The High Place
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Bible Text: Deuteronomy 12:1-5; I Kings 3:3, 1:14-16 …

08-18-24 The High Place – Living Waters Tabernacle

Father, thank You in Jesus' name. Oh, we come with such thanksgiving this morning. Lord, You have brought even the more joy. God, we just give You praise for it, and Lord truly we're going through our time in the wilderness and You're showing Yourself faithful, upon faithful, upon faithful. Lord, I thank You, we have no other place to go but to lean our head upon Your breast. And Jesus, just like those precious two that You sent in, God, You've had us to go in to spy the land. Oh, and it is rich; oh, rich, rich, rich. Oh, the promise that we have exceeding and precious, oh hallelujah, my cup is full and running over. And Lord, here we are today just like they for them, we're about ready to cross on over. Oh hallelujah, as thou hast believed, so be it done unto you. There will be a performance of those things which were told you from the Lord. Thank You for the ear that you've given us to hear it, thank You for the faithfulness of Your Spirit to lead us in. It's all You, it's all You in Jesus' name. Amen.
01:30

If you'd open your bibles with me today, we're going to start in Deuteronomy Chapter Twelve, the high place. The high place, Deuteronomy Chapter Twelve. Reading from verse one, these *are* the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD God of thy fathers gives thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth. Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree. And ye shall overthrow their altars, break their pillars, burn the groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God. But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put His name there, *even* unto His habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come. 02:57

The high place. There's no greater evidence of this contrast than with David and His son Solomon. And I want you to turn with me to First Kings now, chapter three, verse three and we're going to see this contrast of the high place in a light of a son of God. And reading from verse three of chapter three of First Kings, it says here, and Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. Now brothers and sisters, this truly was a beginning of some evidence of Solomon that he was not wholehearted. That there was this as we will call it, this leaven that was beginning to manifest itself., and here's what happens with that little leaven if we continue to go that way in First Kings Chapter Eleven, it tells us sadly the outcome of it. In First Kings Chapter Eleven, verse four it says, for it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the

Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father. 04:57

Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abominations of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. Now brothers and sisters this King Solomon was the man that comes forth in Ecclesiastes, and he looks over everything that God has given him; all of the mercy and grace that God gave to his life. But he looks out at his strength, and his hands, and knowing that he missed what his father David missed. He says O vanity of vanities, O empty of emptiness, I missed it. 05:54

Now, praise the Lord, are we not thankful that the height of our heart is our Christ Jesus Bridegroom? I thank the Lord that that is everything, Aren't you thankful it is a life brothers and sisters of gathering the much, the more in that high place with betrothed brethren of our bridegroom Jesus? Aren't you thankful hallelujah that by His grace you're overcoming, and the reason I can say that by the grace of God He has you here hearing. It's not how you feel, it's what the word of God says. Don't get duped up on your opinion; don't ever do that. Sadly, there are brethren here that their opinion is greater than the word of God, their feeling is greater than the leading of God; don't let that be you., God forbid that would be me. Listen to this, sweet ones, thank the Lord that you're overcoming, Thank God that you're overcoming heartache, and shortcomings, and disappointments, and failure, you're getting hurt, but you keep showing up. Hallelujah, and if I'm not speaking about your life, I'm speaking about mine. 07:36

Now, is it a life that I must have only Jesus, my Bridegroom; Is that it? Is that the one thing, the only thing: Well, praise be to God you winner, that's so wonderful because by His grace all that one thing did was take down all the high places of life, and it's all Him. Isn't that glorious? See, the high place is His calling, the high place is His grace. See, when we try to go into that high place of his calling, the high place of this bridal fellowship with Jesus, and I try to bring in my goodness, you know what that is? those are idols that I try to bring up there, my effort, my strength, my striving, you know what? I'm not in that place. I didn't show up there, I went over to the place of filthy rags. I went over to the place where, and it's not the high place if you want to be found having your own righteousness. You want that high place, there's not one idol of you that can go there; zero. He played it; I surrender all. All to Jesus, all to Jesus? That's just surrendering, that's just giving it up. The only thing I have to give Him which He wants more that anything is my thanksgiving and praise. I bring Him the thanksgiving and praise of the blood of the Lamb of God day after day, moment after moment, I'm sitting there, the cherubim praise be to God one piece of beaten gold, the crowning on that wonderful ark, and I'm looking at the blood on the mercy seat and I'm saying thank You Jesus. Oh ho, hallelujah. 09:54

