

A Prepared Place

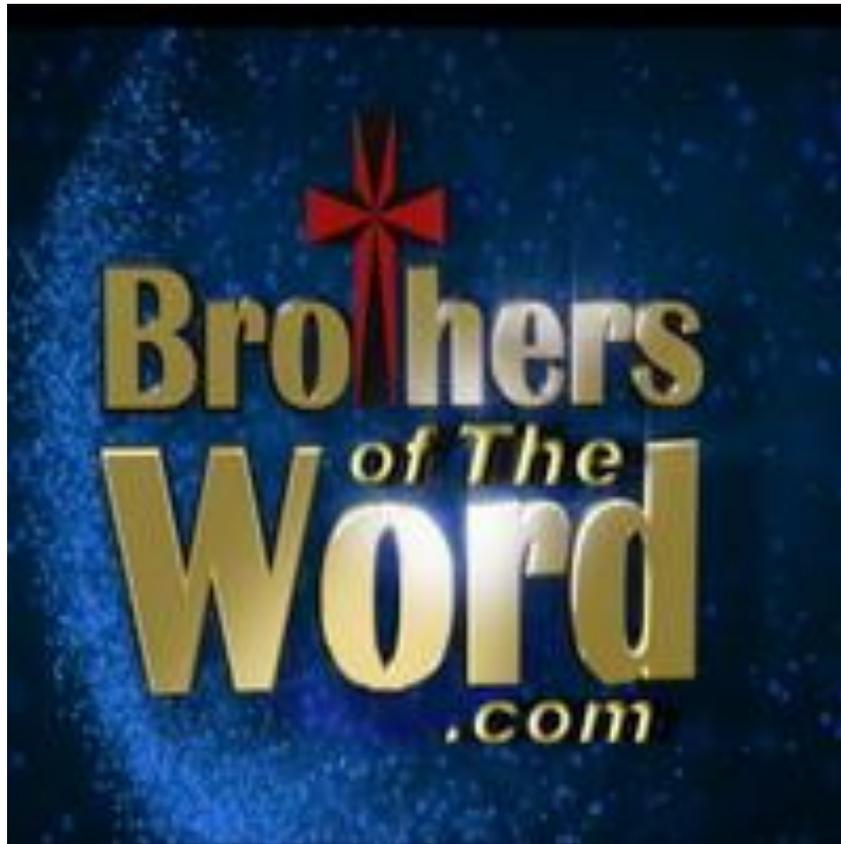
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James Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because, brother, you need the word. And if you are tuning in today and you're in a place in your life and you're wondering why you in this place and how long are you going to be in this place and the purpose of this place and you need to listen to this message today because God has a sent a word for you and we'll be looking at the book of John first.

The book of John Chapter 14, again, I get Verse 1 and I'm going to move fast to get everything in. God has given me a deposit and I tell you, some of his word he just had me, been over in my car on the way to the office that sealed and uttering this word. Even in my car. People looking at me like I'm crazy but I tell you, I've been preaching to the windshield -- into the neck on the windshield. Amen.

So, He's got me pregnant with the word for you today. John 14 says, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

And I speak to you today from the title of A Prepared Place. Just turn to your neighbor and tell them, "A prepared place." And in this scripture, Jesus is talking about an eternal home that he has setup for you in his kingdom and I submit to you today that even though he went away to prepare a place for you in heaven, that he sent his spirit back unto the earth to dwell in and with us and even though you have a heavenly place prepared for you, that he also has prepared places for you on this earth.

And I'm just not talking about houses either. That's the first thing people think of when they hear about a prepared place on earth (00:02:27). Oh Lord, bless me with that new house. I'm not talking about a house.

This morning, Revelations Chapter 12 and Verse 5 says, "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

This scripture shows you that even though wilderness can be a prepared place. When the spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Jesus, the first place the spirit (00:03:14) into the wilderness to be tested. It was a prepared place for his testing. The lion den was a prepared place for Daniel. So, that the power of God could be shown to the King. The red sea was a prepared place for the children of Israel and Moses, so that they could walk through on dry land out of slavery and it'll go down and history and the power of God would be seen.

Calvary was the prepared place for the son of God where he could strip out of his hand and be nailed and die for our sins. Where you go to church has been prepared for you. God told the pastor years ago, he said, "There are some things in your life you're not going to understand that are going to be tough, that I'm going to have to send you through so that you'll be able to relate to the people and understand where they go through."

