God's Place
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Bible Text: John 15:2-3; Psalms 52:8-9

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Lord, we're thankful God, we're rejoicing. We know that that name we've gathered in it You're here. Lord, thank You. Thank You Lord for Your presence. Oh, and I thank God we don't fear, we rest because Your presence goes with us. And I thank God, if You be for us, who could be against us? And I thank the Lord that You somehow, someway in Your great depth of mercy and grace You prefer us, and Lord what a joy. What a glory it is to know that we are loved by You, admired by You, desired by You, treasured by You, and Lord You have everything here for us Lord today. You have set the table. You have prepared our hearts. This is the meat of the gospel of Christ because that's what You have called us to eat. Lord, we ask You to open our hearts, help us to receive it, God let us go from this place with more love, with more joy, with more thanksgiving and a bit more glory to give You soon in Jesus' name. Amen. 01:14

Well, praise the Lord. Let's go ahead and open our bibles to John, Chapter Fifteen. John Chapter Fifteen, what a chapter John Chapter Fifteen is. What a chapter every chapter is but John Chapter Fifteen, I'll tell you what, it's got it, and we're going to talk about God's place today, God's place. And we'll begin reading from verse two, and it says there, every branch in me that beareth not fruit He takes away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit, alright? Well, we just read where God's is, and God's place is in the place of more fruit. And that place brothers and sisters God has to put you in that place. God has to put you there to be fruitful. It's not your choosing, but it's God's choice, and that place is a place of purging. Did you notice that? It says that every branch that bears fruit He purgeth it. That's a wonderful thing there, it's very mighty. It means brothers and sisters that He is pruning, He's tending to the vine for more fruit, but it's really important that we understand what purging is. It means to cleanse from filth, it means to clean from impurity, but there's even a deeper layer in that, it means removing the useless shoots. I want you to hear that, removing the useless shoots. 03:04

I witnessed this, I went through those vineyards, and I saw clusters of grapes that looked perfect that were on the ground, and I asked that husbandman, the keeper of the vine, I said why us all this good fruit down here? Why are only these clusters upon the vine, why are those the only ones left? He said because they're the best. He said these have to be sacrificed; they're not going to develop to the maturity of the finest fruit. And I said well how do you know? And he looked at me and he smiled, and he said I know. Why, I so thank God I'm still hanging on the vine, and I'm so thankful He knows. Well, you say that's quite a statement. You're boasting in the Lord. I'm boasting in the mercy and the grace of God. I know my oh my, it's got to be Him. But see, this filth and impurity, the word of God tells us exactly what it is. It's self-righteousness, yes, it is. That's the filth that's impurity and it has to be removed. A little leaven it says in the word of God leavens the whole lump. The Lord will keep

you, He knows who are His. He knows who are His, even in the bridal company; He knows His jewels. He knows that by the grace of God we would be given and receive the faith by the grace of God to believe this gospel that would be brought by the Apostle Paul. That this was the age that we needed to be in. 05:03

I love what Moses saw, I love what Noah went through, I love my big brother David. I was bragging about him again today, I'm so thankful for the grace of God that was with him in all those good decisions, and all those bad ones. And all I learned from all of it wasn't to do this, and to do that; you know what I learned? Be confident in the mercy of the Lord. You get a little further down he wrote a psalm. I think about every fourth word is mercy, mercy, mercy, mercy, mercy, mercy, mercy. You want a perfect heart? I think I'd mark with that Brother Mark, what do you think huh? praise the Lord. Yes, you will hear that here, I want you to win; I want you to win. I know without always praising God for His mercy you will not win. I know if you think that you're going in your strength, you don't have a crown in your hand. It's right there, you're hearing this message, it's right for you, pick it up, take it, fight the good fight of faith that it might be by grace, amen? You understand that? Praise the Lord for the grace of God. The faith that you have is the grace of God, it's of faith that it might be by grace; it all, it's Him, it's all the Lamb. There's nothing that's going to please God except faith in His Son; in His Son. My whole confidence of everything about my life needs to be in His Son 06:46

Now, brothers and sisters we see here that it is God that His faithfulness cleanses us from these things and read verse three with me. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. So, you're clean. It didn't say you're getting clean; you are clean. Polly was excited about it, isn't it wonderful how the Lord will use present tense and past tense, and all these different tenses, and all it does is just tense you up and you're all excited about what God has done, and doing, and finished. You are clean, so what's the impurity again? What the filth if you're clean? He's keeping you from your self-righteousness. You understand that? He's keeping you from the little leaven that leavens the whole lump; I want you to win. By the grace of God, I want to win and it's all going be by growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Praise God. 07:54

