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WHERE NEW LIFE BEGINS

Tear Down the High Places - Jim Staley 2023

Hello everyone, I'm Jim Staley with [Passion for Truth Ministries](#) and welcome to today's broadcast. *Shabbat Shalom* to you if you're watching this on Saturday. If you're not familiar with that Hebrew term, that simply means that Saturday being the biblical seventh day of the week was the traditional Sabbath that our Lord and Savior and all of the disciples and all of the patriarchs would have celebrated, and *Shabbat Shalom* simply meant may God's blessing, prosperity, may everything and every blessing that He could possibly imagine be upon you this day as you reflect on Him and as you focus on Him and your family. So that's what I mean when I say *Shabbat Shalom* and I pray that God is blessing you on this amazing day.

Today's broadcast, we're going to be diving into the Bible, we're going to be looking into the book of **Deuteronomy chapter 11 and 12**. We're going to see what the Father brings out of this, what the Spirit invokes inside of us, what kind of revelations He decides to bring up. The concept and the context is going to revolve around the second telling of the commandments and God is going to be bringing up some incredible things here as it relates to going into the land and how it relates to us today. How do we worship God as we travel from who we used to be to who He wants to be? That's what we're going to discuss right after this.

All right, well, turn with me in your Bibles, I believe this is going to be a short broadcast. I don't know. It seems to me sometimes I think it's going to be short and ends up being hours long, but we're going to let God determine that. We're going to first turn to **Deuteronomy chapter 11** and we're going to start right here in **verse 1**. I'm going to skip through some of it, but I want you to follow along with me because we're going to extract from the scriptures exegetically what the Bible is trying to tell us, what God is trying to tell us and what kind of principles can we pull out of the Scriptures from all the way back in this ancient text here in the original Hebrew. It starts out in verse 1, **"Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, keep his charge, his statutes, his judgments and his commandments always."** He starts off the chapter saying, "look, this is the children of Israel, and these are the ones that saw all this stuff happen, on Mount Sinai," he says, "I need you to keep My commandments and My statutes and My charge." And then I love what He says here in **verse 2**, **"² Know today that I'm not talking about your children. I'm not talking about your children who have not known, who have not seen the chest chasing of the Lord your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm."** In other words, He's saying, "I'm not talking to your children. They weren't there, but I'm

talking to you. You need to keep My commandments and My statutes and hold My charge." I love how He says that. Keep My charge.

You know, I think of charges as someone on a battlefield. It says charge! You know, and, and, and like the William Wallace in Braveheart that everybody's falling away and he turns around, right. Or in the movie Patriot at the very end, he turns around and he has the American flag in his hand, and he re-leads the charge and the people begin to follow that leadership. I believe that God is telling us today that in, especially in this woke American world that we're living in this, this post biblical world, where the world is turning back towards its Sodom and Gomorrah roots, that God says, "look, stop turning with it, hold the charge, hold the line, keep the charge up. *We* are the ones that are supposed to be on the offense," says the Lord, your God. Then He goes down and He says in **verse 8**, "**Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess,** ⁹ **that you may prolong the days in the land which the Lord swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'**" So He says right here, and I'm going to help you read the Bible from the ancient perspective and apply it to yourself. When I read the Scriptures, I'm reading them in the original context, and what is their first fundamental root meaning is what I call it. What is the meaning to the original people, and then what are you telling me, God, through this? *How am I* relating to the principles and the people and the circumstances that are there? I believe it's this, is that they came out of Egypt, they came out of their paganism, they came out of doing what they wanted to do and became slaves in the meantime. Then God pulled them out, wanted to give them a destiny, a new name, a new land, a new promise, and then in the process, their own mindset, their own mind, will, and emotions got involved, and that is very much like us today.

Listen carefully to what it said. He says, I want you to possess the land when you cross over. Now, this by the way, is what *Ivrit* means. **The word Hebrew, Ivrit, literally means crossed over one.** It's one who *crosses over*. For you as a believer, brother, sister, if you've accepted Yeshua, Jesus Christ, as your Lord and Savior, and you are following His ways, you are crossed over one. Okay? And really, in biblical language, that would make you Ivrit. It would make you Hebrew. It would make you relate and connected to the original Exodus, the original people of God, in that root. That's what we're trying to get back to is the Christian roots of our faith. It's that root of where we come from that we're trying to discover, and that root is found in the word *Ivrit*.

So, He says, "**I want you to be able to possess the land.**" **You're the land.** God says, "You're the land." So, you are the land. And if you're going to possess your land when you cross over from death to life, and you're going to make all of your members submit, like Paul says, then there's some things that we need to do in order to do that, and He makes it clear, **keep my commandments**. Now, the question becomes, well, what does that look like in real time? What does it mean to keep God's commandments? Well, we know that the top. The heaviest commandment is to **love Lord God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself**. If we love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,

which we demonstrate by loving our neighbor as ourselves, we begin the process of taking over the land that the enemy has had for so many years.

