

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“The Thunder of Silence”

By Joel S Goldsmith

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together with the addition of corroborating scripture
and inspired comments by the Practitioner and Teacher ~Al Denninger,
to take into meditation and live with throughout your day.

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“The Daily Lesson – November 12, 2016

CHAPTER XV

AS WE FORGIVE

For nearly two thousand years the world has prayed, ‘Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,’ unaware perhaps that this teaching represents the very core, the very heart and soul, of the good life. Over and over again Jesus extols the virtues of forgiveness.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. . . .

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

MATTHEW 5:23, 24; 6:15” ~Joel S Goldsmith

“Yes, forgiveness is a huge part of the message of the Christ. I can tell you this through my experience over the last nearly 40 years, the most incredible demonstrations and healings I have ever witnessed started out in my deep forgiveness...

The beginning of bringing peace to this world we currently find ourselves in must start with forgiveness. We must each bring our gift of peace to the table – not wait for somebody else to. If we bring Forgiveness, Peace and Love forth – I

promise you, the earth will melt. Peace and harmony will prevail. I bring my gift.
Will you follow?" ~Al Denninger

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“Does this not plainly state that as long as any malice, envy, jealousy, revenge, or hatred is entertained in consciousness, just so long is there a block in our consciousness which prevents our prayers from being answered.

Only in true prayer is it possible to lose all sense of separateness from one another and from one another's interest. Intellectually, it is practically impossible to convince ourselves that another person's interest is our interest, and that, our interest is his interest or to believe that we are all equally children of God, because material sense testifies to the opposite. It is only in inner communion with God that we find ourselves in inner communion with man. Then we learn that man does not mean white or black, oriental or occidental, Jew or Gentile: Man means man, that which we are, one infinite equal son of God, but that can never be known through the mind: It can only be known when through communion with God it is revealed to us that we are all one.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Mal 2:10 (to ?) (KJV)

10 Have we not all one father?

“There is one family under God. And one Nation.” ~Al Denninger

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“Anything that enslaves one enslaves the world; anything that sets one man free tends to free the entire world; anything that impoverishes one man, one race, or one sect impoverishes the world; anything that brings one grain more of supply into the life of an individual, race, or nation tends to set the entire world free from lack. But that, no one can ever accept with his mind, nor could any materialist ever be convinced of its truth. It takes an inner communion with God to reveal why even in the midst of war we should pray for our enemies.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

I John 4:18; 20 (to :) (KJV)

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar:

“Would we ever want to deprive anyone of the Experience of God?

Certainly not.

Love loves, supports and uplifts. It does not exclude, withhold or deprive.” ~Al Denninger

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“The first thought that comes forth from the materialist when he hears about this radical teaching of praying for our enemies is, ‘Do you mean that I should pray for my enemy to be successful over me—that he succeed in his deceit, trickery, and conniving?’ No, those of spiritual vision would not pray for that at all, but that the enemy's mind be opened and made receptive and responsive to the will of God.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 46:10 (to :) (KJV)

10 Be still, and know that I am God:

“If I am Included in the Omnipresence of God doesn't it seem likely that my enemy is Included as well? It sure does.

Our job then is to hold them up to that Light, silently and secretly - and without judgment.” ~Al Denninger

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“How few people remember that praying for their enemies opens the very doors of heaven, showering its blessings upon them. It matters not whether a nation is an enemy or an ally, the same prayer must prevail, ‘Open their eyes that they may see with spiritual vision.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Rom 8:6 (KJV)

6 For to be carnally minded is death [limited sense]; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

“The things of this world, the pairs of opposites, are always going to be limited. Christ Consciousness opens God’s Way of Life.” ~Al Denninger

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“Whether the offender be personal, national, or international matters not one whit. There must be the desire that all men be awakened to their true identity and to the Source of all being. Even to those who would crucify him, the Master said, ‘Father,’ forgive them; for they know not what they do.’ To his brethren after they had thrown him into the pit and sold him into slavery, Joseph said, ‘It was not you that sent me hither, but God.’ He did not hold them in bondage to their act, but gave them food to carry home, returning good for evil. One of the most important lessons for all of us to learn is that there is no room in the spiritual life for the return of evil for evil—there is no room for anything but a life of forgiveness.”

