**THE THUNDER OF SILENCE
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**Chapter XVIII – “Ye Are The Light”**

**“IN ALL THY GETTING – GET UNDERSTANDING. “**

**Proverbs 4 KJV  *UNDERSTANDING***

**4 *HEAR, YE CHILDREN, THE INSTRUCTION OF A FATHER,*3For I (King Solomon) -- was my father's son – (King David),**
 **tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.
4He taught me also, and said unto me,
 LET THINE HEART RETAIN MY WORDS:
 KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, AND LIVE.**

**5*GET – WISDOM* *– GET – UNDERSTANDING*: FORGET IT NOT;**

**7*WISDOM* *– IS THE PRINCIPAL THING*;
 THEREFORE *– GET WISDOM*:
 *AND WITH ALL THY GETTING* *– GET – UNDERSTANDING*.**

### *1 Kings 3 KJV A WISE RULING*

**16**NOW TWO PROSTITUTES –
 CAME TO THE KING AND STOOD BEFORE HIM.
**17**ONE OF THEM SAID, “PARDON ME, MY LORD.
 THIS WOMAN AND I LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE,
 AND I HAD A BABY WHILE SHE WAS THERE WITH ME.

**18The third day after -- *my child was born*,
 this woman – *also had a baby*. We were alone;
 there was no one in the house but the two of us.**

**19“During the night – this woman’s son died –
 because she lay on him.**

 **20So she got up in the middle of the night –
 and took my son from my side** – **while I was asleep.
 She put him by her breast** –
 **and put her dead son by my breast.**

**21The next morning,
 I got up to nurse my son—and he was dead!
 But when I looked at him closely in the morning light,
 I saw that it wasn’t the son I had borne.”**

**22**THE OTHER WOMAN SAID, “
 **NO! THE LIVING ONE IS MY SON;
 THE DEAD ONE IS YOURS.”**

 BUT THE FIRST ONE INSISTED,
 “**NO! THE DEAD ONE IS YOURS;
 THE LIVING ONE IS MINE.”**

 **AND SO THEY ARGUED BEFORE THE KING.**

**23THE KING SAID,** – **“THIS ONE SAYS,
 ‘MY SON IS ALIVE** – **AND YOUR SON IS DEAD,’**

 **WHILE THAT ONE SAYS,
 ‘NO! YOUR SON IS DEAD** – **AND MINE IS ALIVE.’”**

**24THEN THE KING SAID,** – **“BRING ME A SWORD.”
 SO THEY BROUGHT A SWORD FOR THE KING.**

**25HE THEN GAVE AN ORDER:
 “CUT THE LIVING CHILD IN TWO** –
 **AND GIVE HALF TO ONE** – **AND HALF TO THE OTHER.”**

**26THE WOMAN WHOSE SON WAS ALIVE** –
 **WAS DEEPLY MOVED**– **OUT OF LOVE FOR HER SON** –
 **AND SAID TO THE KING,
 “PLEASE, MY LORD,** – **GIVE HER THE LIVING BABY!
 DON’T KILL HIM!”**

**BUT THE OTHER SAID, “NEITHER I** – **NOR YOU** –
 **SHALL HAVE HIM. CUT HIM IN TWO!”**

**27THEN** – **THE KING GAVE HIS RULING:
 “GIVE THE LIVING BABY** – **TO THE FIRST WOMAN.
 DO NOT KILL HIM; SHE IS HIS MOTHER.”**

**28WHEN ALL ISRAEL** –
 **HEARD THE VERDICT THE KING HAD GIVEN,
 THEY HELD THE KING IN AWE,**
 **BECAUSE THEY SAW** – **THAT HE HAD** –
 **WISDOM**– **FROM GOD** – **TO ADMINISTER JUSTICE.**

***WISDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL THING; THEREFORE GET WISDOM; AND WITH ALL THY GETTING* – *GET UNDERSTANDING. Prov 4:7***

**Chapter XVIII
*WE BECOME*** – ***THE LIGHT -- OF THE WORLD* –
IN PROPORTION TO – OUR DEGREE OF – ILLUMINATION**.

***ILLUMINATION*** = ***UNDERSTANDING*** – ***AWARENESS*** –
 knowledge – training – learning - teaching –
 enlightenment – education - instruction

**Ye shall** **– *KNOW – THE TRUTH*** – AND –
 ***THE TRUTH* – *SHALL MAKE YOU FREE*.**

***Luke 24 – THE TRANSFIGURATION AND THE ASCENSION***

***49 AND BEHOLD,
I SEND THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU:
 BUT TARRY YE*** ***– IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM,
 UNTIL YE BE –
 ENDUED – WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.***