That's where we want to go with this. I want to read down here in **verse 10**. I love this verse. Read this with me. It says, **"¹⁰ For the land which you go to possess."** Meaning, prophetically, the land, our bodies, our members of our own mind, will, and emotions that we're trying to get control of. How many of you out there, raise your hand out there in TV land, if you struggle with a member of your body, right? Yes. If you struggle with one of your mind, will, and emotions, maybe you have a bad temper, maybe you struggle with your mouth, right, which lights the whole world on fire, we talked about that last week. If you did not see my message on "[Christians Can Curse](#)," I encourage you to go back and watch that. It will challenge you to your core on the power of the tongue and the words that come from it.

But He says this, **"¹⁰ When you come from the land which you go to possess it's not like the land of Egypt from which you've come, where you've sowed your seed and watered it by foot,"** as a vegetable garden, **"¹¹ but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven."** Now this is extraordinary. Because if you don't know a culture back in this ancient time period, you're going to just gloss right through and read right through and blow through verse 11 or verse 10, when it says, "You sowed and you watered your seed by foot." Now, that's kind of a strange expression, if you think about it. What does it mean to water your seed by foot? You don't water anything by your feet. You water it with a hose, right? Here in the 21st century, you might have a sprinkler system underground, right? Water comes from the sky at the very least. But what do you mean watering by foot? Well, in the ancient times, because this is a desert environment, this is a very arid environment, water was very hard to come by. Egypt had a brilliant system of getting the water from the Nile all the way up into the palace and all the way up into watering the gardens, and they did this by foot. What that simply meant was they had hamster wheels, picture a giant human hamster wheel, and they would have slaves and workers run on that hamster wheel, which created, that had buckets on it that would pull the water from the Nile and suck it up into the fields or out into the fields, and that's how they water their fields, their gardens, and so on and so forth was literally by foot. Okay. There was no divine assistance. It was 100% human initiated.

The prophetic implications of this, my friends are extraordinary. How many times in our lives have we've had no divine assistance because we chose that we want water in that field. I'll be darned if we're going to make it happen. And we get on that hamster wheel of life and we're just going in circles. Matter of fact, we're not even going in circles, we're going, nowhere. The circle is going around us. Have you ever felt like that with a person, a place, a thing, a circumstance in your life where you felt like that you're just watering your own ground? And you know what, the moment you stop watering it, everything begins the process of dying.

Sometimes our own kingdoms only exist as long as we are in charge. As long as we are the ones that are putting forth the effort, then it seems to be okay. You can always tell when there's no divine assistance and no anointing and God's not really behind it, is the moment you begin to

stop, everything begins to come to a skidding halt. You see, when God is truly in something, He gives you divine assistance from above. This means that sometimes He wants you to get on the hamster wheel of life, but at the moment that He's, and there's not even a river to pull it from, but He says, "I want you to start walking. Abraham, start going to the place I'm going to show you." And when you start walking on that wheel, amazingly, the dam breaks upstream, there's a river and the canal starts filling up because of your efforts, God's giving you the divine assistance. In other words, He does the heavy lifting. He's providing the water. He just wants you to begin the process of walking in it by faith. Many times you don't do anything. You'll be in the middle of praying, meditating. You'll be in the middle of having that divine marination, as I like to call it, and just sitting in the presence of God and answers will come. The rain from heaven begins to water your land and He doesn't need your help at all.

You see, this is why **divine inspiration and personal relationship is so important** because you can only go so far with your knowledge of the Word. I know a lot about the Word of God. God's given me a really inspired passion to dive deep into the original context, the language, the expressions, and to pull out of the Bible what it's really trying to say. But all of that knowledge and understanding and my degrees, they don't mean anything without the inspiration of the Spirit, without the personal connection that I have with my King. It's all for naught. It doesn't mean anything. It won't change someone's life. I can show you something that comes out of the ground in an extraordinary way. As a matter of fact, hold on one second, and I'm going to grab something off of a shelf in my office here.

I want to show you something of how we can pull something out of the ground that has little to no significance in and of itself, unless you have the Holy Spirit connection of what it means for us today. For instance, this here is a chisel. Now, for you at home, you may not be able to see this very well. Let me put it over here so you can see it a little better. But this is an iron chisel from the second temple time, and a friend of mine, an archaeologist friend of mine, gave me this. There's only two of these in the world. One of them is in the museum in Tel Aviv in Israel, and the other one is in my hand. This was used on the wall of Jerusalem as a chisel. They would hold it like this, and they would hit it with a hammer, and it would begin to create the carvings and whatever they were doing with the particular building of the wall of Jerusalem. But the reality is that how this relates to our life is that *God's Word is found in the ground*, in the fertile ground. We've got to dig for it, and when we dig for it, we pull out the Word, aka the chisel, and it begins to formulate and work on the walls of our life. We become the wall that God's chiseling on. His Word becomes the very instrument that works through the crevices and the cracks, and then begins to rebuild us from the inside out. *We become* the wall of Nehemiah that needs to be resurrected in less than 60 days, and God can do that when we are seeking first His kingdom, putting our hands into the dirt, and seeking out that Word that's found below the surface. He will allow us to find it every single time, and it will transform your life. But it starts with seeking.