~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 5:38-42 (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.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

“If you see your neighbor as God does – you will Love that neighbor, all of him, without question.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 18, 2016

“From the moment of waking in the morning until going to sleep at night, there must be periods in the day in which we consciously remember:

I forgive. If I have aught against any man, woman, or child, here and now I forgive—completely, perfectly, entirely. If anyone's misdeeds persist in coming back to my memory, over and over again I will forgive. I seek no punishment for anyone; I seek no revenge; I seek no justice—I loose everyone and let him go.

Father, forgive me my trespasses as I forgive those who trespass against me. Father, open the eyes of the blind. Father, open the eyes of the enemy, whether they are of my household or another's.” Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 18:21,22 (KJV)

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

“God’s Love never stops Loving.
As I Am Loving You,” ~Al Denninger

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“An unfoldment on this very subject came to me the night before I was to give two lectures in a midwestern city. I did not have a single thought or idea in my head about what the subject for the next day's lecture was to be, and although I am quite accustomed to that kind of an experience, it is one which I never particularly enjoy. That night, however, as I was meditating, all of a sudden the word forgiveness flashed into my mind.

The first thought that came to me was, ‘Am I completely purged? Am I entertaining anything in my thought regarding anyone or any group or any nation that might indicate that I have not completely forgiven them?’ As I searched within, I could find no one I was holding in bondage.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Mark 11:25 (KJV)

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

“We can do something about our feelings of angst. Turn ye and See The Father As...

We must let loose of the withering grip of personal thought and open the Way to see God within and As our neighbor.” ~Al Denninger

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“Then my thought turned the other way, ‘Am I really forgiven?’ There is not any one of us who has not committed offenses. We may not have considered a particular offense of much significance in our human life, but in the spiritual life things that heretofore have seemed of minor importance take on major significance. And so I wondered if I had been completely forgiven and purged of any offenses of which I might have been guilty.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 23:1-6 (KJV)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

“Can we step out of Omnipresence? God is with us always. There is nothing we can do to change that fact. All we need do is be still and Look Up.” ~Al Denninger.

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“There is a secret about forgiveness: There is not anything or anybody that can forgive us. Therefore, there is not any possibility of our ever being forgiven except under one condition, and that is when there is no possibility of the offense being repeated. In other words, no matter what the offense may have been, as long as there is the potentiality within us of its being repeated, we are not wholly forgiven.

Just let us suppose for a moment that we could carry on a conversation with God about our faults. We confess our fault and we seek forgiveness, and to all this God says, ‘What? Forgiveness to do it all over again?’

‘Oh, no, God, it will never happen again. It couldn't happen again. I've realized the wrongness of it.’

At the moment, we actually believe that, but let us not forget that God, being God, sees right through to the center of our heart and knows that the same thing that made us guilty of this act once could make us do it again if similar circumstances arose. And so in His omniscience, God says, ‘Ah, it's still there. There is still a block within you, and you will continue to be under the penalty of it until you are completely purged of it.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

I Cor 15:51,52 (KJV)

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 [unaware] shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

“Light pierces darkness and dissolves it.” ~Al Denninger

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“And so we go our way and ponder this response from God. We meditate and look at the situation upside down and from every angle, until all of a sudden we do catch a clear picture not only of the wrongness of what has been done but of the truth that only the state of consciousness that made us commit this offense in the first place could make us do it a second time, and if we find that that state of consciousness does not exist any more, we have then ‘died’ and have been re-born of the Spirit. Then we can go back again and ask for forgiveness.

This time, God says, ‘I don't even know who you are any more. I don't see anything wrong in you to forgive.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 3:3, 6 (KJV)

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

“Father, I surrender. Raise me. Thy will be done...” ~al.within

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“That is the true idea of forgiveness. There really is no God to forgive. When the state of consciousness that could be guilty of resentment, anger, jealousy, malice, or whatever it may have been ‘dies,’ there not only is nothing to forgive, and nobody to forgive, there is not even a remembrance or a memory—not even a ‘smell of smoke.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gen 1:31 (to .) (KJV)

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

“When we are held up to the Light – is there any part that is not God’s perfect creation?” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 24, 2016

“It is pure fiction to believe in some God in heaven who is going to look down and forgive us while we are out marauding. True, we can confess our sins and be forgiven instantly, but what about an hour from now when the sin begins all over again? The Master had a sharp answer for that —‘lest a worse thing come unto thee.’ He did not preach a God who permits us to go on our way sinning with impunity and then reassures us with a gentle ‘I forgive you.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 5:1-14 (KJV)

