

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Holy Ground October 1, 2019 Suzi Armstrong

Lyrics from *Throne Room Song*

Jesus is in this room
Here right now, here right now
Making this place I stand
Holy ground, holy ground

The holiness of God is a penetrating saturating substance that transforms. It is saturated with the essence and presence of God. Holiness has a sound and a fragrance that belongs to the Lord alone. That He would release His holiness into man is astounding. We are separated as a holy nation and a royal priesthood to God. Set apart to declare His glorious wonders across the earth. We were called out (the sound of separation leading to holiness) of darkness into His marvelous light. Holiness moves in the glory of God as a beautiful symphony orchestrated by Holy Spirit.

God is Holy. His holiness can't be touched, yet He imparts His holiness into us. As we are united with Christ we are made holy.

1 Peter 1.2 TPT

² ...you have been **chosen and destined by Father God**. Holy Spirit has **set you apart** to be God's holy ones, **obedient followers of Jesus Christ** who have been gloriously sprinkled with his blood.

1 Peter 1.16 TPT

¹⁶ For scripture says: **"You are to be holy, because I am holy."**

1 Peter 1.17b-19 TPT

¹⁷ **...live each day with holy awe and reverence** throughout your time on earth. ¹⁸ For you know that **your lives were ransomed** once and for all from the empty and futile way of life handed down from generation to generation. It was not a ransom payment of silver or gold, which eventually perishes ¹⁹ but **the precious blood of Christ**—who like a spotless, unblemished lamb was *sacrificed for us*.

Footnote from The Passion Bible

Everything about God is holy. True holiness includes justice, mercy, truth and righteousness. To be holy is to be absolutely devoted to God...holiness surrounds God's throne and we are seated with him in heavenly places...grace has embedded holiness into our lives...we absorb and manifest holiness as we live our lives in God's presence. Christ is our holiness. Holiness is a garment and a covering extended to us by our Father.

Holiness is reflected in a heart of purity. Free from offense, free from self-righteousness, free from the influences of the world system. Holiness inhabits a pure heart. A pure heart is reflected in our thoughts, actions, desires and motivation. A pure and holy heart is filled with the love of God. And that heart becomes a fountain of life, filled with truth and hope, releasing the goodness of God and His kingdom into the earth, into the community and the city. Holiness carries the power of transformation bringing the light of the gospel and the kingdom into the earth. We dine at the table of holiness.

Psalm 96.8-10 TPT

⁸ Confess that Jehovah alone deserves all the **glory and honor.**

Bring an offering and come celebrate in his courts.

⁹ **Come worship the Lord God wearing the splendor of holiness.**

Let everyone wait in wonder as they **tremble in awe before him.**

¹⁰ **Tell the nations plainly that Yahweh rules over all!**

He is doing a great job, and nothing will disrupt him,
for he treats everyone fair and square.

To the peoples of Detroit we say God is holy and there is none like Him. He is the true God of the nations. He made the heavens and the earth and they belong to Him. Detroit belongs to the Lord – it is His!

Isaiah 40.25-29 TPT Reworded for Detroit

²⁵ The Holy One asks:

“Can you find anyone or anything to compare to me?

Where is the one equal to me?”

²⁶ **Lift up your eyes to the sky and see for yourself.**

Who do you think created the cosmos?

He lit every *shining star* and formed every *glowing galaxy*,
and stationed them all where they belong.

He has numbered, counted, and given everyone a name.

They shine because of God’s incredible power and awesome might; not one fails to appear!

²⁷ Why, then, O Detroit, would you ever complain?

And my chosen city, why would you say,

“Yahweh isn’t paying attention to my situation.

He has lost all interest in what happens to me.”

²⁸ Don’t you know? Haven’t you been listening?

**Yahweh is the *one and only* everlasting God,
the Creator of all you can see and imagine!**

He never gets weary or worn out.

His intelligence is unlimited;

he is never puzzled over what to do!

²⁹ **He empowers the feeble**

and infuses the powerless with increasing strength.

Isaiah 62.10-12 TPT Reworded for Detroit

¹⁰ **Pass through, pass through the gates,
*and go from old to new.***

Prepare a new path for the people.

Build! Build up a highway *for them to come to me!*

Remove every hindrance

and unfurl a banner for the nations!

¹¹ See? Yahweh has proclaimed to the ends of the earth:

“Detroit, look, here comes your Deliverer!

See? He’s bringing his reward,

and his recompense goes before him.”

¹² **You will be called His Holy People,**

The Redeemed of Yahweh.

**And you will be known as Those Whom God Loves,
A City Not Abandoned.**