I feel like one of the things that God wants to say to you, somebody out there today, is you're looking for answers without seeking. Think about that for a second. Is it possible to look for an answer without seeking? It is most possible to look for an answer without seeking for it in the

right place. That's like looking for this chisel on top of the wall, instead of in the ground because it's been 4,000 years. If you want to find something that's in the ground, you've got to look in the ground. If you want to find something that's related to your life, you need to look inside of your life. And the only way to change something from the inside is to *use* the chisel of God. It's the sword of the Spirit that goes in, bone and marrow, and it changes you from inside out.

Many of you study the Bible from the outside in, meaning that you're looking at the Bible, you're reading the Bible, you're trying to understand the Bible, but it never goes past between the seven inches between your ears. You're reading, you're understanding, you're looking at commentaries, you're even looking at original languages. But I'm telling you, if you want to go back to the real roots of Christianity, the real Christian roots of your faith, if you *really* go underground and discover where the roots are getting their moisture from, their nourishment, you must, listen to what I'm about to say, **you must inherit the Spirit of the living God into your life.** You must absorb through the eyes of the Spirit and say, "God, what are you saying to me through this word?" Not, "what are You saying to my mind" and not "what am I trying to understand, but God, how does this relate to You developing Your image on the inside of me?"

You see, you can learn all of the Bible that you want, front of the book, back of the book, as I like to call it. You can learn all of it and be a great professor at it and still never even get to the kingdom gates of heaven. And He'll say, "depart from Me, I never knew you." Because He doesn't say, "oh, depart from Me, you didn't know about Me." He doesn't say, never does He say **Matthew 7:21**, "depart from Me, you didn't keep My commandments. Depart from Me, you didn't follow all of My rules properly. Depart from Me, you didn't know the original languages that I wrote." He says, "depart from Me, *I never knew you.*" So we're learning through our developing understanding of the Scriptures that in all of our learning, like Paul says, "you need a father." You need to understand this is not about an intellectual exercise. **Our relationship with God** is not a student sitting in a seminary, listening to a professor. **It is a love relationship with the Creator through His Son, Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach**, so that we can learn to *communicate* in a bilingual pattern. What do I mean by that? In whatever language that you speak, your bilingualness is the language of the Spirit. How well do you know the language of God? You know your language very well. You practice it all the time. But how well do you hear the language of God? How well do you know the language of God? Because that is the determining factor of how much He knows you, is how much you know Him through that personal relationship.

Let's continue. It says in **verse 12**, "¹² **a land for which the Lord God cares; the eyes of the Lord God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.**" Ladies and gentlemen, in this analogy that you are the land, *God's eyes are always on you.* From the very beginning of the year to the very end, He's always there. He's looking for you. He wants to have relationship with you. There are 24 hours in a day. How many of those are spent even thinking about Him? How much are spent meditating on Him, praying to Him, talking to Him, reading about Him? Would it be sad to say if only one of the 24? But most of us don't spend a single minute out of the 24, even glancing in His direction with a single thank you, it ought not to be.

He says in **verse 14**, "if you do all these things, if you just acknowledge Me, if you love Me with all your heart, mind, soul, strength, if you keep My commandments, if you begin the process of doing Bible things in Bible ways, you don't have to do it perfect, but man, just don't serve other gods, just do your best to follow Me." Here's what's going to happen. **"I'll give you," verse 14, "the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil."** Did you hear what He just said? Look, He says, "you're going to go from the land of Egypt where you were human hamster wheels, right? And I'm going to turn that around and all I'm asking for you is love. Love relationship displayed through doing what I ask and I will give you the rain. I'll bring rain in the desert and I'll bring water from a rock." You know what that means? I'll do the impossible. If you just do what's possible. If you *just begin* the process of trying, I will meet you and exceed your expectations. Just move in My direction.

Brother, God's saying to you today, someone needs to hear this. You are being asked by the Creator, some of you, God is hunting you down. He's been following you. He's been trying to get a hold of you, but you refuse to listen. You have a stiff neck. God has sent someone to you, some of you more than one time, warning you, stop doing what you're doing. You're going to move towards a canyon pit. The train's going to fall off the tracks, but God is saying, "look, I just want you to pursue Me. Seek after Me. I will give you 10 times the effort that you put into My relationship. Just give Me a little bit. That's all I need."

