

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“The Thunder of Silence”
By Joel S Goldsmith

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“PART ONE

FROM DARKNEES TO LIGHT

CHAPTER I

THE TWO COVENANTS

For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a
freewoman.

But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman
was by promise.

Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount
Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. . .

But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.
GALATIANS 4:22-24, 26

In our humanhood, we are sons of the bondwoman, in subjection to the flesh and its
claims, in bondage to the things, thoughts, and activities of the flesh, whether it be this
flesh of the body or the flesh called money or other forms of human living. Living in and
through the flesh as the offspring of the bondwoman, we are under the laws of matter,
the laws of economics, and the laws of race, religion, and nationality — under the
covenant ‘which gendereth to bondage.’ The other covenant is that of our spiritual
adoption, which comes through a conscious activity within our own consciousness and

at a time when we are prepared for that transition, because the transition from humanhood to spiritual sonship is made only by Grace.” ~Joel

“The purpose of this Work is for us to learn to be still, listen, practice and be ready to be Lifted Up...” ~Al

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“When a person says that he would like to be a child of God and be free of the burdens of the flesh, usually he does not really mean it. What he means is that he would like to be free of the burdens of the flesh, but retain the pleasures and the profits of the flesh. It is for this reason that as human beings we cannot choose to be children of God.

But there does come a time in the consciousness of every one of us—with some now and with some many lifetimes from now—when, through an inner Grace, we are able and willing not only to be rid of the ills of the flesh, but also of the pleasures and profits of the flesh, and to become acquainted with our spiritual identity or Selfhood, with that new creature—not the old one made healthy, not the old one made honorable, but a new creature which is born of the Spirit. This is the transitional experience.” ~Joel

John 3:1-7

- 1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- 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.
- 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
- 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

“I like to think of this Realization of Spirit, Transitional Experience or being Born Again of The Spirit as: being Re-minded of our original Inheritance. This blessed moment of Lifted Consciousness is literally a returning to the Experience of the First Chapter of Genesis, Garden of Eden or Spiritual Life Experience to a time before our being taught of the knowledge of good and evil [the human experience of ‘thinking’ that we are in charge].” ~Al

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“To be born of the Spirit means to be reborn through a transition of consciousness, and this rebirthing can occur while we are on this very plane of consciousness known as the earth, or it can take place after we have left this sphere. It is well to remember that if we fail to make the transition here, there will always be the opportunity for us to make it hereafter because in the kingdom of God there is no time. There it is always now, and this now is always presenting itself to us with fresh opportunities.” ~Joel

Heb 13:8

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

“There is no expiration date on Christ Consciousness.” ~Al

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“This moment is now. This moment—this now—we have the opportunity to reject our humanness and accept the divinity of our being. But if it is beyond our immediate capacity to do that at this moment, later on tonight we shall discover that it is also now, and in that nowness, we are again face to face with the opportunity to accept or reject the divinity of our being. If we are not prepared to receive it then, there will be tomorrow afternoon, next year, or the year after; and each time that the opportunity to realize our divine sonship comes to our thought, it will be now. A hundred years from now, it will be now to us.” ~Joel

I John 3:2 (to 2nd ,)

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God,

Matt 28:20 and (to 3rd ,)

20 ...and, lo, I am with you alway,

“I Am ready when you are. Come and rest with Me a little while... .. All that I have is Thine.” ~al.within

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“Now is always the time to accept our divinity, but while that now may come to us at this moment, to some it may have come years ago and to some it may come years hence. Whether or not it comes at this particular hour of the clock or some other hour, whenever it comes, it will be now. Each of us has to face every moment of every day unto eternity, and those of us who, for one reason or another, are not able at this particular time to accept the covenant of our liberty, the liberty wherewith we are ‘clothed upon’ when we accept Christhood, will still have a new and fresh opportunity throughout all ages. ” ~Joel

I Cor 2:12

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

“Faithfully Watch and Practice, your Inheritance has been promised.” ~Al

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“Those who have gone on before us as human beings and have left our visible sight, some in gross spiritual darkness and some in actual sin and degradation, also exist now, and they, too, have the same opportunity now that they had when they rejected it here on earth, only now they may have developed a greater capacity to accept it.

