

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Fragrance of Worship Is Death to the Enemy June 1, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

There is a fragrance in our worship of God that fills the atmosphere like the sweet smell of lilacs can fill the outside. The fragrance of lilacs is LOUD – it is noticeable; it draws your attention. This fragrance causes you to pause and breathe deep taking the fullness of the sweet smelling aroma into your lungs. Our worship of God has a fragrance that fills the atmosphere like that. The aroma of our love and adoration for the Most High God is like incense and the most costly perfume in the spirit realm. It releases a fragrance that fills all of heaven.

David was undone in worship. He worshipped with bold extravagance declaring God's glory to all of Israel. The beauty and the sound and the aroma of worship not only fills the atmosphere it fills the second heaven too. This reminds powers and principalities and every demon spirit who God is. The Bible tells us that the aroma of our worship is the smell of death in realm of darkness where demons linger.

### 2 Samuel 6.12-15 NIV

<sup>12</sup> Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David **with rejoicing**. <sup>13</sup> When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. <sup>14</sup> **Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might,** <sup>15</sup> while **he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.**

### Worship from the Book of Psalms

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever, with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known to through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared, he is more awesome than all who surround him. Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. Come let us bow down in worship, let kneel before the Lord our Maker. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness; tremble before him all the earth. Say among the nations the Lord reigns. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth burst into jubilant song. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy. The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

God is enthroned in our worship. The aroma of our worship envelopes Him on His throne. As we declare His glory and His goodness, who He is and what He has done, there is an order that is set in and over our land. The sound of worship drowns out every other sound; every antichrist narrative falls to the ground and is crushed. There is a sweet smelling savor that fills the atmosphere, bringing life to what God has made. This fragrance fills the lungs of the earth – the earth opens wide to receive it. All of creation rejoices. The nations rejoice. The people rejoice. There is dancing in the streets and great celebration breaks out.

And in heaven the voices of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand, they encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders, in a loud voice they sing: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever."

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. His glory will cover the heavens and His praise will fill the earth. Habakkuk 3 says that God stands and shakes the earth; He looks, and makes the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed. His ways are eternal. God is dealing with ancient spirits, breaking apart their strongholds and their dark plans over nations.

This is where we are at in this time. God is shaking the earth and everything that can be shaken is being shaken. But we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken. For that we are thankful and so we worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. The narratives coming from the dens of darkness want to silence the voice of God's church. They are releasing confusion, fear, division and harsh edicts to live by that are manipulative and destructive. It is all to silence worship. To silence the voice of Truth. To silence hope and the future that God has planned. But God says, "Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." (Habakkuk 1.5) **The fragrance of worship unlocks the nation that is locked down.**

## **PRAYER**

God says in Psalm 8, from the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. Psalm 9, I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. My enemies turn back; they stumble and perish before you!!

We release the fragrance of praise over our city and nation – a sweet smelling savor to the Lord God Almighty who says that the earth is His and the nations are His and the peoples are His and the cattle on a thousand hills are His. Times and seasons belong to Him and He has divine weapons that demolish the strongholds of satan and his demons. We declare that the glory of the Lord is over our neighborhoods and communities. We release the knowledge of His glory as the waters cover the sea. The fragrant incense of worship is impenetrable by the hordes of hell. Worship shuts the mouth of the enemy and stops the river of his lies. Worship and adoration of God silences the madness of those that oppose God.

We exalt You Mighty God. We lift You up in worship. But God will shoot the enemy with arrows; suddenly they will be struck down. He will turn their own tongues against them and bring them to ruin, all who see then will shake their heads in scorn. All mankind will fear; they will proclaim the works of God and ponder what He has done. **Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in Him; let the upright in heart praise Him! We release the FRAGRANCE of our worship throughout every sphere and mountain of influence, over every household and person. Let the fragrance of our worship minister LIFE to our nation as God comes to inhabit the praises of His people!**