Can you remember in the New Testament when our rabbi Yeshua and the feeding of the 5,000, what did He need? He could have done it without nothing. Do you realize that? Right? I mean, He is the Creator made flesh. He's the Word made flesh. **John 1:14**, the Word that created the heavens and the earth, and He doesn't need anything to create something. He didn't have anything to create the entire universe. He did it out of nothing out of His, own mind. *Why* did He choose to not feed the 5,000 until someone brought something? I believe brethren, it's because God wants divine assistance. He doesn't want to do all of the lifting for you. **He wants you to see what He could do with something**, just something small, because if they don't have the fish and they don't have the loaves, and He creates all of that, then yes, it's an incredible miracle and 12 baskets are left over and everybody is blown away. But the power of the story is a little boy comes forth with just a few fish and a few loaves and Yeshua takes it and blesses what he had and multiplies it. You see, He took what a human creature had and multiplied it exceedingly because of the faith that this is all I've got.

Do you ever feel like you come before God and you don't have much to offer? I feel like that all the time. I sat in my chair, praying and meditating over this message and for hours, I'm like, God, I just, I feel like I don't have anything. I feel so unworthy to teach, to minister, to preach. I don't know You, Your word, like I know I should. God, this is all I got. I just got a fish, not even multiple. I got a half a fish and a few crumbs of bread to offer Your people. God, if You don't multiply it, all of it's for nothing. You see **God's just looking for you to bring what you have**. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to bring full loaves or even full fish. They can be dead. They can be rotting corpses. It may be things that in your past that you feel like that you're

so ashamed of that you can't bring it before God. God says, "look man, I can raise the dead four days after they're completely dead and deteriorating. There is nothing I can't do," says the Lord, "except for increase your faith. That's on you guys. You bring Me the fish, you bring Me the loaves. You bring Me your broken heart," says the Lord. "You bring Me your suffering. You bring Me the slander, the gossip. You bring Me the hurt that's inside of you. You bring Me everything that you don't think that you are and you don't think is holy. And I will take the unrighteousness and I will strip the un from it and make it righteous. **I will make you holy if you just lay down the altar long enough and present your body as a living sacrifice.**" That's what living sacrifices *are*, ladies and gentlemen. They are the oxymoron of the Scriptures. There's no such thing as a living sacrifice. Sacrifices are on an altar for a reason. They die. He says, "I'm not looking for you to die. Just be willing to die. And I will take that sacrifice. It will be a sweet smelling savor in My chambers and I will turn it into the bread of life for thousands."

Some of you need to hear this today. You are not broken in the sight of the Lord God. You are broken in your own sight. You're broken in the sight of men. Maybe your father broke you. Maybe your mother, mouth broke you. Maybe you were hurt by circumstances or by people. But I'm telling you, your hurt is your own perception because what God sees, **what you see is the holes in your life, God sees as the greatest potential of a holy life.**

Now, I've had some holes in my life and I can get emotional about this because I never will forget the *feeling* of being shackled from head to toe and on a van with five other people, two of them in for life murder, scared out of my mind of where I'm going and what's happening to me. I remember the false allegations and accusations. I remember all of the judgment and people coming to conclusions without any information or little information at that. I remember them dropping me off at a prison camp in front of this razor wire prison, scared out of my mind. Didn't know that it was the medium prison next door to the camp as they just, they took the shackles off and they took me next door. I didn't know where I was going, what I was doing. I'm following a guard and they take me inside and I'm totally, literally at emotional breakdown level where every fiber in my being was shaking in fear.

Have you ever been so scared, brethren, sister, that you can't even breathe and you know if someone even talks to you and you speak, you will break. You will break. That's where I was at. I didn't know what to do next. But as they took me down the hall and there's people sitting in chairs and they're watching television of campers that I would meet later. They took me into the guard's office and see, God saw from the beginning of the year to the end of my year, He saw me. He saw the brokenness. He saw the holes. And He said, I'm about to show you the power of the living God, that I'm with you and that I will never leave you. Many of you know that my number is 222. It always has been. **Second Timothy 2:2** and the things you've heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, **"entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."** Anytime God shows me 222, I know that He's showing me that He's there. He's winking at me. There's something positive that's happening in that moment. They took me into that office and on the whiteboard was the number of the prisoners that were in that camp and they erased that number and they wrote the number including me. And I was the 222nd inmate in that prison. It was as if God Himself wrote the number with His own hand on the tablet of my

heart and said, "I just want you to know, My servant, I'm here. I'm with you. You are seen by me. I feel your pain." I remember God said to me in that moment, downloading instantly. "I remember what it felt like also to be falsely accused, to be crucified, to be put in chains. *I want you to feel what I felt.* I want you to walk the road that I walked. It will break the pride that's in your heart that you don't even see." Yes, I had pride in my heart that I didn't even see. Sometimes God has to let bad things happen to open up the holes in your life for Him to let the glory come through. But see by faith, the holes were embarrassing, they're shameful. I feel horrible about even being in a position of that, what I was in. To be accused of what I was accused of. But God said, "I see you." When nobody else and everybody else turned their head, God said, "I'm not turning My head. I'm going to walk this road with you, for 55 straight months, I'm going to walk this road and then I'm going to bring you out on the other side. And you're not going to run on a hamster wheel anymore."