What does it mean to accept the spiritual dispensation in our experience? Unless we understand what it is that constitutes this spiritual dispensation, we cannot be prepared to accept it.

Regardless of the fact that the majority of people pay lip service to a belief in God, many of them do not believe in God. True, they may believe that there is a God or have a belief about God, but they have no faith, no realization, no conviction, because the nature of the bondman is to be in bondage to effect—to love, worship, and fear anything that has form, that is visible as effect. It may be bodily health—the heart, liver, or lungs—or it may be dollar bills, investments, or home, but the love and devotion and fear of most human beings are always directed at someone or something in the visible realm.” ~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.

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“The son of the bondwoman is in bondage as long as some thought, thing, or person is necessary, and that is what constitutes humanhood. The new covenant of the new creature begins in the moment when we realize, 'I and my Father are one,' and all that the Father has is mine. I look in no other direction than to the Infinite Invisible. Then what appears from within, I share gloriously, freely, joyously.” ~Joel

Luke 15:31

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

“Take no thought to find... Walk the Path of Awareness.” ~Al

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“The transition into divine sonship brings about that change from faith in the visible to faith in the Infinite Invisible, in that which can never be seen, heard, tasted, touched, smelled—or even thought or reasoned. There has to be a faith without a reason for that faith. There must be an all-consuming inner conviction which agrees with this faith, even while not knowing what it is—an inner instinct, an inner intuition, an inner grace.” ~Joel

Matt 17:14-20

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“The mustard seed is not consumed with thought or reason – for example things like: dry or wet, warm or cold, light of darkness, success or failure. It just knows the Truth of Being: I Grow, I Blossom and I Fulfill Myself. I Am.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 8, 2015

“There shall no sign be given’: The signs follow them that believe. When the faith comes, the signs follow. If we are given any sign, any thing, or any thought to which we can cling, then that thing or that thought is that upon which our faith rests instead of upon the Invisible which is God.

It is possible to think and think on truth—and up to a certain point that is normal, natural, and right—but then there must come a time when thought stops, a blank comes, almost a vacuum, and then into that vacuum rush the very presence and power of God. We can only come into that Presence stark naked, in a moment of complete silence, when the entire thought processes have stopped, when we have nothing upon which to rely, nothing on which to pin our hopes, but when we have made ourselves barren and completely empty.

That is the moment when we perceive that, even when we cannot know It or feel It or think It, there is an invisible Presence, an intangible Something, which nevertheless is operating, and then from that very Invisibility will come into expression everything necessary to our unfoldment. If we think ourselves to be something, we gravely err. It is only when we come to that place of self-renunciation that the divine Selfhood of our own being reveals Itself. Silence is the way.” ~Joel

Mark 8:10-13

10 And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

13 And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

Mark 13:3-5

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:

“Look not in this-world for God. Spirit is not in matter. Seek the Kingdom of God, in secrecy and silence with the distraction of the senses unused, to Feel His Presence Within.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 9, 2015

“The Silence is not an absence of sound, but is a state of consciousness which enables us to refrain from mental reaction to what is seen or heard. For example, we may see and recognize a shadow on the wall—an ugly appearance—and yet have no reaction of fear, knowing it to be a shadow.” ~Joel

John 8:32

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

“And all that is left is a smile...” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 10, 2015

“When consciousness has attained the awareness of one power, one law, one substance, one cause—oneness—we do not respond with fear, doubt, or horror to anything seen or heard, and then it is that consciousness has gone beyond power and attained the Silence—the healing consciousness.” ~Joel

Rom 8:6

6 For to be carnally minded [limited by the observations of this world] is death [remaining ignorant of the Truth of Being]; but to be spiritually minded [Aware] is life and peace [Harmonious Being].

“Thank you Father. I am grateful to Know Your Love...” ~al.within

(This concludes Chapter 1. Tomorrow we begin Chapter 2 “Karmic Law”.)