

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Sound of Glory October 3, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

### Habakkuk 2.14

For **the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD**  
as the waters cover the sea.

- The knowledge is an experiential knowledge – knowing by experiencing, by being part of. This is a place of intimacy and revelation through intimacy.
- The earth will be filled or replenished and made new by the flow of God's provision.
- There will be an outpouring of the glory of God that comes upon the earth.
- It will be a continuous flow that brings the fresh essence of God's glory.
- God will reveal His glory. God will make Himself known so that all perceive He is here. This will be a revealing like no other.
- The atmosphere of the glory of God will supersede all other atmospheres.
- The glory will invade and infuse and fill up every crack and every crevice. It will cover the mountains and the valleys, the cities big and small. Nations will be bathed in the glory of God.
- Every people group will be in the glory.
- What was earthly will become immersed in what is of heaven.
- The narrative or the sound will change. For the earth will declare the glory of the Lord. There is a sound of glory.



### Psalm 29.1-11

<sup>1</sup> **Ascribe** to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
**ascribe** to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;**

- Ascribe means to give or bring. The glory of God comes when we give Him honor and reverence. This brings glory in. We ascribe or give glory to God when we worship expressing our approval of who He is and our admiration and devotion to Him.
- To ascribe glory to God is the response due from all creation because of His majesty and goodness.

**worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

- This is full heart worship – caught up in His presence, no sense of time, seeing God – in awe of His being. The cry of holy, holy, holy comes from the depth of your being in response to His awesome presence. No longer connected to anything in the natural; you are now with God, saturated in His presence.
- In this place of ascribing to the Lord glory and honor, fully entered into worship – the Lord starts to speak and revelation comes into the earth impacting cities and nations and all of the earth.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders,**

- Thunder is a loud crashing sound. It has to be noticed. It is a sound that arrests all other sounds.
- God's voice, His purpose, His decree, His will, resounds out of His glory. Commanding, reestablishing, aligning the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.
- Job 37.5, God's voice THUNDERS in marvelous [beyond human power or expectation] ways; He does GREAT things beyond our understanding.
- This is all part of God's glory realm.

**the LORD thunders** over the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is **powerful**;

the voice of the LORD is **majestic**.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD **breaks** the cedars;

the LORD **breaks in pieces** the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,

Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD **strikes**

with flashes of lightning.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD **shakes** the desert;

the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD **twists** the oaks

and **strips** the forests bare.

**And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD gives strength to his people;

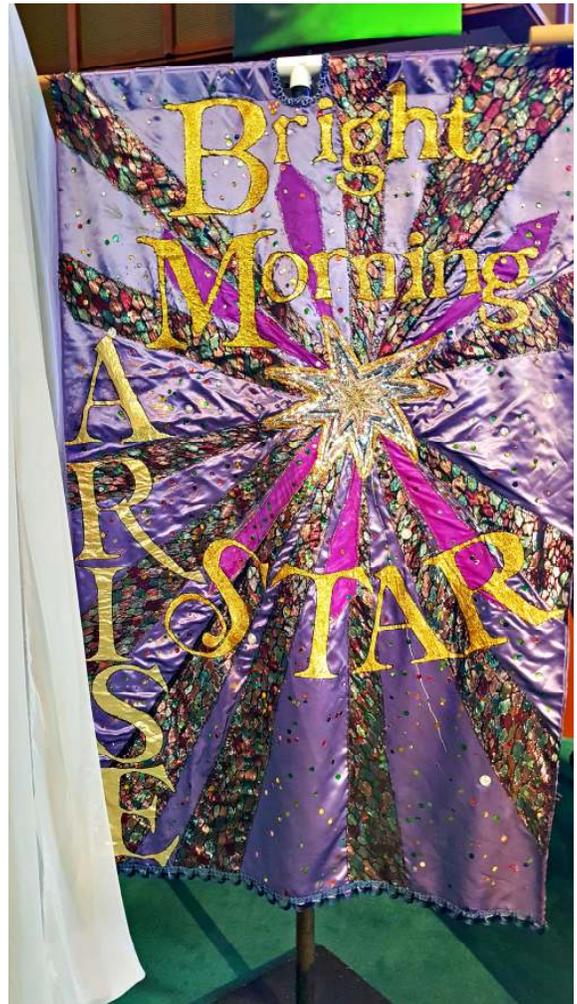
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

- The sound of the glory of God changes things by its power and the substance of the glory of God is God Himself.
- The heavens and the earth are shaking. The Kingdom of God is advancing and with God's Kingdom comes the glory of His name. God's glory fills His kingdom.
- We, the church, see God. By the Spirit of God we see or perceive what is happening. We KNOW that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and that time is in His hand.
- We must not be distracted by the narratives or the voices in the earth, but be attuned to the voice of the Lord.
- As the shaking increases all in His temple CRY [say, think in your heart, utter, command] glory.
- Seeing and perceiving by Holy Spirit the greater picture – aligning and glorifying God in all that he is doing.

**Exodus 133.18-23** NIV

<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, "**Now show me your glory.**" <sup>19</sup> And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." <sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup> When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> **Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.**"

- In deep intimacy we encounter the knowledge of God.
- God reveals mysteries, knowledge and understanding of who He is.



- When God revealed his back to Moses, Moses saw and had knowledge of God in the beginning. Moses saw in the beginning how the earth was formless and how the Spirit of God hovered over the deep. Moses heard the Lord when He spoke "Let there be light". God revealed to Moses all that happened that God wanted written and recorded in the Book of Genesis.
- Moses could not see the face of God because the end of times are yet to be revealed. No one knows the end of times but the Father Himself.
- We have entered a time and season that God is calling us into a deeper place of the knowledge of who He is. This is an experiential knowledge that comes through encountering God.
- In the encounter of God revelation knowledge pours forth.

### Ezekiel 43.2

and **I saw the glory of the God** of Israel coming from the east. **His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory.**

### Psalm 86.9

**All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.**

### Psalm 96.9

**Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth**

### Psalm 109.30

**With my mouth I will greatly extol the Lord;** in the great throng of worshipers I will praise him.

### Psalm 149.6-9

**<sup>6</sup> May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,**  
<sup>7</sup> to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,  
<sup>8</sup> **to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,**  
<sup>9</sup> to carry out the sentence written against them—  
 this is the glory of all his faithful people.  
 Praise the LORD.

- The glory of God binds the enemies of God in chains.
- When Jesus stripped Satan of all of his power and took the keys, Jesus stood there in ALL of His glory. No evil, no accusation could touch Him. The glory of God thundered! The voice of the Lord stripped, broke, twisted, shook and laid bare all that was evil in that moment.



We, the church in the earth in this time, ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. We have experienced and KNOW the glory of God and His glory is on us and in us. We are carriers and reflectors of His glory.

We declare the glory of the Lord in the heavens and in the earth. We declare the glory of the Lord over our city and our nation, even though darkness – sometimes deep darkness – is upon the earth the Lord rises upon us, His people. And His glory appears over us.

Nations will turn to the light of His glory displayed in the earth. The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. We rise up for our light has come! We ascribe to the Great and Mighty God who is enthroned over Detroit, glory and honor and dominion. We stand firm on the Rock and say the gates of hell will not prevail in this great city or our nation!