Let's read **verse 18**. It says, "¹⁸ **Therefore you shall lay up these words of Mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, they should be frontlets between your eyes.**" What's He saying here? This is a hint or a wink back to **Deuteronomy 6:6 through 9**, the Shema, "**hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one.**" He says, "Write these words on your heart, your mind, your soul, put them as frontlets between your eyes." In other words, in your mind and on your hands, **hear it and do it**. Think about it. Think about the power of the living God that's with you till the very end. He's just looking for you to seek His face.

In **verse 26**, it says, "²⁶ **Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:** ²⁷ **a blessing, if you obey my commandments;** ²⁸ **a curse if you don't.**" He says, "²⁸ **And a curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.**" You know, I was thinking about this verse. I said, Father God, this doesn't even make sense. How do you go after something you don't even know? That's not possible. It's like saying I'm studying in school and I'm going to go after math, but I've never had a math class, I don't even know what math is. How do you go after something you don't know? Then it dawned on me and the Holy Spirit revealed to me, Jim, it's people. People introduce you to things that you don't know. You see, the Israelites didn't know about these particular Canaanite gods or this god or that god, till they were introduced. How are they introduced? *Through relationship.* And God said, "I want you to encourage the people and warn the people and exhort to the people, be careful of the relationships that you have." The **relationships that you have are influencing you to worship at whatever hill that you're worshipping on.** And there's only two places on the hill that you're going to worship according to the ancient cultic sites. You either going to worship on the high places which are the tops of the hills, that's where the pagan cults worshiped their gods were on top, where the wind was the most strong, and they were closer to what they believed was the gods. Then right below the top of the hill, about a quarter of the way down, maybe not so quite a quarter of the way down, but a little ways down the hill, is where the Israelites had their altars. Why? Because this is where the threshing floor was. This is where you would take the wheat and you would throw it up into the air, after it had been threshed, and the chaff would fall on one side and the seed would fall straight down. So you'd have two piles, one of the waste product, the seed, the outer shell, the chaff that would be burned, and then the seed, which works for

God. But if you throw it up into the air on top of the hill, it doesn't work like that. Then the seed gets all scattered with the chaff and you can't tell them apart.

They would do the threshing floor on the side of the hill and it worked perfectly. And this is where the Israelite temple system operated. Why is that so important? Because if you are influenced by the world, then you will be influenced by your ego and your pride, which will take you to the high place, and your altar will be at the pinnacle of your pride. But when you recognize and you allow the Holy Spirit to be your main influencer and your guide for navigating the directions of your life, then you will come down off the high horse, you will come down off the high place and you will come down to the place where the bread is made, and the bread is not in the high place. *The bread begins in the threshing floor.* That's when He's got to separate from you the outer shell of who you portray yourself to be in the world and the actual *seed* that has been planted on the inside of you. This is the land that God wants you to possess. This is the land that He wants you to take over. This is when you are crossing over, *ivrit*. You are Hebrew in mindset and in making that God begins the process.

The manna stopped when they crossed over. Did you know that? The manna stopped when they crossed over the Jordan River and they went into the Gilgal, God at that moment, the wheat was already planted, it was ready. It was ready to harvest. And they harvested the wheat that Passover and made bread. *That was* the first time that they had ever eaten in the promised land. It was from the land itself. God made it grow, they harvested it.

You see, brethren, that the seed that God has placed on the inside of you, doesn't allow you to possess the seed, it doesn't become bread until you remove the outer shell and it gets crushed and it gets mixed and it gets crushed some more, and then God begins to make it into the bread that it needs to be made. *You are the seed.* God's word is the seed that's inside of you, but you've got to get rid of that outer shell, and obedience to the Spirit of the living God. You see, when the truth is thrown up in the air, your life is thrown up in the air. If you do it where the bread is made, the Ruach HaKadosh, the Spirit wind of God will blow through your life, like He did mine. Except mine happened in an extraordinarily horrible fashion, I guess beautiful in some ways. And when the wind blows, it blows at just the right strength, to get rid of the outer shell and bring the seed right back down where it's supposed to be, so it can be made into bread by the maker.