***49 AND, BEHOLD,
I PROMISE THAT YOU WILL –
GAIN THE UNDERSTANDING – OF THE ONE INTELLIGENCE:***

***BUT DO NOT GO YOUR SEPARATE WAYS AS YET,
 BUT REASON AND MEDITATE AMONG YOURSELVES –
 UNTIL – YE GAIN – AN UNDERSTANDING –
 OF ALL THAT I HAVE TOLD YOU;***

***THIS – UNDERSTANDING – WHEN GAINED,
 IS – THE SAME – ALMIGHTY POWER –
 POSSESSED BY ME.***

***51 AND IT CAME TO PASS – WHILE HE BLESSED THEM,
 HE WAS PARTED FROM THEM,
 AND WAS CARRIED UP INTO HEAVEN.***

***51 AND AS HE DID THIS –
 HE CONSCIOUSLY – MADE THE TRANS­ITION –
 TO THE HIGHER – PURER STATE OF MIND.***

**OLD TESTAMENT** – **MOSES – THE MANNA FROM HEAVEN.**

 ***WHAT THE -- POWER OF GOD* – *CAN DO*** – ***FOR – YOU***.

**NEW TESTAMENT** **– JESUS – THE FISHES AND LOAVES.**

 ***WHAT THE – LOVE OF GOD*** **– *CAN DO*** – ***THROUGH YOU* –
 *THROUGH*** – ***THE POWER*** – ***OF UNDERSTANDING FAITH*** –
 ***WHICH IS*** – ***THE POWER – OF YOUR REALIZATION* –
 OR – *CONSCIOUS AWARENESS* –
 *THAT YOUR LIFE* – *IS – THE LIFE OF GOD* –
 *AND THAT – LIFE* – *IS – THE LIGHT* – *THAT SHINES* –
 *THROUGH - AND - AS* – *ALL YOUR ACTIONS* –
 *EXPRESSING – IN THE FORMS* –
 *OF ALL YOUR NEEDS*** – ***ALREADY*** – ***MET*.**

**AND** – ***YOUR*** *–* ***UNDERSTANDING* –
 *OF THIS*** – ***TRUE CONCEPT OF LIFE* – *IS*** –
 ***THE CAUSE BEHIND* – *WHAT WE CALL – MIRACLES*.**

**YOU – DO NOT – HAVE POWER – TO DO ANYTHING.
YOU – DO NOT – WANT POWER – TO DO ANYTHING.**

**IT IS** – **YOUR – UNDERSTANDING – OF THE POWER –
 THAT – DOETH THE WORK.**

***TRUST IN THE LORD*– *WITH ALL THINE HEART;
 AND LEAN NOT* –
 *UNTO THINE OWN* – *UNDERSTANDING. Proverbs 3:5***

***WHAT DO YOU******– UNDERSTAND ???***

***I UNDERSTAND* – *MY PURPOSE – MY FUNCTION*.**

***YE – ARE* – “*THE LIGHT”* – *OF THE WORLD***.
 ***A CITY THAT IS SET ON AN HILL – CANNOT BE HID.***

***NEITHER DO MEN* –  *LIGHT A CANDLE, AND PUT IT UNDER A BUSHEL*,
 *BUT ON A CANDLESTICK*;
AND – *IT – GIVETH LIGHT* –
 *UNTO ALL THAT ARE IN THE HOUSE*.**

***LET – YOUR LIGHT – SO SHINE – BEFORE MEN*,
 *THAT THEY – MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS*,
 *AND GLORIFY – YOUR FATHER* –
 *WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.***

***THINK NOT – THAT I HAVE COME – TO DESTROY –
 THE TEACH­INGS OF THE PROPHETS;***

***I CAME NOT – TO NULLIFY –
 BUT TO – PUB­LICLY DEMONSTRATE –
 THESE TEACHINGS*.**  Matt 5:14-17

**LESSON 6 *I AM* – *THE LIGHT* – *OF THE WORLD*.**

***WHO IS -- THE LIGHT -- OF THE WORLD* –
 *EXCEPT – GOD'S SON*?**

**This, then, is merely** **– A STATEMENT –
 *OF THE TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF*.**

***NO DARKNESS* – *ABIDES ANYWHERE* – *IN THE KINGDOM,
 BUT YOUR PART* – *IS ONLY* –
 *TO ALLOW NO DARKNESS* – *TO ABIDE IN YOUR OWN MIND.***

