**THE THUNDER OF SILENCE
(Joel S. Goldsmith)
Chapter XVIII – “Ye Are the Light”
Part Five
“*SPIRIT OF GOD*”** – ***IN MAN – IS*
“*CONSCIOUS - AWARENESS*”**

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

***WE ARE*  – *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***.

 ***HE MAKES – NO ATTEMPT – TO EXERT POWER:***

***HE REMAINS STILL* –
 *AND BEHOLDS* – *THE ACTIVITY OF GOD* –
 *AS – IT – TOUCHES THE LIVES* –
 *OF ALL THOSE AROUND HIM*.**

***IF THERE IS A DISASTER ABOUT US,
IT WILL GO ON AND ON – UNTIL IT EXHAUSTS ITSELF –*UNLESS – *ONE AMONG US* – *KNOWS – THIS TRUTH.***

***IF IT IS TO BE STOPPED* – *DEAD IN ITS TRACKS,
 THERE MUST BE ONE – WHO CAN -- STAND STILL –
 AND – REALIZE THAT – THE GRACE OF GOD,
 BESIDES WHICH* – *THERE IS NO POWER,
 IS IN OPERATION;***

***THERE MUST BE – ONE – TO BE COMPLETELY SILENT –
 AND BEAR WITNESS* –  *TO THE SPIRIT – WHICH – STILLS THE WAVES.***

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

**“*SPIRIT OF GOD*” – *IN MAN – IS –* “*CONSCIOUS AWARENESS*”**

***CONSCIOUSNESS*** – MEANS –  ***MENTAL AWARENESS*.
*CONSCIOUSNESS* – *IS BOTH* – *OBJECTIVE and SUBJECTIVE.

OBJECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS* – IS –
 A STATE – OF – *CONSCIOUS – AWARENESS* –
 *EQUIPPED WITH*: WILL, DECISION, and DISCRIMINATION.**

***ITS – REASONING* – *IS BOTH* – *INDUCTIVE and DEDUCTIVE* –
 *THEREFORE – IT HAS* – *SELF-CHOICE*.**

***THE WORD* – *MEANS* – *THE ABILITY OF SPIRIT* –
 TO DECLARE ITSELF – INTO MANIFESTATION – INTO FORM.
*THE WORD OF GOD* – MEANS –
 THE SELF-CONTEMPLATION – OF THE SPIRIT.
“HE SPAKE – AND IT WAS DONE,” – “THE WORD WAS WITH GOD –
 AND THE WORD – WAS GOD.”**

**LESSON VI The Thunder of Silence**

**There are many students of the healing art** –
 **who are still doubtful –
 *AS TO WHERE TO PUT THEIR ATTENTION IN HEALING****.*

**“Should we hold the suffering and discord in mind, they ask,
 when we enter into the place of Silence –  *FOR THE PURPOSE OF – DISSOLVING* THESE FALSITIES?**

Should we think of the patient **–** and see him as a personality,
as an individual; or are we to look at some other object?

***EXACTLY WHERE IS*** – ***THE ATTENTION* – *OF THE HEALER TO BE PLACED?***

**THE PATIENT HAS APPEALED TO YOU,
 AND YOUR WILLING RESPONSE –
 HAS ESTABLISHED YOUR *RAPPORT* WITH HIM.
 *THAT IS ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE*
 *IN REGARD TO PERSONS*.**

***IT WAS* – *THE FATHER* – *IN YOU –
 THAT CAUSED THE PERSON TO ASK FOR HELP,
 AND IT WAS* – *YOUR LOVE OF SERVING* – *THAT CAUSED YOU TO RESPOND. IN THAT AGREEMENT,
 AS IT WERE* – *BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR PATIENT.***

***THERE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
 A CONCORD OF GIVING AND RECEIVING;
 AND AFTER* – *THIS* – *IS ESTABLISHED,
 YOU CAN* – *NO LONGER* – *THINK OF YOUR PATIENT.***

**YOUR AGREEMENT WITH HIM –
 *HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED* – *IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN*.
 *IT IS ON THE PLANE OF LOVE*.
 *IT IS ON THE PLANE OF GOD*. *IT IS -- IN THE SPIRIT*.
 *NOW – YOU MAY FORGET THE INDIVIDUAL* –
 *AND REMEMBER* – *THAT* –
 *IT IS THE FATHER* – *THAT DOES – HIS WORK*.**