Now, that was David, that's the perfect heart toward God. It's only Him, he wanted only Him to be magnified, David wasn't a perfect natural man, we know that; there isn't such

a thing, but he had a perfect heart in loving, a perfect heart in loving and understanding, and thankfulness, and appreciation of God's grace and mercy that chose him before he was ever even in the womb of his mother. It's marvelous, it's incredible, and that's you. That's you, by the grace of God He is not a respecter of persons, and He's not a respecter of His Son. You're born of God, you're born Lord of all, He had to bring that out yesterday. He has to bring that out moment by moment to us. How can I not with Him also freely give you all things? Let the Holy Ghost just put it together, you've got it all, we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ. You can't get any more from Him, He's given it to you. What you need is the Holy Ghost, and you need Paul's gospel to understand what you have, and you have freely; freely. And He gave it all to me, I can't get any more because He gave it all, and freely; freely because He loved you. He loved you, not because you're mighty, not because you are a great people, not because you're a great guy, not because you were born sweet because you weren't, and if you think you are that's a problem, but I thank God He had a perfect understanding of the grace and mercy that chose him. 12:08

Now, I want you to go back to Deuteronomy, and I want you to see there that in verse five it's more than a tearing down of the high places. Even more importantly it's where God chooses the high place is. Six times in this same chapter you're going to read as it says there in verse five, but unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose; did you hear that? what the Lord, your God shall choose; thank the Lord for this. I'm so thankful this is His choice. I'm so thankful my life is His grace. I'm so thankful that I'm called, and I'm chosen, and I'm justified, and I'm sanctified, and I'm glorified. How could you be still? Aren't you thankful? It's just marvelous how finished, how perfectly, perfectly finished He finished it for you. Oh, I thank God for His foreknowledge of love for your life, it makes me excited. But see, the high places must be cleared out, but it's the high place, and only the specific place that God chooses. And He wants more than anything, and if you want to meet Him, He's only going to be there if it's that high place, because that high place what it always represents is the place of worship, true worship. 13:44

For us, as the Father says, it's the true worshipper who worships My Son in Spirit, and in truth. Alright? That's the worship praise God, that's the place of this worship that we have today. And it's the place the Father says I'm searching for that one; I'm searching for that one, and you know where that one's going to be found? It's the worshipper that worships My Son in spirit, and in truth. Where that place is found is going to be by those who are drawing nigh, and fervent love to kiss Christ Jesus their Bridegroom. So, I know where that place is, that high place is go to none other than Paul's gospel; isn't that something? Always brings us back, there's no other gospel. Always brings us back, as Paul said. if I preach unto you any other gospel let me be accursed. I appreciated my son, and I was thanking God for what He said. those kids as he teaches that class at camp he said Brother Roderick, you're always preaching about that bride, you're always preaching about the need of the Holy Ghost, and He said what else is there to preach? If I'm going to bring something else to you it's going to be less. You want more, and more, and more of that, and that'll set His heart aflame. 15:29

And you'll be reading things, and the Spirit will read them to you. It was just like yesterday at that service, that for which I am apprehended. I'm telling you I never done this, not in a funeral. I almost took off running around that place, and I kid you not. I heard Him say that to me Brother Derrick, I heard Him say it; that for which you're apprehended. I'm set apart for that, how about you? Isn't it awesome, isn't it awesome John, Bob, Debbie, woooooo. Oh, I'm so happy. Oh, I'm so happy that Jesus loves me like that. 16:19