- 1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
- 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
- 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
- 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
- 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
- 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.
- 10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.
- 11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.
- 12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?
- 13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.
- 14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

“Be grateful. Give Thanks. Keep your mind stayed on Him. Never hesitate to ask for help if you seem to be entertaining a thought that you are separate and apart from God.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 25, 2016

“Every time we come to a place in our consciousness where we actually give up our errors of thought and deed, and confess—not necessarily outwardly, but inwardly—to our errors of omission or commission and feel that deep sense of contrition in which we know it cannot happen again, we are washed white as snow. We are never held in bondage to anything once we have recognized it as error and have forsaken it. Every time that we come to a place of inner grief over our errors, we are forgiven. That ends the episode, but it carries with it the command, ‘Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 95:1-7 (to .) (KJV)

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*“Father, I can of mine own self do nothing. I surrender... Thy will be done...
Place me where you need me... I sit silently, attentively awaiting your Word...
... .. Speak Lord, thy servant heareth... ..” ~al.within*

The Daily Lesson – November 26, 2016

“There is really no such thing as one person forgiving another, or God forgiving us. There is only a ‘dying daily’ to the state of consciousness that accepted good and evil and acted from that premise, and when that old consciousness has been purged or is thoroughly ‘dead’ we come to a place of Self-completeness in God, where we know, ‘I and the Father are one, and all that the Father has is mine. I am a child of God, an heir of God, and joint-heir with Christ in God.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

I Cor 15:31 I die (KJV)

31 ... I die daily.

“Our work today is constantly consciously removing ourselves from the appearance of living under the law and to start focusing more diligently on the acknowledgement of living by Grace. Humans react, desire and attempt to change things - God just Is. When we are reborn of the Spirit there is nothing separate and apart to react to. So yes, we must learn to not react to illusions.”
~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 27, 2016

“Then we can look out on this whole world, and with our new vision behold a world in which there is not a thing anyone has that we want. There is not a sin anyone could commit for which we would hold him in condemnation, criticism, or judgment, knowing full well that the state of consciousness that did it was not really his, but an *imposed* one, and by imposed I mean a consciousness under the sway of world beliefs and subject to the universal ignorance which characterizes human beings.

When we are fully and completely aware that ‘I and my Father are one’ and when we no longer have any desire for person, place, thing, circumstance, or condition, we are reborn of the Spirit; we are purged because into that state of consciousness we carry with us none of the desires that could result in sin. It did not take a God to forgive us: It took a *dying* and a *rebirthing*, and in this new state of consciousness we need no forgiving, because there is no sin.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

I Cor 2:14, 16 But (KJV)

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.

16 ...But we have the mind of Christ.

“God knows only about His own perfect Spiritual Universe and nothing of sin or a concept of being separate or apart from His Universe. If you are Included in that Universe through Omnipresence, could there be something lacking that you might desire?” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 28, 2016

“When we come to the state of consciousness that realizes our Self-completeness in God so that we truthfully can live in the full and complete realization of fulfillment, without a trace of desire or need, there is no block between us and the inner Source of our being, and consequently no block of condemnation, criticism, or judgment, no unfulfilled desire, no greed, lust, or anger. There is only the realization that we are at peace with the Father and with all mankind.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 14:27 (to .) (KJV)

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

“Look beyond words and thoughts to the infinite inner Source of Peace that is Love Loving. Peace is Love, and just like gratitude, it must be given to be experienced.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 29, 2016

“And so as I continued in meditation another question came to my mind, ‘Have I *died* to all that is human? If I have, forgiveness is complete; and if I have not, there must be a continual *dying* until I have realized my Self-completeness in God. I may not be able to praise myself and declare that I am pure, but this much I can do: I can turn and with an open heart forgive every offense that has ever been aimed at me or mine—at me personally, at my family, community, nation, and the world—and entertain a complete and full sense of forgiveness.’