**YOU ARE NOT – TREATING THE INDIVIDUAL.
YOU ARE NOT – TREATING A PERSON.
THE INDIVIDUAL – WHO HAS APPEALED TO YOU –
 *HAS BECOME* –
 *THE VICTIM OF SOME PSYCHIC FIXATION*;
 *HE IS APPARENTLY* –
 *SUFFERING* – *FROM SOME FALSE BELIEF*;
 *AND – YOU ARE – TO* – *DISSOLVE THAT FALSITY*.**

***IT IS DESTROYED* –
 *JUST AS* – *LIGHT -- DESTROYS DARKNESS*.**

 ***IF YOU WANT TO REMOVE DARKNESS FROM A ROOM*,
 *YOU DO SO* – *BY ESTABLISHING LIGHT*.**

***YOU DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELF* – *WITH THE DARKNESS*.**

 ***YOU CONCERN YOURSELF* – *WITH THE LIGHT*.
 *YOU TURN ON THE LIGHT* – *AND MAINTAIN IT*.**

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5 AND* – THE – LIGHT – SHINETH – IN DARKNESS*;
 AND – THE DARK­NESS* – *COMPREHENDED IT NOT,***

***LB*5HIS -- LIFE -- IS -- THE LIGHT --
 THAT -- SHINES THROUGH -- THE DARKNESS --
 *AND* -- THE DARKNESS -- CAN NEVER EXTINGUISH IT.**

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5 AND – THIS – TRUE REASON* – *OR -- TRUTH OF LIFE –
 IS EVER PRES­ENT* – *BUT - IN HIS IGNORANCE –
 THE INDIVIDUAL* – *DOES NOT COM­PREHEND IT,***

***DISEASE* – *IS – A STATE OF DARKNESS,
 AND IN ORDER TO* – *REMOVE THE DARKNESS* –
*YOU, SO TO SPEAK* – *TURN ON* – *THE LIGHT OF HEALTH.***

***DISEASE IS A FALSITY;*
 *AND TO BANISH IT,
 YOU* – ESTABLISH YOURSELF – IN THE TRUTH*,
 AND* – *THE TRUTH* – *DISPELS THE FALSITY.

IT CANNOT STAND* – *IN THE PRESENCE OF TRUTH,
 ANY MORE THAN DARKNESS* –
 *CAN REMAIN* – *IN THE PRESENCE OF LIGHT.***

***LIGHT* – *NEVER TOUCHES* – *DARKNESS,
 BECAUSE* – *DARKNESS* – *IS NOTHING.***

 ***THERE IS – NOTHING – TO TOUCH.***

***LIGHT – DOES NOT – DISPEL DARKNESS –
 BY – TAKING HOLD OF IT — BY – HANDLING IT.***

***LIGHT – SIMPLY – STANDS –
 AND* – *IS RADIANT – WITH ITS OWN GLORY.***

***IN OTHER WORDS,* – *WHEN* – *THE TRUTH* – *IS OPERATIVE* –
 *IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS -- OF THE HEALER,***

 **IT – BECOMES OPERATIVE – IN THE PATIENT–
 *THROUGH* –
 *THAT HIDDEN* – *LIGHT – OF UNDERSTANDING* –
 *WHICH – IS – WITHIN HIM.***

***THIS IS AN INNER PROCESS,* – *A SPIRITUAL PROCESS.
IT IS NOT OF THE INTELLECT –
 OR - OF THE CONSCIOUS MIND,*
 BUT TAKES PLACE – *ON A HIGHER PLANE* –
 *AND THROUGH – A DEEPER AVENUE OF BEING*.**

***THAT WHICH IS DONE* – *IS DONE* –
 *BECAUSE – OF* – *THAT -
 WHICH – IS KNOWN* – *BY THE INNER MIND -- IN SECRET*,
 *THROUGH THE HEART* – THROUGH THE FEELING –
 “AND THY FATHER – WHICH SEETH IN SECRET –
 SHALL REWARD THEE OPENLY.”**

***IN THE PRESENCE OF LIGHT, NO DARKNESS CAN OBTAIN —
 IT SIMPLY* – *IS NOT THERE.
Not that the light is concerned with the darkness;
 BUT BEING LIGHT, IT IS RADIANT, AND* –
 *IN THAT RADIANCE* – *THERE CAN BE NO DARKNESS.***

***IN THE* – LIGHT – OF TRUTH*,
 IN THE RADIANCE OF THE GLORY OF TRUTH,
THERE CAN BE* –
 *NO DISEASE, NO INHARMONY,
 NO ACHE OR PAIN OR SUFFERING.***