Now, He purges us with His word so we can come through only in the purity which is the only thing that's pure is the grace of God, amen. So, I thank God Brother Hill reminded us many times, he said to us that the place of fruit, the place of this purging is never going to be in a hothouse, it's never going to be in the Lotus Land of ease. If you want fruit in your life it's going to be one thing, it's going to be the grace of God; oh yes, it is. And grace, I will tell you brethren, I will tell you dear hearts, grace; grace is not an easy way. But I'm here to tell you. it's not an easy way. Grace will humble you; grace will weaken you; grace will afflict you; grace will make you infirm also that the power may be of God and not of us. 09:06

Now, I want you to think about this, Eve. Eve, back there in the garden, she couldn't be fruitful until, until the transgression, until her failure. That's when she could be fruitful, she could only be fruitful out of the garden; that's when she had children. You think about

David, David could not be fruitful in the furtherance of the lineage of the throne in his family until he failed with Bathsheba. That was the only way that Bathsheba was going to become his wife. It didn't have to be, but it had to be. The will of God is really something, the will of God is not what you think, the will of God is not your way, His ways are past finding out, and I know I've been in a place Lord do I really have to find that out, and He said oh yeah, we're going. Search me, did I really say that? Oh yes you did, I've come for thy words; He knows what He's doing with us doesn't He, amen? 10:31

Praise the Lord, see, I know you in the truth, you know me in the truth; I'm so thankful I do, and I love you the more for it, that's the only way I can really love you. I get your life, because I get mine. I understand who I am to God, I know who you are to God. I understand who I am, I understand who you are to me in the body of Christ. I know how needful that we are for one another because all the supplying comes from the Head, but He uses the joints of the body to bring it to one another. I am so thankful for that, it's a glory, it's a joy, it becomes everything. It becomes our dwelling, it becomes our settling down in marriage, praise be to God. 11:29

Paul couldn't write the joy book of the bible till he was put in that Philippian jail; think of that, come on, oh we can't forget this one. Sarah, Abraham's wife, she couldn't be fruitful until she laughed at God, and you got a God like that. He's given you a promise and all this, He's just waiting for you to laugh at Him, and then He's going to show you He's the promise keeper. Did you hear that? Who's the promise keeper of your life? Oh, God, you know Me, my name's Peter. These guys might deny Your name, but I never will. Ooh Peter I prayed for you son, and you know Jesus has prayed for you? Long time ago He prayed for you, and He says in the word of God and You know Father, I don't pray for the world, I pray for them You have given to me. Now when did He give you to Jesus, when was that? That was a long time ago, wasn't it? I think somewhere I read in the bible one time He saw us in love before the foundation of the world. He loved you that long, for you, for me? I'm loved, I'm loved by very God of very God, I'm loved by I am that I am. I'm loved by the One who spoke everything into existence. He's got it, He really has got it. 13:27

So, we thank God that even when we believe not, He abides faithful because He's the promise keeper. Know that for your life, and see those that have this knowledge, they know it. I'm not waiting on for me to fail, I'm just expecting Him always, and resting that He's always faithful. That's what I've learned about God, I don't look at me. I look at Him. I don't walk around being afraid of what I should do and shouldn't do and this and that and all these kinds of things, I'm just so thankful that He's, my keeper. That He's the One that says I promise to you son; I promise I will perform, I will accomplish, I will do it. These things keep running through my heart all the time, they have to because I'm weak, because I'm just flesh. Because once I start to think with this and see with these eyes, I'm going to get doubtful; it's going to happen just like that. And I need to hear this gospel of grace; pure grace, pure grace and the Lord has given us opportunity to have it. Oh yes, and I'm thankful, I want people to have it, I really do but I'll tell you this; I'll tell you this, I know God will protect them, and yes, He will. And sad as my heart will be, and it is, it's sad. 15:00

I'm sad when people turn away from the grace of God, but we just read, we're cleansed, but the filth of self-righteousness He's going to take care of because it has to be either grace or works. It has to be either Spirit or flesh; those two cannot be mixed. We're talking about right now you by the grace of God, The bride for the Lamb of God, the wife that has made herself ready, huh? You have a gospel; I have espoused you. I have espoused you; go look that up and you'll understand. I'm thankful I'm married, and who said that? the Apostle Paul because he's the only one that had that message to espouse us. Be excited, it's okay. Step out in faith, I thank God, and I thank the Lord saints; I mean this so sweetly, thankfully to God the paramount truths are the paramount truths. I thank the Lord, believe in the grace of God, and that's imperative. You're saved by grace, you're kept by grace, you're filled with the Holy Ghost by the grace of God, and then it's by the grace of God you come in to learn and understand the bridal message, and you understand that it's the grace of God that keeps you in it. It's the grace of God that had you to fall in love, and it's the grace of God that has you to stay in love. It doesn't change, and it doesn't. 16:49