Where you live has been prepared for you. When you meet and talk to your neighbors, you need to begin to ask yourself. "God, why have you placed me in this neighborhood? What is the work you have for me here?" And when my wife and I were about to get married, we had this land and we started making architectural plan for this ultra-nice house that we were going to build to be our first house and we had all of the plans drawn out. We had the lawn prepared. Everything was prepped. The construction was ready to begin and they actually went in and cleared off all of the trees and they had the cement truck ready to come in the next day. God spoke to us right at that point.

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He said, "This is not the place that I have prepared for you and I have spent about \$20,000 into this land getting it cleared off and off and getting these plants done and how many of you know, that's not the word I wanted to hear right now. Right then, I said, "I need another -- that's a rough one right there." With spending all that money but we went on and was obedient and said, "Go back to your home house where mama and daddy grew." And that was in an old neighborhood. It was an old house, older than I was. I had been in the house all of my life 20 something years and I didn't want to go back to an old house that I lived and old neighborhood.

I wanted something new and fancy but God said, “Go back to your stomping grounds where I raised you and nurtured you, where my church was established. Where mom and dad had raised six little children,” and we were obedient. We told him to stop the tractors and the architects said, “You’re going to lose all of this money.” I said, “I got to obey God,” and we went back in it. Before you know it, we had six children out of the place that mom and dad had six children.

Somebody else bought the land from us. Within a few months, I just rolled back by one day with my wife. So, let’s just go see what could have been. “I know, maybe we just misheard God and just went on but let’s go and just go see what could have been over there.” And they had built a brick house and within a few months of them completing this house, it burned completely up. And we understood that you never know what’s prepared for you.

And where you work has been prepared for you. You may complain that everyone on your job is a sinner but if that’s the case you need to say, “Thank you, Lord that you placed me on the right ground, place where the harvest is plentiful.”

My wife’s mother, she worked for our company for 13 long years before Stephan(ph) and I ever dated. When she was there all of those years, working on the assembly line, she was there putting the liquid into jars. The six years changed. She was throwing on caps, wondering. Why has God sent me to this business? The next year came, she was packing boxes, wondering eight and nine years. Why has the Lord sent me into this business to do this type of work? Literally she know, 13 years working there and one day God stirred in us spiritually came to her youngest child and said, “Baby, I don’t know how, I don’t know who, I don’t know when but God has put it in my spirit that you’re supposed to be in the Bronner family.”

And now, six grandchildren out of their relationship later. She can understand why and she was able to retire shortly after we got married but she has served her time in a prepared place. And some of you are in situations right now and you’re saying Lord, I’ve been paying tax but I’m still struggling to pay my bills. Lord, I’ve been seeking your faith but it still looked like I can’t get a breakthrough. Lord, you’re telling me to marry this man but like this man is just plain crazy. Many of you can’t understand why your situations is same like God won’t deliver you out of them fast

enough but I've come to tell you today that even though it might not be pleasant, even though it might be uncomfortable and might not be what you want, that God have you in a prepared place in your life.

And God knows your struggle. He knows what you're going through and facing. He knows even before you pray to him about it and some of us in a prepared place for testing. Some of us He want to see if we'll do right. If times get bad or do right, if times get good. Some of us are in a prepared place for blessing. He has us positioned for the blessings that flow into us in our place.

Still others of us are in a prepared place for purifying. There's a mess that he wants to get out off, but sometimes it takes those situations to get us out of something that we otherwise we live alone. Do you know it'll keep you out of some foolishness and you're agreeing to do tomorrow and you don't know how you're going to pay that rent and you're depending on God to help you pay that rent. You're not going to do all of the same stuff you do if you have plenty in the bank. He has to put you in a hard place sometimes.

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To keep you on a path. Joseph, he couldn't understand why God will give him all of these wonderous dreams where his parents and sibilings bowing down to him. But he hasn't taken where he would be dropped into a pit for this. "Lord, why did you have me in this pit, oh Lord? You shown me much greater." He got out of the pit and thought he would be delivered and was sold into slavery. "Lord, you shown me all of these things. Why oh Lord will you sell me to the slave traders to be in part to be Oedipus house working of a slave? Lord, I thought I was royalty." He didn't understand it at that time. Then, he went on to a jail cell, an innocent man accused, innocent. Standing on a jail cell. Wondering, "Lord, how could you bring me all of this way out of the pit. Out of slavery and to a jail cell when you've shown me all of these things." Little did he know that his gift of interpreting (00:11:03) that the purpose of God had on the inside of him that is reputation would go all the way up out of that jail cell. All the way to Pharaoh's house.