Now, it's got to be that place, it's the place praise God of the perfect heart that believes in all grace to marry His Son, amen? Oh, I got something else to tell you, I love the Lord ministering into my heart. I'm grateful to God. Oh, there's you know people like to just wrestle with little different things, I'm so thankful I see what I see. Aren't you grateful to God? And I'm thankful in a joy, not in any uplifting to me, I'm thankful for what the Lord shows me, and brings me into in the truth to see it even more perfectly. I always want to have a heart like Apollos that Lord, surprise me, keep surprising me. I was telling my wife that's the problem with us. We don't surprise each other. We surprise each, I mean not that kind of surprise, I'm talking about a good surprise. Surprise! Don't get complacent, and God is never complacent with you; He surprises us, don't He? and I love it. I love it, but I was thanking God. You know, I'm bold in this, I believe the wife hath made herself ready. I believe, we signed that contract together, praise God I came in there with Him, will You go? Absolutely, let's sign the marriage document; bam. That's historical, that's everything. That's it, now He has to go away to prepare the place for His spouse. Oh, what a place He's preparing and He's coming. 18:04

And He's going to come with the friends of the Bridegroom, and they're with Him right now, they're waiting in heaven. It tells me that in Matthew. They're waiting for the Bridegroom's voice to call that bride; rise up My love, My fair one and come away, and that's what our ear is in tune to. That's all we're listening for. It's a glorious thing, but you know the word of God says that we're children, and children of God, heirs of God. Just as the children of God, we're heirs of God; God the Father, and joint heirs if so be we suffer together with Him, amen? Isn't that true? That's right. Do you know when I asked my wife to marry me, when we were engaged, they call that, I just, you know I went to her and boy I'll tell you, she just started suffering right then. No, she really did, she really didn't know, but, if you think about that, you know engagement time it's joyous, isn't it? It's just beautiful, it's wonderful, and all this; marriage is too, but that's where the sufferings happen. You get it? The wife suffers, if you'll suffer with Me now; the wife suffers, and the husband suffers. 19:37

Saints, come on, David said this, he was thankful, and God help us to be thankful. How could we not with all this manifestation of the word of God, all of this preaching and teaching that we've had? From Brother Copley to the Sister Bodie, to the Brother Hill, to all these different ones? How could that line upon line, and precept upon precept not bring us into seeing it even in more light? David said this, he said I have exceeded my teachers. It wasn't a competition; it was not, and it's not comparing ourselves amongst ourselves, but that's what good teachers do. They want students that would even know more. They would want them to go out and to see in even more depths, in more height, in more grandeur; that's

what the Lord is doing. Now why would He do this in this age? Just think about it saints. That resistance that we were talking about earlier has never been more, but the force. I know the quitter in me, and it's big, but I got a force that He tells me God is greater than my heart. 21:15

Okay now. I think I have four and one-half minutes. Let's go back to that high place for just a moment, and we'll close with it. Brothers and sisters, that high place must only be truth in love, it must only be the word of His grace and listen to that. Really listen to that, it must be the word of His grace, amen? It's the faith that works by love; it's the love with faith. You see, you want this, you want that high place; that's what it's going to be because it's the place where the lovers meet. See, at the beginning of Solomon's reign I want you to understand this, and you don't have to turn there, but just to know where it's at is it's in Second Chronicles One. At the beginning of Solomon's reign he moved the ark, he moved the ark from the high place that his father David had placed it. yes, see, when the ark came in because it had been taken away, and under David's reign it came in, and that's when David danced before the Lord basically in his underwear. That's where his wife said you're an embarrassment, and David said to her, you haven't seen anything yet. I love that kind of spirit. You're going to get in my face about that I'll tell you what, God's going to give me an unction to tell you something, and that's the truth. You get that kind of spirit praise God, you're in love, it's a power. But that perfect hearted David, he placed that ark in a tent, and did you know that tent was known as, and we had a couple sermons on it, and I encourage you to go back and listen to it; it's wonderful, but it was kind of the tabernacle of David. Yeah, the tabernacle of David. It was just a little tent, and it was open, it didn't even have the holy of holly place, it was just a holy of holy place and everybody could enter in. 23:24