But I'm thankful within those things the depths, the layers, the light upon light God continues to bring, and it's His word; it's just His word. You travel along with the Holy Ghost long enough on that camel you don't have anywhere else to go but to listen to Him, oh yeah. Those furnaces that value the shadow of death, I just got my eyes shut, just talk to me; just talk to me, I don't want to see a thing. It's like when I was a kid through the haunted house they put me in that thing, okay here we go; completely shut, sometimes I put my fingers in my ears, and I felt that thing stopped at the end, wow that was great. Shut it down, hear Him; shut it down, hear Him. It's amazing what you will hear as you go along. 17:50

Now, God's people often try to change their environment to be godly, you know that? Isn't it amazing how God changes the environment to be godly? He takes Moses from his mother and puts him into the house of Pharaoh; what? He takes Joseph out of his godly family, and He brings him into Egypt. His thought aren't our thoughts are they, right? But I hear these things, and we're going to move here, this'll be a better Christian life. If that's the reasoning in your head for movement and different things like that I'm going to tell you, and I will tell you this because it's the truth, you'll lay down the crown; you will lay down the crown. 18:43

Now, there are times God will divinely move people. Divinely, they're listening today. Man, I'll tell you what. You talk about joy and rejoicing, you talk about praise the Lord, jewels in his crown, but those are rare; they're rare, but God's faithful. Brothers and sisters, we need to understand this, I don't want to choose my path, you don't want to choose your path because what's going to happen is it's going to bring leanness to your soul. All the enemy wants to do is get you to lay down the crown, he'll make you feel good about everything. Oh it's amazing about how nice my life is, it's amazing how you know what, my life it's a lot easier, I don't have to work as hard. I've got work, I've got this, I've got this; I've got all these things, and I got leanness in my soul. How much time have you been thinking about the bridal message? How much time have you been rejoicing in Jesus Christ, your Bridegroom, huh? Better are the wounds of a friend than the kisses of an enemy, and I thank God for the

boldness, and it's not to be mean, it's not to be brutal, but brothers and sisters I'm really getting this because it is the fire of the Holy Ghost in my life. If your house is on fire I'm going to yell, I'm going to beat on your door because I want you to win Christ's best; I really will. I'll do it from the pulpit. 20:26

By the grace of God, He'll lead at different times in those things, but you know, sometimes people don't want to hear this. And over the years they'll run out of here, they'll do it whatever it is but you're not fighting the pastor; you're not. And the things by the grace of God sometimes, and it is, the Lord will always bring it to you personally, but the word of the Lord is true. They think well, brother's talking about me, or he's talking about this; I'm just giving you the word of God, it's always right. It's always appropriate for this time. There's always going to be the Demas's of the world that will go after entertainment, that will go after as we call them mega churches. They will, and then there will always be the legals, the self-righteous. They'll always go after the concision; they'll always want more of that. That's the word of God. Neutral you can't be. It's a mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and I thank the Lord by His grace; by His grace He, He desires you to have that because the word of God says he that wills to know will know about truth; He knows what He is doing. I thank God, He knows about this sermon today, I just show up and I done three-quarters of a page; I haven't done too much of it yet. I love you. 22:04

Now, God faithfully shows you because He's shown me. You know what. It's all Him, isn't it? Don't you think so, it's all Him? He's held you in the stuff, He leads you along, He's kept you in the furnace, the flood, the fire, and the lion's den. He's kept me praise God whether I've been triumphant like David running into the giant, calling out on the name of the Lord, or whether I've been like David curling up as a partridge fearful. Think of that, fearing something God had already taken care of a long time ago. Think of how he feared Saul, think of how much time he wasted fearing Saul. Think of how much time I've wasted fearing things. We got to through it don't we because He's got to still show you? I got it, I got it, I got it. I got it. When I promise you something I'll do it. I told you David a long time ago when Samuel put that oil on you son, you're it; you're it, you're it. Just thank Him. Now it didn't matter where I was in any of those places, it's the one constant I always knew, He never left me, always in His hand. 23:44

