

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“The Thunder of Silence”

By Joel S Goldsmith

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

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These words are used as if they are a synonym for, or as an activity of God.
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CHAPTER XIV

WHEN YE PRAY

For centuries the world has believed that merely voicing words in an attempt to reach God was sufficient to bring the power and the presence of God into daily experience. For hundreds of years, millions, even billions, of people all over the world have prayed for wars to cease, famine to be wiped off the earth, and disease to be healed—but all these have continued unabated.

No one experiences answered prayer when he prays merely with his mind, relying wholly on words and thoughts, because there is then no opportunity for the Spirit to break through into expression. Regardless of what form prayer may take, there is no connecting link with God until there is a conscious awareness of His presence.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 4:24

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

“Can you come to a place where you Love and Trust God so much that you can be still and Let Him do the thinking?” ~Al Denninger

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“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

MATTHEW 6:7

Many of us have been guilty of using vain repetitions, thinking that we are praying when in reality all we have been doing is repeating over and over again somebody else's manmade prayer. Even the repetition of as great a prayer as the Lord's Prayer, if recited with the idea that the mere rehearsal of its words has power, is not effective prayer because anything that is thought, spoken, or written is but an effect—and how can the power of God be in an effect? Does not all Scripture state that there is no power but the One, there is no God but one?”

~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 6:31 (to ,) (KJV)

31 Therefore take no thought,

“There is no thought in stillness and no effect. Be still.” ~Al Denninger

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“Prayer that is made up of words and thoughts cannot and does not reach God, and therefore remains unanswered. The prayers that are answered are those deep within a person when no words and no thoughts are present, but when there is a hunger, a desire, or a need that is beyond words. In that intense longing, God is reached.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 46:10 (to :) (KJV)

10 Be still, and know that I am God:

Rom 8:16 (KJV)

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

“... .. Thank you Father.” ~al.within

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“The absence of fruitage in prayer merely bears witness to our failure to go deep enough into our consciousness to make contact with the Presence which is always there and which is ever available. God is not to be found on the surface of men’s minds; God is not to be found through the intellect; God is not to be found except through deep prayer, a heart-hunger for God, a deep desire to know Him aright.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 5:6 (KJV)

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

John 7:24 (KJV)

24 Judge not according to the appearance [on the surface of men’s minds or intellect], but judge righteous judgment. [Mind of Christ]

“Communion with God is in direct proportion to our being Still followed by the four ‘A’s’ - having an attentive attitude and a high altitude of Awareness.” ~Al Denninger

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“Prayer must be a desire for *spiritual* fulfillment. Through seeking first the kingdom of God, giving up hope of gaining any thing, and being satisfied to let the things be added unto us, we open ourselves to fulfillment. Who of us can know where spiritual fulfillment will lead or leave us? It may leave us in our present work or present mode of living, or it may lead us into new activities and an entirely new life.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 6:33,34 (KJV)

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

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.

“While we are Consciously Aware of the Kingdom of God we will surely be standing in our Perfect Place [on Holy Ground]. ~Al Denninger

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“In praying, however, it is important that we leave behind all our preconceived notions or ideas of what we want—our hopes, aims, ambitions, and desires—because there is no assurance that God will fulfill them on our terms. If we hope to see the fruitage of answered prayer, we must remember not to pray for anything at all that we think we need or that the world needs, but let our prayer be an inner stillness in which God's word flows into us reminding us, ‘Son . . . all that I have is thine.’ When God speaks His word, there will be no doubt of Its truth, and there will be no interval of barrenness between God's word and Its fulfillment.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Luke 4:2-4 (KJV)

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

“Does it make sense that we need to inform an All-Knowing God of our needs? The Lord is my Shepherd, He knows what I need. He'll show me the Way... I shall not want.” ~Al Denninger

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“As ‘joint-heirs with Christ,’ untold riches of the Spirit will be poured upon us in abundance, but no man knows what things God has stored up for those who love God's will and God's way.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

I CORINTHIANS 2:9” ~Joel S Goldsmith

“Father, You are nearer to me than breathing, closer than hands and feet. I can, of mine own self, do nothing. Your Lamp guides my feet. Your Love Assures me that I am on the Path. Your Abundance is mine. All that thou hast is mine, and all that I have flows through Me this very minute to where It wants to Be...

