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Isaiah 64.3-4

³ When **You did awesome things** which we did not expect,
You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.

⁴ For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear,
Nor has the eye seen a God besides You,
Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.

The Awesome Presence of God is being revealed. He is doing things which man does not expect. His Awesome Presence causes us to be filled with astonishment and awe as He moves His sovereign hand. He turns one way and we see the incredible richness of His beauty amplified. He turns another and the fear of the Lord causes us to bow down low and cry out, "Holy, holy, holy is our God." The King is among us and He is AWESOME. He is to be feared above all else. He is displaying His glory for all of the earth to see.

Psalm 18.25-26 NIV

²⁵ **To the faithful you show yourself faithful,**
to the blameless you show yourself blameless,
²⁶ **to the pure you show yourself pure,**
but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.

Those that wait upon the Lord, aligning with His governing word, putting ALL of their trust in Him, setting their eyes on things above and are steadfast, standing firmly rooted in Christ are rightly positioned. Psalm 18, goes on to say: "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him. For who is God besides the Lord? And who is our Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and Your right hand sustains me..."

Colossians 2.6-14, 17b-23 NIV

⁶ So then, **just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,** ⁷ **rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.**

⁸ **See to it that no one takes you captive** through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For **in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,** ¹⁰ and **in Christ you have been brought to fullness.** He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ **In him you were also circumcised** with a circumcision not performed by human hands. **Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ,** ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ **When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,** ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal



indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, **nauling it to the cross.**

¹⁷ **...reality, however, is found in Christ.** ¹⁸ Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹ They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

²⁰ **Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules:** ²¹ "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? ²² These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. ²³ Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

We have severed all ties with the ordinary and all ties with the world's systems and influence; we live, move and have our being in Christ. God is our source for all things. We are FIRMLY rooted in Christ. We are a chosen people seated far above all powers and principalities. We have the mind of Christ and are sealed by the Holy Spirit of God. The life we now live we live by faith in the Son of God who loved us and gave His life for us. God has lavished His grace upon us enabling us to live a supernatural life by the Spirit. All things have been made new. His word is continually in our heart and in our mouth. We do not speak like the world speaks – our words are the words of God Himself; they are spirit and they are life. They are words that uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant. We are set apart, consecrated for this purpose. We are bondservants of the Most High God. We do not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

2 Peter 1.3-8

³ seeing that **His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.** ⁴ For by these **He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises,** so that by them you may **become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.**

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For **if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



In Christ we possess the strength, the stamina, the knowledge and the vision to live life as mature sons of God. The world has no hold on us because Christ overcame the world – we have been set free from sin and death. We now live according to the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus and by His power at work in us knowing that He who began this work will bring it to completeness. The glory of the Lord rises on us because Christ is in us the hope of glory. We are more than overcomers because Christ is in us. Will we be overwhelmed by circumstances or paralyzed by fear? CERTAINLY NOT! Because we are CONVINCED AND FULLY PERSUADED that neither life nor death, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the past nor the future, nor powers, nor culture will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. We are marked. We are chosen; made and formed for this day to stand firm in our identity in Christ, unmovable. We will not bow our knee to the stress and pressure of the world and its voice. Though the world has a strong and powerful voice, the voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Kadesh and strips the forest bare. The voice of the Lord is powerful and majestic. The Awesome and Sovereign voice of the Lord shakes everything that can be shaken. But our foundation is upon the Rock. Therefore, we do not let sin, fear or intimidation reign in our mortal bodies because we have been crucified with Christ. We are dead to sin and alive to God.



1 Peter 1.6-8

⁶In this you greatly rejoice, even though now **for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,** ⁷**so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable,** even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ⁸**and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.**

Romans 6.13b NIV

...offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness.

Ephesians 1.11-12 The Message

¹¹⁻¹²**It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.** Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, **he had his eye on us,** had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

Prophetically it has been spoken that Detroit is a city of refuge for God. Detroit will be a land and a place that people can come and hear God. God will surround and cover Detroit. Detroit will be a rich source of His presence and a beacon to the nations of the earth.

Detroit is our city, the place where God has put us as His holy nation and priesthood, His chosen people to bring heaven into the earth. Detroit is a portal and releaser of the frequency of heaven. We are stewards of this city. We have influence here. We are gatekeepers at this portal; opening the gate for the King of Glory to reside. We are to be pure, blameless and faithful to Him who Was and Is and Is to come. Our foundations must be firm upon the Rock. Our words and the frequency we carry must be the sound of heaven. That sound must resonate from our bones and from the core of our being. Our groaning aligns and resonates with the groan of the Spirit of God over this city and land. The city cries out in groaning for the manifestation of the mature sons of God – we are those sons. We have received the Spirit of sonship and by Him we cry Abba Father. We are separated from all evil. There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. The world cannot understand us. What we have received is not the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God. We clearly understand what God has given us and called us to – we stand firm in administering His power, His life, His grace, His goodness, His mercy and His love into this city.



We are in days of ascendency. What does this mean? It is time to rise up for our Light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen on us. We must fully step out of the old and out of the influence of the world, no longer being conformed to the world or by the world. We must even step into a new place of knowing God and how we relate to Him. It is a higher place, an ascended place. It is not like the place we used to know. We must allow and lay hold of the new forming that Holy Spirit is doing in us. It is a time to put on blinders, not turning to the left or to the right but having our gaze firmly fixed on trusting the Lord with all of our heart and not leaning on our old understanding. We are no longer paralyzed or confused by trials, tribulations and sufferings. We know that Christ suffered these things and in our suffering Christ is formed and rooted in us in a deeper place, to this end we count it all joy. We choose the narrow road that leads to greater life – more of Jesus. We make way for the Spirit of Truth to lead us into all truth, stepping into destiny and purpose, impacting our city and the earth that is the Lord's. See and KNOW that the Lord strengthening us and rooting us deeper in Him will cause us to stand firm as greater shaking is released in the earth. Our God is a Consuming Fire. We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken – it is being formed in us. We are being formed to move in Him in a way that the earth has not seen but is crying out for. This is our day! The seasons and times of God are in His hand. Ascend into His time and place. Step in. Step in. Embrace the NEW. Answer the wooing of Holy Spirit as we are being called into the deep, deep waters of God.