***EACH OF US – IS* – *THE LIGHT – OF THE WORLD*,
 *AND BY JOINING OUR MINDS* – *IN THIS LIGHT* –
 *WE – PROCLAIM – THE KINGDOM OF GOD -- TOGETHER* –
 *AND – AS ONE*. (ACIM Txt 6.11.13)**

***PROCLAIM*** ***= LET – YOUR LIGHT – SHINE !* DEMONSTRATE *– WITNESS – GLORIFY !***

***OUR PURPOSE*** – ***IS – TO BE*** – ***THE TRANSPARENCY*** –
 ***THROUGH WHICH*** – ***THE LIGHT –
 NOT WE*** – ***BUT THE LIGHT*** –
 ***PERFORMS – ITS MIGHTY WORKS;***

***TO BE – THE INSTRUMENT* – THROUGH WHICH** –
 ***THE DIVINE CAN* –
 *MANIFEST* – *AND – EXPRESS – ITSELF* –
 *ON EARTH* – *AS IT DOES – IN HEAVEN*.**

**WE ARE – NEVER** – **THE DOER;
WE ARE -- NEVER** – **THE ACTOR:
 *WE ARE ALWAYS*** – ***THE VACUUM* –
 *THROUGH WHICH – SPIRIT FLOWS*.**

***LET US NEVER FOR A MOMENT BELIEVE*** –
 ***THAT BY*** – ***OUR SPIRITUAL ENDOWMENT*** –
 **WE WILL EVER –
 ATTAIN PERSONAL OR SPIRITUAL POWER.**

***THERE IS NO ROOM*** –
 **IN SPIRITUAL LIVING – FOR EGOTISM** –
 **OR FOR THE EXERCISE** – ***OF PERSONAL POWER***.

***GOD DOES NOT GIVE*** – ***HIS POWER.***

***THE GLORY,* – *AND THE DOMINION*** –
 ***ALWAYS REMAIN IN GOD;***
 ***AND WE ARE*** *–* ***BUT INSTRUMENTS*,**

***HUMBLE SERVANTS* – OR – TRANSPARENCIES,
 *THROUGH WHICH*** –
 ***THAT LIGHT – MAY SHINE*.**

***GOD CAN FIND ENTRANCE TO THE WORLD –
 ONLY*** *–* ***THROUGH – CONSCIOUSNESS.***

**THERE WAS JUST AS MUCH GOD IN THE WORLD –
 *BEFORE THE TIME OF MOSES,***

***BUT IT HAD -- NO EFFECT UPON THE HEBREW PEOPLE* –
 *UNTIL* – *MOSES*** – ***OPENED – HIS CONSCIOUSNESS*,
 RECEIVED THE LIGHT *--* AND THEN – WAS LED BY GOD,
 *AFTER WHICH* –
 THE LIBERATION OF THE HEBREWS WAS ACHIEVED.**

**IT WAS NOT – *THAT THERE WAS NO GOD IN EGYPT*** –
 **GOD WAS THERE**,
 ***BUT THERE WAS NO* – *CONSCIOUSNESS*** –
 ***TO RECEIVE – AND RELEASE –
 GOD – INTO THE WORLD*** –
 ***UNTIL MOSES* – *HAD HIS ILLUMINATION***.

***THERE – HAD TO BE* – *A MOSES*** –
 ***BEFORE THE HEBREWS COULD BE FREED.***

***THERE WAS JUST AS MUCH GOD ON EARTH* –
 *BEFORE THE TIME OF JESUS* –**

***BUT – IT WAS ONLY WHEN* – *A JESUS -- APPEARED*** –
 ***AND GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS*** –
 ***COULD FLOW THROUGH HIM*** –

**THAT – THE BLESSINGS TOOK PLACE –
 NOT ONLY FOR THAT TIME – BUT FOR ALL TIME**.

**Had there been no Jesus – in the ship at sea,
 the storm would not have been stilled.**
**True, in time – *it would have worn itself out*,
 *but it would not have stopped so quickly*.**

***IT WAS STILLED –
 BECAUSE OF – THE PRESENCE – OF JESUS CHRIST****.*

***WHAT WAS IT — IN JESUS CHRIST***–
 ***THAT STILLED THE WAVES*?**

***WERE THE WAVES STILLED* –
 *BECAUSE HE HAD POWER OVER THEM*, or –
 *BECAUSE – HE KNEW THE TRUTH –
 WHICH MAKES MEN FREE*** *–* ***AND COULD THEREFORE*** *–* ***STAND STILL – AND LET*** *–* ***THE OMNIPRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD*** *–*  ***PERFORM ITS FUNCTION*?**

***THERE HAD TO BE – A JESUS* – BEFORE** –
 **THE POWER OF NON-RESISTANCE** –
 ***COULD BE MADE EVIDENT*.**

**THERE MUST ALWAYS – BE SOMEONE –
 THROUGH WHOM – *THE SPIRITUAL LIGHT -- CAN SHINE*** –
 ***AND WHO CAN*** – ***STAND STILL*** –
 **AND BEAR WITNESS –
 TO THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD** –
 ***AS THE ONLY PRESENCE* –
 *AND THE ONLY POWER***.