And he's heard about a young boy who can interpret dreams. And you may be working in a cubicle on your job and if you seek and

obey God, you may think that nobody is seeing you but I'm here to tell you that God can arrange it. What's the CEO can hear about you, the reputation in your cubicle and hear about somebody that got some good ideas and just be diligent where you are. And even as you're praying be faithful unto God as he gives you ideas even in your business, just to get an email them to management if God shows them to you.

And the board meeting, a problem will come up and then say, "You know, somebody emailed me a solution of this problem. Let's call the man and the CEO will hear and say, they came up with the solution. So, let's raise their position and bring them into a new position. Now, be careful with that email and don't over do it now." Pastor Nathaniel, he had a lady on a job emailing him ideas and she just -- just sending more and more and it got the point and he said, "This thing is ridiculous," every day, and she wasn't even in a department that he was on and it got to the point that he said, "It's just too much." When he opened the email opened the email one day and -- she was in a whole different department and email just read, "I have nothing to report today." He said, "This is getting out of hand."

So, don't go to that point with that. And I just installed a video surveillance system in our corporate office and with this system, I can watch the entire office through the internet from anywhere in the world and not only that, but I can go back up to two weeks and look at any portion of the video. Don't you know, if I can do all of that through some simple technology that God all mighty can see you in your cubicle where you are, he knows what you're doing. He knows and what you're not doing.

And in school, you move to different classrooms to study different subjects. Life is similar. You learn one thing in the board room, another in the bedroom, another in the court room and something else into Sunday school room. Each room of life teaches you a different subject matter. Prepared places for prepared subjects.

My father is a very wise man. He prepared a place in a community for all of his six sons. And that place in the community was before school every morning we had to deliver newspapers to all of the neighbors. That was our prepared place and my own task to had to get up 4:30 AM in the morning and go out and deliver papers by himself. I started at five years old by myself. He also prepared a place in his company for us and when

I turned 10 years old, he said, I no longer want you to do your paper route. I want you to come into the business and I prepared a place for you and I got happy.

I said, "All right. No longer will I have to get up and throw these papers. Daddy said bring me in and let the manager (00:14:34). All right, I proven myself. And I got to this business in a summer and they handed me a broom and a mop and said, "I wanted you to clean out these bathrooms." Did that all summer long. The next summer came back and he said, "I want you to move up and move to a different department." I knew it was coming. This time, brought in boxes of jars. He said, "I want you to put this stick (00:15:01)".

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And me and C. Elijah was just putting stick all day long, eight hours a day, all summer long. And next summer, moved on to the assembly line where putting liquid in the jars and screwing them and then boxing it. The next summer moved to the shipping department. Shipping all of the product. The next summer I worked in a laboratory learning how to formulate and clean up behind the chemist. The next summer he send me out with the salesman, selling from beauty shop to beauty shop to learn how to sell and it went on and on. All the way through the company until I learned every department.

Then, near the end of my father's life, when he felt the energy of his life beginning wings as age prep in on him. He sat his six sons down at the board room table and said, now, I have a new assignment for you. Bernard, I want you to now be provident in my state. Nathaniel, I want you to be overall at manufacturing. C. Elijah, I want you to manage the accounting. James, I want you to be over all of the computer and the technology. And he reached the end of his life and before he died, he began at that time to turn over all of the ownership of the company unto us.

And he told us that you've been faithful wherever I put you. Now, that you've been faithful as he was signing over the ownership. Now, is that all that I have, son is (00:16:53). All that I have is (00:16:57) and working in every area of the company. He knew that with this procedure that once we've worked in every area we would understand the processes of each department. He knew that once we had worked in every area that we would treat the

employees fairly. How could I mistreat a line work when I have to think back and (00:17:22) I remember when I used to be doing the same thing. I'm not better than them because I used to be right where there are.