You see, this world is changing so fast, the outer shells have got to come down. The ego and pride of adults today is at an all time high, we stand our ground so firmly on what we believe, we have *no humility to bend* in the moment to the direction that God wants to go. I don't know if this is making any sense to you. I don't know if this is ministering to you at all, but the Scriptures say, don't go after other gods, which you've not known. And I'm telling you, the relationships that you have with other people are the very relationships that are going to draw you into worshipping where they make the bread on the side of the hill, or it's going to draw your ego to a place where you're worshipping on top of the hill.

We don't want to hear what we don't want to hear. But God says that's ego. That's moving to the top of the hill. We need to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches today, we are in the world, but we don't have to be of it. Brethren, let the shell come down and let the seed of God grow in you new fruit. It says in **chapter 12, "You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains, on the hills and under every green tree."** Did you hear that? On the high mountains is where they worship their gods. And then on every hill, when there wasn't a mountain, which in Israel, a mountain is kind of a hill and a hill is like a bump. But in any kind of hill and every kind of high place, they worship their gods and under every green tree. Now what's the whole green tree thing? The green tree and evergreen tree was a mystical tree. Very important in ancient pagan cultic religions because it stayed green all year round. It was the tree of most of the sun gods because it's like the winter solstice, it's the moment where the sun was reborn and the evergreen tree was always there all winter long. We have artifactual evidence and historical documentation that horrible things happen under some of these green trees. So much so that God says, "get rid of all of that. Any of these traditions, any of these pagan practices, I don't want you to do any of these things. Destroy them."

How does that relate to your life? I'm teaching you right now how to read the Bible. *In your life*, God says, "**destroy how you used to think. You cannot stay the same, brethren. You cannot use the same mentality that you were before you accepted Christ as Savior. You cannot operate in His kingdom with carnal fleshly mindsets.** You can't do it. **Sarcasm, out. Demeaning people, out. Calling names, out. Thinking negative thoughts. You can't do it. Someone makes a stupid comment. You can't even think in your head that that's a stupid comment** because that is *not* how the Spirit of the living God works. **His mentality is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** It's the very fruits of the Spirit that we *all struggle with so much*, but it's the language of God. If we don't have it, we're not speaking the bilingual language that is so necessary for relationship, and it's the very language that we are judged on. God doesn't care how articulate you are. He doesn't care how many Bible verses you've memorized. He cares about, He's going to speak to you in His language, and if you can't answer Him, He doesn't know you. What language are you speaking? Last week, we talked about the language of the tongue. What language are you speaking? Are you destroying the high places in your life?

In other words, one of Solomon's biggest mistakes, he allowed the high places, the Kings of Israel's mistake, they would tear them down and then let them over time be built again. This tells us, ladies and gentlemen, that even when you are saved and you are the greatest King and wisest person that had ever lived in the *history* of mankind, give us enough time and we will *rebuild* the high places. We'll rebuild them. This is why it is a *daily concerted effort*, to make covenants and oaths and review them and do everything you can to destroy the heart issues in your life. Some people call them struggles, addictions. They're not, they're heart issues.

You see, when we dig at the base of the wall and we say, God, I want to come up there, but I'm at the base of the wall and you get on your hands and your feet and you start digging, you find one of these and this little chisel that weighs probably a pound and a half, it's heavy. What you

discover is that this *one little chisel*, can rebuild an entire wall. It can re-chisel you out stairs and steps to grab onto, to move to a higher place. **God will show you how to use the smallest of objects to scale the greatest heights that you don't think is possible.** So look at this is not a chisel of, of iron or stone, but a chisel of *faith*. Where is your faith, brother? I know that life is hard. I know that it beats us down. I know that it's not a whole lot of cheerleading on the side. Thou good and faithful servants. Everyone is trying to poke fun, make fun, and I know what it feels like. I live in the target of criticism. But if I play for an audience of *one*, then it's just a chisel and a stone. And the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. I'm going to live my life on the rock and let the chips fall where they may. I challenge you to do the same thing, and it starts with us getting serious about the high places in our life and destroying them.

In my life, I have areas in my life where are not even considered really struggles compared to the *great* struggles in other people's lives. God has given me tremendous victory in so many areas of my life that I wanted victory over, but they're not total hundred percent killing everything and destroying it and taking the booty for God and the treasure for His temple. No, there's still things that are moving. The lambs are still bleating in His ears, and God says, "it's not enough for you to grade yourself on the curve. It's great. It's great for you to grade yourself on the curve. It's great that you're doing well. It's amazing that you've had so much victory in your life." But God told me just today, "*it's not enough*. I need you to come higher. I have more to give you. I have more blessing to put upon you. I have more anointing that I want to cast upon you. I want you to drink from the fountains of the living water from the Gihon spring that you cannot consume because of the pressure that's behind it that's coming from My throne. And I can't give you that blessing until you go faster, farther, and wider. *Stop* sitting in your chair and thinking you're okay. Pretend as if you are the worst sinner and run as far from that wall of compromise as you can."