It is Your Infinite Way of Love Loving in earth as it Is in Heaven... Thy will Be-ing done. Thank you Father... Thy Grace is my sufficiency... And so it is, I am Loving you, ~al.within

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“Man cannot know what the divine plan holds for him because man can only measure good by an increase of what he already possesses. Whether it is dollars or horses he has, accumulating more of what to him represents good is his only way of evaluating good. These things, however, bear no relationship at all to real good, because no man can define what good actually is. No one can know the treasures that are stored up within himself until he turns to God in the realization that, whatever form it may take, God's grace is his sufficiency in all things, and until he is willing to follow in whatever way his good is unfolded and revealed even though that way may temporarily be a complete reversal or turning upside down of his human life, his hopes and activities.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 6:19-21 (KJV)

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart [Consciousness] be also.

“Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostrils and whose motivation, reasoning and desires are of this world. Seek ye the Kingdom of God, follow His direction, and Rest in His infinite abundance.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – October 28, 2016

“Probably there is no one reading this book who has not already found that he is glad he did not receive many of the things for which he prayed so insistently. Therefore, it should not be too difficult to pray, ‘Not my will but Thine be done in me. Thou art the all-knowing, infinite wisdom and intelligence of the universe, and I surrender myself—I surrender my hopes and desires, my fears, my aims and ambitions—into Thy hand.’ Thus we make of our prayer an emptiness of self.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Luke 22:41,42 (KJV)

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

“Withdraw. Surrender... Empty your vessel [consciousness] that it may be Filled.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – October 29, 2016

“To bring ourselves as an empty vessel to God and let God fill that vessel is the highest form of prayer. Let us not take our finite views of what is good and what is bad to God, nor take our human hopes and ambitions to Him, but let us go to God as if we really trusted Him more than we would trust our own mother, trusted Him as the divine Love and the divine Wisdom of this world, which in truth He is.

When we do that, we are children of God, but as long as we are doing all the talking—telling, asking, pleading, beseeching, advising God—we are mortals, and our prayer does not reach God. Our prayers reach God only when we permit ourselves to be empty vessels, when our full faith and trust is ‘Thy will be done in me, Thy grace, Thy peace,’ and then wait in Silence, completely empty as the word of God comes to us and fills us, fulfills Itself and Its plan in us.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Isa 64:8 (KJV)

8 But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

“Mold me Father to be Your Instrument...” ~al.within

The Daily Lesson – October 30, 2016

“The reason for so much unhappiness is that many people are not fulfilling their own idea of themselves, much less God's idea. As human beings, a great many people are misfits. Scarcely a person on earth, regardless of how exalted his position, is fulfilling his true destiny on earth. Usually, he is either fulfilling a destiny that he has chosen for himself or one that circumstances have thrust upon him.

And so it is that if we are among those who are fulfilling some niche in life into which we have been thrown through circumstances beyond our control or in which we have placed ourselves through ignorance, certainly we need the prayer of fulfillment which is the prayer of emptiness. We need to learn how to release the whole situation into God, willingly admitting, ‘Look, I certainly have messed up this life of mine so far. Let me give up and You take over.’ Then we may be amazed at how the miracle begins to work in us and how quickly what we had thought of as our destiny changes.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Prov 3:5,6 (KJV)

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

“Yes. Find a way to Trust...

I am standing with you in Oneness until you do, Loving you,” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – October 31, 2016

“There is no other way to pray. When we pray in that way, we are praying to the infinite Wisdom of the universe, trusting divine Love to fulfill Itself in us. As long as we are advising, suggesting, or outlining to God, or even hoping that God will act according to our personal wishes, we are not praying or going to God, but to our own mind. That is no way to pray. Rather should we surrender ourselves to God so that God's will for us may fulfill Itself, that whatever it was for which we were born—and we were all born for a purpose or we would not be here—may be fulfilled.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 37:5-7 (to :) (KJV)

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him:

“Is there an answer you have that is better than God’s infinite wisdom?