I had another businessman, he told me last week that he just finished the family business courses of Georgia university and in that course they told him that there was not even five third generation businesses in the whole city of Atlanta from all races combined. And my father used to say that first generation build of business, the second generation in Georgia business, the third generation destroyed the business. He said that statement some 30 years ago and he still holding through today. And businesses are not making it to the third generation because there is not a prepared place for the next generation and they say, I don't want my children to struggle like I did. I want them to grow up with the finest things of life.

And they never understand struggle because of this and they take money for granted. To have something different than the statistics, you must do something different than the statistics and I took my oldest two boys out of town two weeks ago to sail (00:18:41) for a trade show and they worked 12 hours a day at six and eight years old for two days straight and they made of a \$100 each in those two days and they learn the value of work and toil and salesmanship. And if I were just give them \$130 and say, here son, go and buy you some shoes. They would have learn from that, that the money comes easy. You don't have to work for it. and not only --

Listen at this statement carefully. You not only have to prepare a place for your children. You must prepare your children for the place. And God prepare the place for us but we should also prepare a place for him. We all want God to inhabit our homes but do you have a place prepared for God in your home. In the old days, they had the holy of holy and this was a place where the arc of the covenant would be house and the presence of God would reside there. He had a place reserved, prepared for him. And my mother when we were growing up she took out her fancy living room furnish and dining room stuff and out folding chairs in the place.

And this was a place that she'd setup of the church in the home and it's where Bishop Dale got started. He started a bible class in the home. We had church in that living room for 13 years before Bishop Dale ever got his first church.

My mother wanted to raise ministers. So, instead of preparing the church for them, she went out and took the church and put it in the home and prepared the sons for the church and friends (00:20:42) after the school, what are you doing tonight. I said, I'm going to church. I said, where do you attend church. Well, I'm going to my living room they have church there now.

What are you doing to prepare your home to be inhabit by the living God. We all want God to speak our spirits but is there a place in there for him to dwell. Do you spend time in prayers and worship in solitude outside of church or is your mind just running all of the time and be divided from this thing to the next. Can God find a place prepared in you. When Elizabeth came in the presence of Mary, John being a prophet from earth. In his mother's womb he recognized the savior and knew that a place had to be prepared for the savior.

John went for it. He didn't have time to worry about fancy cloths and fancy food. He wore animal skins and ate what he could find in the field, locust and honey and he went out to proclaim and prepare the people for coming savior. He went out into the wilderness and he went through the land shouting, preparing ye the way, the king is coming. Repent. Repent.

The kingdom of heaven is at hand. He was like the bell ringer at a wind when the bride is about to come down in the isle and he announces the bride. He was announcing instead the bride's groom and I picked up vale yesterday from a wedding that I went to and I took a vale from them and to demonstrate how John went through the land. Prepare ye the way I've seen one who's coming, who's shoes I'm not worthy to even touch. Prepare your heart people. I've got to prepare the way. Because you're not ready. There is too much sin. There is too much pride. There is too much adultery. Prepare a way. He has to come to a -- prepare people. I come announcing, the bride's groom is coming. The king is coming. The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

You all are eating and drinking and working like you've got all of the time in the universe but the time is at hand. For the savior,

the kind is here and I can imagine even when John, the Baptist was a little boy in grade school and having been born a prophet and seen that savior coming and knew that he had to prepare the people.

Even in Language Arts class when he was learning vocabulary words. He would hear one word after another trying to graft on to a word describing what the people needed to do to prepare it. He heard all of these hundreds of vocabulary word but when the teacher said the word repent, he repent, repent, that's the word I've been waiting on. Repent. He went to his classmate. You got to repent. I know you all stealing and cheating on this test. You got to repent. I've been waiting on this word and now I've got it. I've got this (00:23:56) telling the people to repent.

And as I leave you today, I just come as a bell ringer in the spirit of John and say, prepare him a place in your hearts today people. And in your homes, like he has prepared a place for you. Get your life in order so that when you come in to the place where he has prepared for you, you'll be ready.

Go home and check your spiritual wardrobe. You don't go into a banquet hall with sweet pants on. You got to have on the right attire and he is coming back for a people who is ready. Our people who's serious about the work of God. Who is not playing games with it. A people who's not just going to church and showing one side, going on into the club and showing another side and going back to work and cursing out the employees.

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So, go back today and prepare you homes. Prepare your children. Prepare your minds. Prepare your hearts. Prepare your spirit because the bride's groom is coming and he send me here today just to give you that message. That the bride's groom is coming. And your prepared place may take longer than you expect.