The Spirit of God looked me right in the eye over the last few days, and He said, "stop sitting at the base of this wall. Yes, you're not crossing, but don't sit on the wall. This is the place where the enemy begins to speak to those within ear distance, and that's how he gets them to cross back over." To give up the Ivrit, to give up the Hebrew, to give up the foundation and go *back* across the wall is because we're sitting too close to it. You see, we don't cross the Jordan to fish in the Jordan. We don't cross the Jordan to play in the dirt on that bank. We cross the Jordan to *possess the land*, and *you are the land*. I am the land. It is the Lord God's desire for you and I to keep marching forward and taking over the land of the Canaanites, the Jebusites, and all the parasites of this land, and to drop those giants in their tracks that have been following you for years, maybe even generations, but you are running from them back towards the wall that Satan is there to say, "I told you it doesn't work." God says, "*pick up your sword, put on your crown*. I have crowned you with the crown of My Son. His blood was shed so that you could live. You know not of the power that I have given you because you have refused to open your eyes to the unseen to be seen. The mulberry trees are shaking in your presence," says God, and all He desires is for you to believe and to open your eyes to see what the Spirit is doing. "Stop compromising, get away from the wall, tear down the high places in your life, and get serious

about Me." This isn't about learning the Word of God. This is about learning God and His word. He keeps His word.

He was with me in the cell, and He's with you now. I believe that God wants to tell us, "stop running on the hamster wheel. Stop making your own life miserable and blaming it on Me. I am here, and I am waiting right next to the hamster wheel, right behind you, where you left Me. Come back to Me," says the Lord. "Love me with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, by tearing down the walls in your life, the high hills, the places the altars that *you* built, that your grandparents built, that your parents built, wherever they came from," God says, "I don't even care, I just want you to destroy them because they're preventing you from the bread that's 30 yards from where you're at. It's not far, brethren. Just come down the hill a little bit. Leave your pride up there. Leave your ego. And come down and just let My Spirit wind move through you."

Last but not least, this is actually the only thing that I wanted to share and why I was so insecure about this message, because this is the only thing that God gave me, and I don't even know what it means. But maybe it's for someone that is out there listening today. If I can see it through the tears of my own eyes, because I don't know about you, brethren, but I don't stand behind this pulpit for likes, for subscribers, for views. I stand behind this pulpit because I want to tear down the high places in *my life*. I want to be *obedient* to Him to use what He's given me to impact His kingdom and to grow and expand His influence and image in the earth realm, because we're not seeing His image anymore. Christians are walking away. They're running away, and they don't even know it. They don't stand for anything. They're falling for everything. They have no foundation. The living stones are over with. The generation of the living stones of Joshua and Caleb are over, and we are experiencing that we are the beneficiaries of a generation of bricks, of man-made traditions and doctrines that are now bricks. Those bricks of man-made are none other than the walls of Jericho, and they will come down. By faith, by the power of God invested in me and in you, let us declare that the walls of Jericho fall *now*. And the living stones rise again and let a *new* building be formed, a new temple of the Holy Spirit flowing in a direction and in a power that we haven't seen in 2,000 years. *That's* what I'm praying for, my friends.

Whatever God is going to say through me in this next year, I have no idea, but *I know right now*, what He wants you to know and wants me to know is that He is hungry. He is a warrior that has shot His own feet with the power of the gospel. The helmet of salvation is on Him. He's already girded with a belt and with the sword of the Spirit and the breastplate of righteousness. He is righteousness, and He is waiting for you to fall in line behind Him, put aside the deeds of the flesh, and do what He's asking you to do. He says this in **chapter 12, verse 5**, "**But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place, and there you shall go.**" Now, this is the phrases, we're going to show you this slide again, and this time I'm going to highlight the phrases that God highlighted for me and let Him highlight it for you. The first phrase was, **seek the place**. It just came out of nowhere. Seek the place. It was like God put it in a different color. And then the next phrase that He highlighted was, **to put His name**. To put His name. And the last phrase was, **there you shall go**. So let's read it together, brethren. It says, "**Seek the place to put His name, there**

you shall go." I don't know what that means. I don't know how it relates to us today, but I know the Ruach when I see it, and I know when He highlights something, and I know there's somebody out there that this is going to minister to. He wants you to *seek His face. Seek the place to put His name.*

See, it's not the place where you live. It's not the place that you want to go. The whole entire purpose of the Israelite journey coming out of Egypt, is to *seek the place.* It's the promised land. It's the destiny. It's the inheritance. It's what God's called for you. It's the best for you. It's not the good or the better. It is the *best* that He wants. But that requires for you to **seek it with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.** It's to love Him with everything in you. And when you *seek first* the kingdom of God, to put His name. When you seek the place for the purpose of putting His name. What is the name? Name is authority. Name is power. **Name is, in Hebrew, it's Shem.** It's connected to the **Shamayim**, which is **the word for heaven**, which is two words. **Shem, which means name, and Mayim, which is water. Heaven is the place of the name of God that brings water in your life.** When you *seek first* His places, His destiny for your life, the water from heaven comes down. His name will be established, and that is where you go.