See, it was a type and a shadow of what we have today, we're entering in. We're face to face, there's nothing between. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, but David put that tabernacle, David put the ark in Jerusalem, in a mount in Jerusalem. But see, what Solomon did, is he changed that high place, he took it to Gichon which is in Palestine, and let me tell you something, it matters; oh, it's matters greatly, and here's how much it mattered to God. But again, this was God's perfect will. Turn on over to Acts Chapter Fifteen, I just am so thankful to God that we have sermons, and we have bible studies, and we have memorial services, and we have bible studies within those, and it's just mighty. And I thank the Lord, He's the One that directs all of these things. 24:17

But in Acts Chapter Fifteen, let's read verses fourteen through sixteen together. That's Act Chapter Fifteen, and we'll read fourteen through sixteen. Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets as it is written. After this I will return, after He takes out those Gentiles for His name oh praise the Lord, where we are. After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up. Isn't that interesting? It wasn't I'm going to build again the tabernacle of Moses, it's not that I'm going to build the tabernacle of the temple of Solomon; I'm going to

build the tabernacle of David, I 'm going to build the tabernacle of the perfect hearted mercy king. 25:32

Now, brothers and sisters, that's our high place of worship. That's where again this is by His grace, us perfect hearted kings we seek this, that's why we're here today; we're at the high place, He's met us here with Paul's gospel. It's not because it's at 1701 South Sherman, it's not because it's in this tabernacle, oh no, no, no, no, no. By God's grace I'm praying this is everywhere you go. See, location of physical, that's not what God's about, it's location of our heart. It's location of what I'm drawn to what I want, what I sire; do you pant after this.? See, that was David, his heart only panted to that, and I pray for you. Does it turn called wishy-washy, if you're wishy-washy about this you need to pray; you don't want to be. You want to be locked on, you want to be this chaste virgin to the Lord, and it's not about your actions, it's about your heart. He'll take care of all the other stuff; He's interested in a heart. That's why He went to that woman that had been married multiple times at the well and was living with a man. It wasn't about her actions that drew Him, He knew she had a heart, even in spite of all those actions, that woman's got a heart. 27:09

Now, the high place brothers and sisters is always the place of complete mercy where you just take that alabaster box which is basically everything of you, and you just pour it on Him, amen? But here's the best part, soon, oh soon, you talk about the high place? Do you know John? He was taken to a high place, to see this high place. And it's the high place by the grace of God, you just continue on holding that fast which thou hast that no man take thou crown? See, we're talking about the high place of the high calling of God high place in Christ Jesus. Alright? And it's a place, oh yes, it is and it's got lively stones that are being set right now for that place; oh, they're glorious. And do you know they're being perfectly cut right now just like the ones that were taken to the tabernacle; they never had to touch them once they were in there, they were absolutely perfect. 28:19

Well, that high place praise God John had to be taken to, and you'll find that in Revelation, and John was taken to a high place in heaven, and heaven's a high place, but he had to be taken to a high mountain in heaven to a high place of a high mountain, and then he had to look up and there he was the high place. He saw the glory of God descending, and he was already told what the glory of God descending was; I'm going to show you the bride, the Lamb's wife descending from heaven having the glory of God, and her light. Are you in that high place? Come on now, as thou hast believed so be it done unto you. 29:20

Let's pray. Father, again we come to You, and thank You Jesus. In that precious name, thank You for the liberty in Christ. Thank You for the joy you have given us. Lord, the joy you've given my heart me to gather with my brothers and sisters I'm so thankful. Lord, we're home, we're home with you no matter where you are; You're heaven, You're everything, and Lord in your name You're here, and you're amongst us. And Your power and Your demonstration of Your Holy Ghost, thank You for always pouring it fourth. Thank You for the anointing Lord God that You so freely give to us. Thank You that You draw us in, and in that one faith, and one accord, one, one spirit. Lord, we're so grateful to you that You are preparing us, readying us

and causing us to just be still, and watch your mighty hand do it. Lord, what a privilege to have a revelation of the immensity of Your grace. Lord, to have the understanding of the beauty of Your pure mercy. And Lord thank you that we enjoy all the riches of your glory right now, You have bestowed them upon us, and Lord Jesus, it soon will be revealed. And we thank You, and we praise You, and we are looking only to You to keep that which we've committed to You against that day in Jesus' name, amen. 31:06