John 6

**26 JESUS ANSWERED THEM AND SAID,
 VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU,
 YE SEEK ME, –
 NOT BECAUSE YE SAW THE MIRACLES,
 BUT BECAUSE –
 YE DID EAT OF THE LOAVES, AND WERE FILLED,**

**30 They said therefore unto him –
 Give us – a visible demonstration –
 of the workings of the invisible power –
 as proof – that you are right –
 and – that we may – under­stand.**

**31 OUR FATHERS –
 DID EAT – MANNA IN THE DESERT;
 AS IT IS WRITTEN,
*HE GAVE THEM* – *BREAD – FROM HEAVEN TO EAT* –
*A DEMONSTRATION* –
 BY GIVING THEM – BREAD FROM HEAVEN,
 AND THEY – ATE – THIS BREAD –
 AND IT WAS – A PROOF TO THEM –
 THAT MOSES WAS SENT OF GOD.**

**32 Then said Jesus unto them,
 In fact and in truth – I tell you –
 THAT – THE BREAD –
 *THAT MOSES GAVE HIS FOLLOWERS* –
 *DID NOT COME FROM HEAVEN* –
 FOR THE FATHER, INFINITE INTELLIGENCE,
 *GIVES ONLY* – *TRUTH (TRUE THOUGHT*),**

**33 *FOR* – *THE BREAD OF GOD* –
 *IS – HE* – WHICH COMETH DOWN FROM HEAVEN,
 *AND GIVETH -- LIFE* – *UNTO THE WORLD*.**

**33 *FOR* – *THE BREAD OF GOD –
 IS -- TRUE THOUGHT – OR ACTIVE TRUTH –***

 ***WHICH COMETH – FROM -- ACTUAL UNDERSTANDING –
 AND WHICH* – *WHEN -- UNDERSTOOD –
 BY* – *THE INDIVIDUAL CONSCIOUSNESS,
 IS* – *ETERNAL LIFE.***

**34 THEN SAID THEY UNTO HIM,
 LORD, EVERMORE – GIVE US – *THIS – BREAD*,**

**35 AND JESUS SAID UNTO THEM,
 *I AM – THE BREAD OF LIFE*, – THAT IS, –
 *I UNDERSTAND -- WHAT ETERNAL LIFE* – *CONSISTS OF* –
 *AND WHEN I -- TEACH YOU* – *THIS*,
 *I AM – GIVING YOU* – *THE TRUE* – *BREAD OF LIFE*.**

***EVERYONE* – *THAT UNDERSTANDS* –
 *THIS* – *TRUE CONCEPT* –
 (*THE TRUTH OF BEING*) –
 *SHALL NOT WANT – MORE THAN THIS*.**

***FOR – IT* – WILL LEAD THEM –
 TO – THE PERFECT ULTIMATE OF BEING.**

***AND HE* – *THAT GAINS* –
 *AN UNDERSTANDING* – *OF – MY TEACHINGS* –
 *SHALL NEVER LACK* – *FOR ANY GOOD THING*.**

**36 BUT I HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED TO YOU –
 THE TRUTH OF LIFE – BUT YE WILL NOT BELIEVE ME.**

**37 ALL OF YOU – IN WHOM….
 THE INFINITE INTELLIGENCE –
 HATH UN­FOLDED – (AWAKENED) – TO THE POINT –
 WHERE YE CAN GRASP MY TEACHING,
 WILL UNDERSTAND – THE TRUTH OF WHAT I *SAY,
 AND THESE – I* SHALL CONTINUE TO TEACH.**

**38 FOR I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN,
 NOT TO DO MINE OWN WILL,
 BUT – THE WILL OF HIM – THAT SENT ME.**

**38 FOR THE INFINITE INTELLIGENCE –
 DID NOT UNFOLD IN ME –
 TO GIVE YOU – MY PERSONAL OPINION,
 BUT TO VOICE –
 THE UN­DERSTANDING – OF THAT UNFOLDMENT.**