You see, first we seek the place that we put His name, and *that's where we go.* Where is the land? Prophetically, metaphorically, figuratively, and probably quite literally, it's His face. It's the bottom of the wall. When I was thrown off my high place, and I fell down and broke my neck, ironically, nobody knows this, because I've never shared this, but at Sukkot in 2015, the day before I was taken into custody, we were playing a game with 200 people in our congregation, and we're camping out for the Feast of Tabernacles, and I was all dressed up, and people were doing funny dances. Well, I was dressed up as well. They had conned the pastor to do this, and so I'm joining in with the young people, and I've got this wig on, and I'm doing this funny dance, and I slipped on the concrete, and I hurt my hip so bad that it fractured my hip. *Ironically*, my hip was displaced, like Jacob, when he struggled with the Angel, it was displaced, and the very next day I was taken into custody, and for six months I couldn't sleep hardly at all. The pain was so great in my hip. I wept every night, not just from being scared out of my mind and the fear and the dislocation from my family and all the horrible things that were happening to me, but the physical pain.

The reliance that I had to have on God was extraordinary. He taught me to seek the place, and God was there to put His name, and I was seeking the nations, and I was seeking to preach the gospel, but it never dawned on me that I would ever be preaching in a prison cell, in a prison to prisoners who were also fallen off, and some thrown off their high wall. And God said, "I want you to seek my place. I want you to put My name there, and there you're going to go, because those people need me too, and you need to learn a few things there too." You see, **you'll always know it's God because wherever you go, someone will get ministered to, and you'll be ministered to in the process.** Your message will be your message. Your message to them will always be your message to yourself. That's why it's okay to be a hypocrite sometimes. You know why? Because we all fall short of God's glory. When I gave last week's message about the power of the tongue, I was so convicted, I cannot even begin to tell you the amount

that God used that message in my life to *transform me*. And that's when you know it's God, when your own tongue, to be used for His glory for someone else, convicts you as well.

Let's end with this, my friends. It says, "**8 You shall not at all do as we are doing here today- every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes-**" You see, God cannot change your life when you're doing what's right in your own eyes. And here's the crazy part, we all are doing this. We're all doing what we think is right. People that are emphatic about the Word of God, and you're right, and I'm wrong, and I'm wrong, and you're... I mean, all of the bickering, it's just from Satan himself, it's ego. We're all doing what's right, and right in our minds is to worship God on the high places. But God says, "No, the one who's right in my mind is the one who chooses to just sit in the threshing floor and let My Spirit blow, all of the chaff out of their life."

The shell's coming off. The seed's gotta be planted. We gotta go back to the wall, dig in the dirt, find the chisel, let Him work out the cracks and the crevices in our life and rebuild us His way. Get off the human hamster wheel, my friend, and let the water of the living God flow over you. Some of you need to physically swallow your pride and get on your hands and knees right now because the Holy Spirit is speaking to you to repent of the lack of faith that you've had in your life that He could do it, that He could bring the rain. Get on your hands and knees if that's you. I don't care who's around. Just do it. Yeshua didn't care when He put His hands out, and neither should we. So would you pray with me?

Father, we come before You and we do repent. We repent of our pride, our ego. We repent of complaining that we've been thrown off of the wall because we chose not to realize that throwing us off the wall was putting us right over the top of the greatest chisel that would transform our lives, all You asked for us is to dig for it, to look for it, to *seek* the place where the chisel may be found, to chisel Your name into the heart of our soul. God, that's where I want to go. I pray that everyone in the sound of my voice right now, they would want to be heard by You and to be known by You. Let the rain fall, Lord. Can I dare say, let it rain. In the name of the greatest name, Yeshua our Messiah, come quickly, heal the hearts of the broken and break open the man-made dams that have held back the water of Your Word in our life in ways that we can't possibly yet understand. Amen. My friends, I'm Jim Staley with [Passion for Truth Ministries](#). Thank you so much for being a part of this broadcast and watching to the very end. Please share this with everybody that you know because I believe that there is an army rising up. The days of Gideon have begun. Joshua and Caleb need people behind them. Let us be found worthy and working and seeking first the kingdom of God and His holiness in His holy name, and everybody said, Amen. We'll see you in the next video. Shalom.

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