You can't rest God. No, there are a lot of situations we just wonder. Lord, when am I going to get out of it. But if you -- if he took you out of it before it was time for you to get out of your place, the work that he wanted to do on the inside of you would not be complete. You can't take a child out of an English class before they've learn center structure and punctuation. If you take them

out too early and skip them on the next grade, they'll all go through life misusing words and breaking out sentences.

You can't take a child out of math class before they've learned how to add and divide and multiply and subtract. If you take them out before his time, no matter how hard the task master and school teacher maybe, they'll all go through life being cheated with their money and not understanding number to be able to run a business and manage their own budgets at home.

So, we must take it in our prepare place. Amen. I thank you for tuning in today for Brothers of the Word and you can hear this message in its entirety in airjesus.com. This is message number 8209. I thank you so much for tuning in to Brothers of the Word because brother you need the word.

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Female: Glory, Hallelujah. Hallelujah!

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James Bronner: She's not going to want me to do this but I want you (00:27:46) from the woman who prepared that place me. You need to hear from (00:27:50). Now, I couldn't tell her in advance that because she wasn't be here today. I'm going to ask my mama to come and just to the closing.

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I'm going to ask you to do the honor to call and then closes our prayer. I tell you, she got up to speak the other day at a funeral. The spirit of the Lord came upon us so strong. I was looking over there in the casket (00:28:31) see if she was going to raise him up out of there.

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Female: I don't even know whether I can do it or not. Oh God. The key to the whole message, God send him back home. He wanted to go his own way. God to go back home. You ever been lost? You need to go back home.

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And what is really happening today is there is no road map back home. Just tell him ring in the bell. Waiting on one word. Repent. And I want you to know that God will let you know about your children. There is something about James and I had to pray for James. I was through with babies. I pray for James. I wanted one more. In fact, I wanted to go until I got a little girl. I didn't get the little girl, but he's an answer to prayer and God said, I'm going to use him.

You only and sent him very prophetic. God is going to use him internationally. We have known this. Mr. Bronner knew it even before he left this (00:31:11). So, he did everything to prepare him and I want to say to parents. Be very careful in bringing up your children. Teach them. It will come back to them, to lead them and to guide them.

I sat here with tears because of what I heard. Sometimes, not even recognize that the children are understanding. But God let it all come out. And he'll let you see and know that what you do is not in vain. It's not in vain. It's not in vain. The key is God is doing something now. He is doing something new. Because our children are all track and most of them don't have a road map. They don't know what to do. They would do better with -- they don't even know what to do. They don't know. They don't know. They don't know.

That's why God is been working on me but he is also using James to get me in line. And let me tell you something. He has obeyed God all of the days of his life. He calls me and told me, mother, if you don't write the book, I will. He ignited our fire under me and I have been running ever since. I got to get the book out for people. I got to get the book out.

He came back and gave me one word for the book. One word. That one word is process. He said, people don't know how to read these children today. They need process. They need to know how the children. And it took him to bring me that one word. I had to chat a book off and start like with process. And I just went to make -- just one little presentation at a banquet and the Holy Ghost got a hold to me and I was worse than dying.

You think Ana was running, I was running worse than that and when I sat down I said, "Now, why was I running, why was I

screaming to the top of my voice?" but God was trying to get a message out. I didn't know that that very next day that Fisher, Dale came with what? Process, and he is being preaching it for three solid weeks. God is interested in his children. It's not about us grown. Focus on the children. And we'll looking at a cultural. Why we are letting the children have their own way and we won't even (00:35:00) them.

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When we see it with the (00:35:03), we won't baptize and killed. And God is going to come back and judge us. He is going to said, what did you do before I gave you. I told you to be parent. What did you do to show them the way? They don't know. They don't know. They don't know. And this is what is all about. Preparedness. Prepare. Prepare either way of the Lord. You got to prepare. You got to teach these children. You got to show them that you think you're teaching them by just telling them, no.

What did he say we did in the home? I took down my living room, dining room and I had just decorated it and I said. I look in the basement for a place to hold it because I had that area full, looking very good. God said, the place of my feet is glorious. Take everything out. Take everything out and send the people in. We had up to 60 people in the home. That was his first church, in the home. I said God, (00:36:41), in my home.