**FOR IT WAS –
 AS JESUS HAD DISCERNED FROM THE BEGINNING–
 *THEY – HAD NOT – FOLLOWED HIM* –
 *WITH THE INTENT* – *OF GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING*
 *OF HIS TEACH­ING* –**

**BUT OF OBTAINING FOOD –
 WITHOUT ANY EFFORT ON THEIR PART,
 AND MANY PERHAPS – WERE ANIMATED –
 BY THE KNOWL­EDGE THAT MOSES –
 HAD FED HIS FOLLOWERS,
 AND THEY HAD ANTICIPATED –
 SOMETHING OF A LIKE NATURE.**

**WHEN THEY SAW –
 NO MORE PROMISING FOOD IN SIGHT –
 THEY BEGAN TO DISCREDIT HIS TEACHING,
SAYING:**

**44 No individual – can understand the true concept –
 unless – the infinite intelligence –
 has unfolded in him – to this point;
 nevertheless – the true concept – (the Christ) –
 must awaken – and will arise –
 in his – consciousness – some time –
 and this – will lead him –
 to the ultimate per­fection of Being,**

**48 *I AM* – *THAT – BREAD OF LIFE*.**

**48 *I HAVE GAINED* – *AND I UNDERSTAND* –
 *THAT* – *I AM – THAT TRUE CONCEPT OF LIFE*,
 *AND I DESIRE – TO ACQUAINT YOU* –
 WITH THE CHRIST.**

**49 YOUR FATHERS DID EAT MANNA –
 (AN OBJECTIVE MANIFESTATION OF MIND) –
 *BUT THIS PROVED NOT* – *THE TRUE BREAD*,
 (*ACTUAL UNDERSTANDING*) –
 *FOR THEY ARE DEAD*,
 - OR – *ASLEEP IN THEIR ERROR*.**

**50 *THIS* – *IS THE BREAD* –
 *WHICH COMETH DOWN FROM HEAVEN*,
 *THAT A MAN MAY EAT THEREOF* – *AND NOT DIE*.**

**50 *THE CHRIST – OR TRUE CONCEPT* –
 *THAT IS REVEALED -- THROUGH – INTELLIGENCE* –
 *IS THE TRUE SUSTENANCE* –
 *OR BREAD OF ETERNAL LIFE*.**

**51 *I AM – THE LIVING BREAD* –
 *WHICH CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN*:**

**51 IF ANY INDIVIDUAL –
 *PARTAKE – DIGEST* – (*COMPREHENDS*) –
 MY TEACHING – HE – SHALL KNOW –
 OF WHAT LIFE CONSISTS –
 AND CONSEQUENTLY – SHALL LIVE FOREVER –
 (BE ETERNALLY IN POSSES­SION –
 OF TRUE CONSCIOUSNESS);**

**53 THEN JESUS SAID UNTO THEM. VERILY, VERILY,
 I SAY UNTO YOU,** [**EXCEPT YE**](http://Except.ye) **EAT THE FLESH –
 OF THE SON OF MAN – AND DRINK HIS BLOOD,
 YE HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU.**

**56 HE THAT – COMPREHENDS MY UNDERSTANDING –
 (EATETH MY FLESH),
 AND DIGESTS THE TRUE CONCEPT –
 (DRINKETH MY BLOOD) –
 UNDERSTANDS ME –
 AND THE CHRIST OR TRUE CONCEPT,
 *MY UNDERSTANDING* – *DWELLETH IN HIM*,**

**58 *THIS – IS* – *THAT BREAD* –
 *WHICH CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN* –
 *NOT AS YOUR FATHERS DID EAT MANNA*,
 *AND ARE DEAD*:
 *HE THAT EATS* – *OF – THIS BREAD* –
 *SHALL LIVE FOREVER*.**

**BUT HE THAT – *MENTALLY EATS* (*UNDERSTANDS*) –
 THE TRUE CONCEPT OR CHRIST –
 SHALL BE ENLIGHTENED –
 AND REACH THE ULTIMATE OF BEING,
 THE PEACE OF GOD.**

 **60 MANY THEREFORE OF HIS DISCIPLES –
 WHEN THEY HAD HEARD THIS, SAID –
 THIS IS AN HARD SAYING;
 WHO CAN HEAR IT?**

**60 MANY THEREFORE WHO FOLLOWED HIM –
 DID NOT UNDER­STAND HIS STATEMENTS –
 BECAUSE OF THEIR MATERIAL VIEW­POINT –
 AND SAID,
 THESE STATEMENTS ARE** [**INCOMPREHENSIBLE –
 NO**](http://incomprehensible.no) **ONE CAN UNDERSTAND THEM.**