Trust God with all your heart and with all your Soul.

Can you leave it all in His hands?” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 1, 2016

Regardless of how painful or difficult it may be at first to go to God without a word or a thought, a direction, a hope, a fear, or an ambition, this emptiness of self is worth achieving even if it takes time. When we reach that point, we shall find what a glorious thing it is not to have to plan our day or our next year, and yet at the same time be assured that every day of the year will be a day of fulfillment because it is God's day, and we have nothing to do with it except to be beholders of God at work. That which divinely decreed us to do it will fulfill it. He fulfills the days and He fulfills the nights as long as we are empty enough of words and are not injecting some human thought conceived in our mind." ~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 18:1,2 (KJV)

1 I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

"Father, all that I Am is thine..." ~ al.within

The Daily Lesson – November 2, 2016

“When we begin to meditate, it is natural to think some thoughts, but let us be certain in our minds that we are not asking God for anything:

I come here for prayer and meditation in the full knowledge that I am not going to a person, although the relationship between God and me is as personal as that between father and son or mother and son, but I am turning to the Spirit of wisdom and love whose will it is that I bear fruit richly.

I am not entering the presence of God in order to enlighten God. I am not going to God to present my views to Him, hoping to tell Him more than He already knows or to tell Him what is good for me to have. I do not expect through this period of prayer and communion to influence God in my behalf.

I turn to God that He may fill me full of Himself, fill me full of His wisdom, His peace and glory, and make me a fitting instrument on earth for His love.

In this way we empty ourselves—we empty the old bottles of the old wine—making of ourselves a nothingness, without desire, hope, ambition, or fear; and in such a state of receptivity, we open the way for the Spirit of God to work in and through us in accordance with His plan and design.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 6:8 for (KJV)

8 ...for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Matt 6:10 (KJV)

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

“Father, I can do nothing without You guiding Me. You are a Lamp unto my feet and my Shepherd watching over the green pastures where I rest. Thank you Father,” ~al.within

The Daily Lesson – November 3, 2016

“God is hidden under hundreds of generations of mortality. God is hidden under hundreds of generations of people steeped in spiritual ignorance. God is hidden under all the layers of humanness, self-righteousness, self-protection, under all the selfs that we have built around and within ourselves making it almost impossible for us to reach Him. How then are we going to reach God? How, but in quietness and in confidence, in the stillness and the Silence? How, but by learning to abide in a quietness within, by being still? Then we shall contact the divine Selfhood which is within our own being, and when we establish contact with It, we will be in communion with the Father within just as the Master was.”

~Joel S Goldsmith

Isa 30:15 (to:) (KJV)

15 For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:

“Seek ye first the **Realm** of God. Not where we have been told by man, whose breath is in his nostrils, but by Jesus Christ in Luke 17:20,21 (KJV) ‘20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you’. To commune Within, this-world consciousness must be still.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 4, 2016

“How much praying has been done to a God somewhere other than within us! Yet the Master set the example by praying only to the Father within, crediting everything to the Father and turning in every situation to that withinness whether it was the feeding of the multitudes or their healing.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 14:10 but (KJV)

10 ...but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Mark 6:41,42 (KJV)

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

“Look Up! You are Included in the Omnipresence of God. He doeth the Works.

~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 5, 2016

“Sooner or later we must all make contact with that Father, the Christ of our own being, with the Son of God within us. The Son of God constitutes our real being; the Son of God is the very life, mind, and Soul of us. The son of man has to learn to commune with the Son of God within, until the two become one, and then the son of man realizes, ‘I am never alone. I am *never* alone. Where I am, God is; where God is, I am.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Eph 4:4-6 (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.