Now, I expressed this a long time ago back to them grapes. The best wine from the best grapes they must be stressed. Those grapes are literally taken to the point where they look dead; dead. I told you, they looked like raisons, they don't look like grapes anymore, They're swiveled up it's all over. It's that place, it's that place of such stress and pressure, it's where the best wine comes out of. That's you, that is your life, that is you truly as the Apostle Paul its but for God I am despairing for my own life. But I thank the Lord brothers and sisters even though that's our lives, even though it looks like I'm finished, it looks like it's over, that's the place I really need to be rejoicing. What do you think? See, when that's going on in your life, that's when you know it doth not yet appear. Have you ever really thought about that it doth not yet appear? Do you like to think you just appear, man I so look like the bride for the Lamb of God, huh? You know who that looks like don't you? It looks like the prostitute that

was at His feet washing it with her tears. Do you know that's what it looks like? Oh, wait a second, I don't know about that brother, you can't be doing this, and that. Wait a second, she's chosen the better place. 25:35

Saints, I know He's called us to this, and it isn't just something we sit here in the pew and say yeah; don't let it be that. Let it be yes, and let it be me not because I have the grace for the other guy that is like that. That's me, that's so me. Now, we praise the Lord because, and don't take this wrong but I thank God it's not about my outward appearance. I thank God that it's not what men say about me. I thank God it's not about how esteemed I am in the Christian community. I thank the Lord it's not because I'm pastor's pet, or pastor pets me on the head. If that's where our achievement lies, I'm going to tell you, you missed it. And I'm just telling you, I know none of you want me to pat you on the head; I just want to hug you. I want to highly esteem you like you want to highly esteem me. By the grace of God we want a heart, we want a heart that He looks on that wants fruit. You want fruit? Then you want grace. You want fruit? Then you're a vessel of mercy. 27:22

Where's all the fruit come in the word of God? Fruit comes from the Jonah that people say oh he made a bad decision. Oh, I'm so thankful for all the fruit that came in the belly of that fish. I'm so thankful for the fruit that came from David and Bathsheba. I'm so thankful for the fruit that came from Tamar tricking her father-in-law Juda. You like that kind of fruit? You sure you like that kind of fruit because that's His fruit, or do you like the stuff that stinks? We need to see with His eyes, and love what He loves. And brothers and sisters I want to tell you something; Him. We want to be what magnifies Him, and that means it is going to be grace, and that means it's going to be undeserved; it's going to be unearned; it's going to be unbelievable; It's going to be Psalm Fifty-two, and I leave you with this today; fifty-two, eight and nine. David, he says, I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. I will praise thee forever, because thou hast done *it*. I'm going to praise You for Your mercy forever and ever? And then praise the Lord I'm going to praise You because Thou has done it? 29:27

And here we are, I know that this is prophetic to us because we're waiting on that new name, and I will wait on Thy name. He's going to write on us a new name for it is good; now wait a second, it is good before what? Thy saints. Oh, He's going to write upon me and there's going to be some saints seeing it. You're going to round about me, What do you think? Yea, the deep things of God by the Spirit? 30:09

Now saints, I'm going to tell you something. I am so thankful to know this truth, I am. And I am thankful as I wrote down here, I have been tutored in it, studied it, I've been enlightened in it, I'm almost sixty, so I'm going to go for fifty-five years. I heard when I see the blood man, I'm telling you what. I know I heard that when I was in my mom's tummy, and then I heard the power and the infilling of the Holy Ghost when I was coming out, but I'm going to tell you something. I don't want men and women to know me and they say well, he's such a scholar in the things of God. He's so brilliant in the word of God. I know there'll be people saying oh that's so true; back at you and here's at you; I want people to know that this man is

in love with like you can't imagine with Jesus Christ my Bridegroom because; because, because, because, because I know that Jesus Christ my Bridegroom is in love with me; with me. He chose me, He called me, we had an appointment scheduled perfectly right at the well. I was coming out and didn't even know what I was getting, and all I could come away with is I'm gone. And I'm thanking Him yet today the more and more all the time because He did it because it's His mercy and I praise Him forever and ever, and ever, and ever the vine has done it all, amen? 32:08

Let's bow our heads, Father, we thank You and just give you the praise today. Thank You for Your time with us, thank You for the Spirit of truth, thank You for the comforter. Thank You God for this bond of perfectness that we have from You with one another. Lord, we glory in this and thank You Lord that we're growing in this love and that it's becoming more and more abundant to one another. Thank You for praying for us. Thank You for the prayers of the Apostle Paul that prayed long ago Lord that their faith would increase, but most of all that their love for one another would grow more, and more, and more. And Lord, You're doing it. This is Yours; we are Yours, and we rejoice this morning, and we give You all the praise and thanks, and soon to give You glory. Oh, with all the grace that You've given us we're ready to give You Your glory. Thank You Jesus; thank You, thank You, thank You in Your precious name. Amen. 33:18