You come to church to live out what you're doing in the home. And this is what it's all about. They cannot (00:36:53) the God sent -- look at Nathaniel and Robby. God sent them back to where we came up. Right there for nurturing in the home. When you hear a message like this, don't take it light. This is God himself speaking. He is speaking through both of them, both of them. He has all a part of the minister and I'm sure he's all back in her background. And God is doing something. Binding all of us together, blended.

Bishop Dale told me just before he left going to Russia. He said, mother, I have just returned from Fiji Island and the minister in Fiji island said, Fiji Island in the farthest distance from Jerusalem than any place on the face of the earth. He said, Jesus said, go from Jerusalem to Samaria and to the outermost parts of the earth. He said, Fiji Island is the outermost parts of earth. And it is all Christian. All Christian.

So, he said, I have preached in the outermost parts of the earth. God is doing something. God is doing something. (00:38:39) in the Ukraine right now. That's what God said, my house should be called the house of (00:38:45) all nation. They are here. You don't have to go there. They're here. Taking over. We have become complacent. We don't even want to work and they're coming here doing the work that we refuse it.

Finding, knowing how to do it. So, God want us to get out our lives together. Get back to doing what we know we need to do and I just thank God for blessing us here this morning. Blessing us. Prepare a place for God. That's what is all about. Preparing a place. We ever got serious about God. I mean, serious. And I'm not playing with God. Serious. And I tell you I'm running with everything I get. I'm running. Because I felt in his voice and I can still going walking and talking and shaking when he was calling me about the book and I felt this. If I didn't write the book, God will remove me from the face of the earth.

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He is that serious. He is that serious. Do you all hear me? He is that serious. We had better get about doing the will of God. We better forget about Isiah. We better get about doing the will of God and we've going to try to save this young -- these children. It's the children. It's the children. It's the children. That's what we got to save because (00:40:26) into our home, television, internet and we had better monitor these children. That's the heart of the God and let find somebody's children to help. I can't stop when I finish when I finished with my children. I had to go on the battlefield.

I was so tired and he put the song in my mouth still in the battlefield until the war is ended. (00:40:55) but you got to stay on that till the war is ended.

Female:

Amen. So true, so true, we are going to prepare a place for God. We need to start with the children and today all of these adults that we have in this room. In order for your children to know God, you must first know God.

Every eye close, every head bows. If there is anyone in this place today who desires to know the prepared places of the father, this

is the time. Because we don't know when tomorrow or what is going to happen with tomorrow. Today is the only time, right now, this minute. This is all you have to know that you can definitely be in God's prepared place. The one that he spoke off in the word about heaven. And then you take that and you prepare the place here in the earth for your children or your children's children and for their children on down to the 10th generation.

For God said, he will honor the righteous down to the 10th and probably the 2,000 to 1,000 generation. Not just the 10th but the 1000 of generations. He has space for to them. If there is anybody here right now on this place that desire to procure and know their prepared place, if you would just raise your hand. If you would like to know that your place has been prepared, your heart is set and Jesus is your Lord and savior, God is your Father, your heart is heavy, you're weak, you're lazy and you want to give it all over to Jesus.

He said, place your cares upon me for my yolk is easy and my burden is light. If there is anyone here today that would like to yield. Yield. I yield. I yield. I just can't hold out any longer. Who would like to yield raise your hand. Hallelujah. I see -- raise your hand if you would like to yield. If you would like to yield. Hallelujah. We've had once a respond.

I would like to also say that in the word of God (00:43:20). I said, if you would ashamed of me before me and I will be ashamed of you in that prepared place before my father but we would like to know and let you know that you have a prepared place. If you would, those that raise your hand, just come down to the front right now so we can pray over you. Come down to the front right now so we can yield onto the father.

Offer you up right now. Yeah. He said come. Come onto me. Not just the little baby children. But we are all God's children. He said (00:43:59) the children to come on to me for such is the kingdom of heaven. He said come on to me. Bring your cares, bring your problems. If you don't know that this place secure that the father. This is the day. You don't know if you walk out of this place if you won't make it to your home. Hallelujah. Come, come. He said come. He is waiting. He is been waiting on you.

He has been waiting for you. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The hopes of heaven are rejoicing right now. Glory he said because we are to yield our hearts unto God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. You are securing your prepared place. Glory. Hallelujah. Glory. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Jesus thank you. Your death is not in vain. Hallelujah.

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