“Look within! I Am with you always...” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 6, 2016

“The word of God received in our consciousness is the healing agency—quick and sharp and powerful. But the word of God must be received; it must not be a mere repetition of words because it is not our rehearsal of these truths that reveals God's presence and power, even though these truths do form the foundation on which we rest until the word of God bursts into our consciousness with some message such as, ‘Thou art free,’ or ‘Son . . . all that I have is thine,’ or ‘Thou art my beloved.’ Sometimes It says nothing at all, but we feel the inflow of peace and warmth throughout our whole system, or a smile coming to our face as much as to say, ‘How could I ever have believed that there is reality to this trouble?’ When that inflow comes, which is really an inflow coming to our outer senses from the Father within, harmony is established, and healing takes place, whether for ourselves or for others.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 13:23 (KJV)

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

“Thank you Father for the Light that flows through – Onward, upward and outward... And what is left here is the world's biggest smile. I am grateful, honored and humbled.” ~al.within

The Daily Lesson – November 7, 2016

“To attain this, however, it is necessary first of all to stop turning to God as if there were a God somewhere waiting for our picayune little troubles to be brought to His throne to be taken care of. We must stop believing that God is withholding some good from us and that by some form of treatment, prayer, sacrifice, or coercion, we are going to get God to do what God is not already doing. All that nonsense must be given up, and we must turn to God in the sense of Is:

God is, and I am not turning to God to do anything that God is not doing. I am standing on the Is-ness of God and realizing that where I am, God's grace is my sufficiency in all things.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Heb 13:5 (KJV)

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

“Son and daughter, thou art with me and all that I have is thine. There is never a separation from Me, never a lack or exclusion – only Inclusion.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 8, 2016

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.’ And where is that Spirit? Wherever we acknowledge Him in all our ways; wherever we acquaint now ourselves with Him and are at peace; wherever we learn to sit in quietness and stillness—that is where the Spirit of the Lord is; and where that Spirit is, there is liberty and freedom from all forms of bondage—physical, moral, and financial.”
~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 91:1 (KJV)

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

“We must do the work of Dwelling, acknowledging Him and sitting in quietness and stillness to See... It makes a lot more sense than existing in ignorance, right?” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 9, 2016

“As we learn to listen and develop a state of receptivity, eventually we arrive at that place where the flow begins to come from within. Neither written nor spoken truth can bring God into our lives. The written or the spoken word gives us a foundation upon which to rest while we are awaiting the realization of God's grace, but only when the Spirit moves upon us do the mighty works take place.”

~Joel S Goldsmith

II Cor 3:6 (KJV)

6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament [new promise]; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

“Take comfort and rest deeply in the promise of Scripture. Rest, be still and trust the promise and the I that I am will Come to you at a time when you are fully focused on God and think not about this-world. The Spirit ignites a spark from within that Lights God’s Way. All we need do is stay within range of the Light.

I’d call that mighty works, wouldn’t you?” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 10, 2016

“The words we speak are not power, nor are the thoughts we think, but if we sit in a complete quiet in the thundering Silence, and keep our ‘mind stayed on Thee,’ eventually we arrive at a place where thoughts do not come any more and, in a few moments, we begin to feel this inner peace that is known as realization.”

~Joel S Goldsmith

Isa 26:3 (to :) (KJV)

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

Phil 4:7 (KJV)

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

“Be still and Know... “ ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – November 11, 2016

“Prayer is our contact with God. It is the means through which God's grace performs Its miracles in our experience. But prayer must be a listening attitude. It must be a willingness that the Spirit of God fill us and perform Its functions in us and through us.” ~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.

“There you have it in a nutshell, my friends.

If we are still and One with God, then it must be God that does the Praying. God is broadcasting 24/7, it is us that must tune in. Listen attentively, keep focused and Look Up beyond words and thoughts!

Matt 12:48-50 (KJV)

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

You are His Children. Be His Instrument.
And so it is, I am Loving You.” ~Al Denninger

This concludes Chapter 14 of “The Thunder of Silence”, by Joel S Goldsmith. Tomorrow we begin Chapter 15, entitled “As We Forgive”.