house God. Nothing is great enough to house God. Not all the world can house Him, and yet we build a little doghouse in our minds, or a pigeon coop, and think that God is there simply because we have changed His name to Mind, Life, or Love, trying to anchor Him in thought where we think we can hold onto Him. How foolish that is! How impossible it is to build a mentality big enough for that! Why, this whole universe of men is not big enough to embrace God!

Let us be satisfied to know that God is, and that there is evidence of that in the life all around us—in the law of like begetting like, in the abundance of love that there is in a world as loveless as this world sometimes seems to be, in the immeasurable beauty of a world where so much beauty is being destroyed continuously.” ~Joel

Ps 147:4,5

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.

“Do we need to know All that the Father knows? Could we? We need to know only the next step that He asks us to do. I am satisfied, honored, blessed and Grateful to touch His hem once and then to rest back and start again...” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – April 4, 2016

“What God is, we do not know, but there are many, many ways in which to observe and witness the *is-ness* of God—not by knowing God, but by seeing the effects of God. We do not know how God functions, but in The Infinite Way we have discovered that God operates in Silence when thought is stilled and when the human sense of self is so humble that it really and truly believes that ‘I can of mine own self do nothing,’ and then has the patience to wait for God's glory to be revealed.

It is only those who are ready to give up all their concepts of God, to stop dreaming, thinking, and outlining, who in that complete surrender can let God reveal Himself:

God, I know not what You are, or even how to pray to You. I know not how to go in or how to come out; I know not what to pray for.

I cannot believe in the God that the world has accepted for I have seen the fruitlessness and frustration which follow such blind faith. I must find the God whom no man knoweth, the God that is, the one true God that created this universe in His own image and likeness—perfect, harmonious, and whole—and who maintains and sustains it in its infinite and eternal perfection. In such a God I can believe.

Reveal Yourself, Father; show me Your will. Never again will I dishonor You by trying to tell You what I need and then attempt to coerce You into delivering it. Never will I expect You to do my will or my bidding—to be my messenger boy.

I place my life, my hand, my being, and my body in Your keeping. Do with them what You will, Father. Take my sins, my fears, and my diseases; take my health, and my wealth; take it all. I ask only one gift—the gift of You, Yourself. ~Joel

Luke 12:22-31

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.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

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.

“And so it is - Stop... And be Aware that You are Included in God’s Omnipresence.” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – April 5, 2016

“We can come to this state of receptivity and respond to it only at the point of our readiness, and our readiness comes only when we have experimented with all the different forms of God that the world presents to us—the God of the religious world, the metaphysical God, the God we think we can use, the God that demonstrates things. Every kind of God we try, and only when we come to the end of trying are we ready for this surrender, ready to give up seeking a great power to destroy our enemies or to shower us with gifts. We give up the desire for that kind of a God, and we rest in this word, ‘God is. Thy grace is my sufficiency—not power, not might. Man shall not live by outer powers or outer things, but by the Word.’” ~Joel

Matt 4:4

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.

“What is the Word? It is the Activity and Experience of Christ Consciousness as it Comes to Us. It is the Director and Conductor of Life. It is Love Loving.” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – April 6, 2016

“Long ago those of us who have delved into metaphysics lost our faith in material power and material means. Now when we take the next step of giving up our faith in mental means—mental powers and remedies—we come to the real God who can be experienced, but *who can never be known with the mind and who cannot be used.*”
~Joel

Zech 4:6 Not

6 ...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Eccl 8:8 (to ;)

8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit;

“Physical might and mental powers are of this world and are not of God. God alone IS – and Spirit alone is power. Could we turn to God to correct something besides Him? There is nothing besides Him. Let us Pray in Gratitude of His Presence.” ~AI