

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Weapons of Righteousness September 1, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

We are in a spiritual war as we enter this new era – a war for our nation and the nations of the earth. Demonic forces are aligned and desire to control our nation and the people. What path will be taken to enter in and define the future? Which way will things go? There is a clash between what is profane and what is not. What god will be served? Who will set the pattern and make the way known – the god of this world or the Lord God Almighty?

Holy Spirit has been instructing us through Psalm 24, to open the gates and let the King of Glory come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord mighty in battle – locked and loaded for victory. When Joshua saw the Angel of the Lord holding the sword, he asked him are you for us or against us? And the Angel of the Lord said neither. Then the angel of the Lord instructed Joshua to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Joshua chose to align with the Lord and His righteousness, not the god of this world.

### **Holy Spirit is saying:**

“Arm yourself with the weapons of righteousness. Take in, soak up, drink in, become one with My righteousness. Hear the word of the Lord and align in righteousness. For in My righteousness you will advance and be established in this new era. In My righteousness you will hear My strategies and in My righteousness you will find strength and courage. For My righteousness is a mighty weapon that will overtake and prevail in victory. Do not lay your weapons down in this time but take your plowshares and make them instruments of righteousness. For My righteousness will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains of man by My righteousness and reduce them to hills. For the mountain of the Lord is rising above all other mountains. The eyes of arrogant man will be humbled and the pride of man brought low by My righteousness.”

Righteousness is right standing with God. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. This is core to our Christian faith. In a practical way, righteousness is believing God, trusting Him with all of your heart and not leaning on your own experiences or emotions. Righteousness is obedience to what God speaks. Righteousness has substance and dimension. It is powerful. It makes any weapon formed against you fail. In righteousness is intimacy with God – relationship, face to face encounters and sonship. Righteousness is a covering and strength. Righteousness is a gift from God. He GIVES US HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS so we can succeed and prevail in all things.

### **Psalm 85.13** NASB

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness will go before Him and will make His footsteps into a way.**

As believers we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. We are robed in righteousness through the work of the cross. Righteousness CUTS A PATH and MAKES A WAY for advancement. Jesus tells us to SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS and everything else will be added. Through the righteousness of God we take a stand; with lips of righteousness we speak the word of the Lord.

### **Psalm 92.12-15** NIV

<sup>12</sup> **The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,  
they will grow** like a cedar of Lebanon;

<sup>13</sup> planted in the house of the LORD,  
they **will flourish in the courts of our God.**

<sup>14</sup> They will still **bear fruit in old age,**

they will **stay fresh and green,**

<sup>15</sup> **proclaiming,** "The LORD is upright;

he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

- Righteousness makes a way to build and flourish.
- The righteous will grow strong and be unmovable by the god of this world.
- The righteous are planted in God – in His kingdom and they bring His kingdom into the earth.
- The righteous enter the courts of the Lord to make the case for judgment to be pronounced.
- The righteous do not grow weary and are aligned to God and His design for this time.

## **2 Corinthians 6.7** NIV

<sup>7</sup> in truthful speech and in **the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left**

## **Romans 6.13, 18** NIV

<sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather 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.**

<sup>18</sup> **You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.**

## **Isaiah 2.22** NIV

<sup>22</sup> **Stop trusting in mere humans,** who have but a breath in their nostrils. Why hold them in esteem?

## **Isaiah 41.15** NIV

<sup>15</sup> **See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff.**

- In ancient days the handler of the threshing sledge would stand on it to add weight making the action of the threshing cut deeper and do a more thorough work.
- God wants to release a greater weightiness of His glory into us as His threshing sledge to cut deep and bring righteousness.

The righteousness of God is a weapon from the arsenal of God. God's strategies and counsel are right. His ways are right. His words are right. His heart is right. He holds eternity in His hands. The nations belong to Him. Times and seasons belong to Him. And this new era bringing us into the kingdom age belongs to Him. The world as we have known it is behind us. NOW we must hear and see how God is moving in righteousness to establish new patterns and new ways.

This is war, for the god of this world wants nothing to do with the WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. We must keep the weapons of righteousness in our left hand in our right hand to wage warfare at the gate of our cities and nation.

Stand! Stand and take your place in the righteousness of God. Be in right standing with Him who is the WAYMAKER. Move in power and authority. Prophesy the righteousness of God into the nations, into communities, into people groups. Speak and keep speaking the righteous decrees of the Lord. He will bring about His justice into all places.

Michigan is shaped like a hand – specifically the right hand. We declare over Michigan the righteousness of God prevails in every conflict and battle. We speak the righteousness of God into this land. We prophesy to Michigan to pick up the weapons of righteousness in your right hand and wield them on behalf of this nation. Michigan, take your place as a firstfruit of the righteousness of God. Righteousness will make the footsteps of God the way forward. Righteousness will be established in the civil government and righteous laws will govern the land. Unrighteous rule will be overturned. Righteousness and justice will emanate from Michigan. **Righteousness is a sound that will be trumpeted to the nations of the earth.**