With that realization, I settled down into peace and quiet, and a few moments later had to jump out of bed to make a note, and within the next couple of hours I was up four different times, making the notes that became two lectures, lectures that came out of a heart and mind at peace. There was no barrier—no unforgiveness, no sin, no judgment of anyone—nothing but a purity of vision, and in that purity of vision, there was peace.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 5:30 (KJV)

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Matt 18:21,22 (KJV)

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Job 8:5,6 (KJV)

5 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

6 If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

“Not only do we need to forgive our neighbor unconditionally, but we need to forgive ourselves as well, for accepting illusions of error as true. Blessed are the pure in heart.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 30, 2016

“And so it is that I know now that the subject of forgiveness is an important one in our lives. Over and over again, we must forgive, forgive, forgive, and hold no man in judgment, criticism, or condemnation. A heart that is entertaining any judgment of his fellow man is not a heart at peace. It is futile to seek for peace of mind or soul or peace of anything else until we have fulfilled that Christly message of forgiving seventy times seven all those who offend us, of forgiving our debtors as we would have our debts forgiven.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Mark 4:39 Peace (to .) (KJV)

39 ...Peace, be still.

“The Peace that we experience in our lives is in direct proportion to our not plugging into judgment in the first place. Bring the Light of Peace with you and forgive all the distractions that try to separate us from the Truth.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – December 1, 2016

“We store up within ourselves the barriers that prevent the kingdom of God from being established in us by our judgments of people and conditions, and by the desires that still remain in us—not merely the sensual desires but even the desires that are considered good. All of those things operate in our minds to separate us from the realization that that which we are seeking we already are.”

~Joel S Goldsmith

Isa 2:22 (to :) (KJV)

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils:

John 7:24 (KJV)

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

“We must stop entertaining ideas that an error in God’s Kingdom has any power at all. The nature of errors, lacks and limitations are nothing and should be treated as such, period.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – December 2, 2016

“In other words, God's grace is not something we are going to attain; God's grace is not something we can earn or deserve; God's grace was planted in us from the beginning, since before Abraham was; and it is only waiting to function in us, but it cannot function while we are entertaining a sense of separation from our good. There never is going to be a chance for us to know harmony until we have completely forgiven and been forgiven, and so purged ourselves that we go to the altar purified.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 8:58 (KJV)

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Eph 4:4-7 (KJV)

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.

“Surrender, forgive. Loose the ties that bind us on earth. Let Christ Consciousness fill you.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – December 3, 2016

“Some period every single day should be set aside for consciously remembering that we are holding no man in bondage to his sins, that we want no man to suffer or even be punished for them. To forgive means much more than to be content with such cant as, ‘Oh, yes, I don't want any harm to come to anybody.’ It is not that simple. It is the ability to sit down and face whatever the enemy may appear to be and realize, ‘Father, forgive him his offenses and open his eyes that he may see.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Luke 23:34 (to .) (KJV)

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

“To Love our neighbor is to lift him up not to judge him.
Love your neighbor as you would like to be Loved.
In other words - Be God's Instrument.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – December 4, 2016

“No one need be reluctant to forgive the offender his transgressions in the fear that this will set him free to offend again. True, it will set him free, but that freedom will include freedom from the desire to offend. It is not possible for anyone to receive real forgiveness and then to continue in the offense.

Father, I come to You with clean hands, holding no one in bondage to a duty, nor anyone in bondage as a penalty for his sins. As far as I am concerned, Father, I am willing for You to forgive him. Whatever the sin, it is past, and let it be done and forgotten; and if he does it seventy times over again, forgive him seventy times over.

I want no revenge and no vengeance. I seek only to keep myself a pure instrument for Your love and Your grace so as to be worthy in Your sight.

I forgive everyone who has ever trespassed against me, consciously or unconsciously, and that forgiveness extends to all those who have trespassed against my religious or political convictions, or my national allegiance. I pray that You, Father, forgive them.

Humanly, there are those who owe me debts of duty and of love. I forgive them also. Henceforth, no one owes me anything, not even the obligation of relationship. What they give out of love, I cheerfully receive, but as a matter of duty I expect nothing, and I expect it of no one. I release my friends and my relatives, and everyone: They owe me nothing. It is my privilege and joy to serve them in whatever way You direct.

I offer myself an empty instrument: Use me.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 143:10 (KJV)

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

“I am humbled by Your Presence Father.

I offer myself an empty instrument as well – Use me too...” ~al.within

This concludes Chapter 15 of “The Thunder of Silence”, by Joel S Goldsmith. Tomorrow we begin Chapter 16 “That Ye May Be the Children of Your Father”.