

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Sovereign Lord
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In this season God has been coming in His sovereignty. As He manifests in His sovereignty there is a strong feeling in your heart that God is in control and He is going to do what He is going to do and nothing is going to stop it. Intuitively there is a knowing to not interfere or touch what God is about to do. When God moves in His sovereignty it is holy and pure. In your heart there is a knowing that what God is about to do will be done – nothing will be able to stop or divert the sovereign hand of God. He will have His way.

When sovereign dimension of who God is comes, the fear of the Lord rises up in your heart. There is a compelling sound or sense that you must respond by bowing down. The presence of the Sovereign Lord is filled with His majesty and glory – awe permeates your heart. The ancient Hebrew word for sovereign means to rule or own, it is in God's control.

When we are in the presence of the Sovereign God there is no confusion or fuzziness; there is crystal clear clarity. The path is clear. How to move is clear. How to stand is clear. How to think is clear. How to respond is clear. Who is in control is clear. This impacts and undergirds faith. In the presence of the Sovereign Lord there is FULL FORCE FAITH. No questioning, no second guessing. No old-man mindsets prevailing.

Psalm 71.15-17 NIV

¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,
of your saving acts all day long—
though I know not how to relate them all.

¹⁶ **I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign LORD;
I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.**

¹⁷ Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

- David knew the powerful deeds of the Sovereign Lord from the time he was a youth.
- David had settled in his heart that all power and might belonged to the Sovereign Lord. From this knowing David honored God with worship and drew faith.
- God was ALWAYS David's source. David never looked to another place for answers or help.
- David had experienced God's sovereign presence as a young boy tending the sheep.
- David drew upon the sovereign presence of God to defeat Goliath and later the Philistines.

The nations and the governments of the nations of the earth are in great strife and confusion. This "giant" is ruling nations through intimidation just as Goliath did in that day. But God is revealing His sovereignty to His church. As we encounter and recognize the sovereign presence of God, He is preparing us and forming us for His use. Pastor Jeff Staples prophesied this past Sunday:

This is a season that I am fortifying you internally. For there is a great shaking that is coming upon the earth and I want you to be prepared. I want you not to be shaken. For I am giving you a fortification on the inside in My Spirit by your spiritual disciplines that will cause you to explode in forceful kingdom advancing power and not to implode from worry and stress.



Isaiah 50.4 NIV

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, **wakens my ear to listen** like one being instructed.

Isaiah 50.7 NIV

Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

Isaiah 28, 16-17a NIV

¹⁶ So **this is what the Sovereign LORD says:**
"See, **I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone,**
a precious cornerstone for **a sure foundation;**
the one who relies on it
will never be stricken with panic.

¹⁷ **I will make justice the measuring line**
and righteousness the plumb line...

- Jesus Christ is that stone. And we are living stones connected to Him.

1 Peter 2.4-6 NIV

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—
⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame."

- This Cornerstone was placed by the hands of our Sovereign God. It cannot be moved or changed. It is set and sealed.
- Our lives become an altar to God.
- We become part of a nation of priests to the Sovereign God whose rule and reign is above all else.

Isaiah 61.1-3 NIV

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has **anointed me**
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has **sent me to bind** up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and **release from darkness** for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the **day of vengeance of our God,**
to **comfort all who mourn,**
³ and **provide for those who grieve in Zion—**
to bestow on them a crown of **beauty**
instead of ashes,
the **oil** of joy
instead of mourning,
and a **garment** of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called **oaks of righteousness,**
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.



Joshua 5.13-15 NIV

¹³ Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and **saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand.** Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

¹⁴ "Neither," he replied, "but **as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.**" Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

¹⁵ The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

- This encounter Joshua had was after being freshly circumcised – the removal of the old and the carnal. World influence and thinking.
- The encounter with the presence of the Sovereign Lord was right before taking Jericho, the first city taken in the land God was giving as the Promised Land to His people.
- This is an appearance of the Sovereign Lord. His agenda was not about taking political sides, but He was there to establish His work.
- Joshua quickly aligned to the sovereignty of God.
- The manifest presence and knowledge of the Sovereign Lord came as God's people were being readied to step into the NEW and FRESH of God. It was a NEW season. There was a fullness of time that had come into place. It is as if the re-establishing of the reality and substance of the Sovereign Lord was part of the provision of God to advance.
- Abraham knew the Sovereign Lord. As did Samson, Gideon, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk and Jesus.
- Our Father wants us to KNOW the Sovereign Lord and receive empowering as we encounter His presence.
- The presence of the Sovereign Lord is made known **to** God's people, then the sovereignty of the Lord is made know to the nations of the earth **through** God's people.



The hand of the Sovereign God is on Metro Detroit. He is ready to move. The Sovereign God is giving us singleness of heart to prepare us for a great move of God that will impact our nation and the earth. This outpouring will impact and change EVERYTHING! We must be vigilant to stay aligned to the Sovereignty of God, keeping our eyes focused on Jesus. Become a Bondservant to the Lord, as was Mary and Paul. Allow the sovereign word of the Lord to become flesh in us so that we would become the manifestation of His glory in the earth.

Unless we are vigilant to the Sovereign God, cultural influences will influence how we think and what we say. These are days of His sovereignty. We must present our bodies as living sacrifices to the sovereign will and word of the Lord on a constant basis. This takes the breath out of the "old man" and inundates us with the NEW and the NOW of God. This is how we stay solid in this constant renewing of our minds so that the Sovereign God can pour through us into the earth. The antichrist has become embedded in our civil government, in education, in media and in entertainment. These are the institutions that set culture. The Sovereign presence of God stands set apart from culture as a standard.

The Sovereignty of God gives us "**CLEAR VISION**"

- C.** Clean view of You, no rose colored glasses.
- L.** Love unfailing. Perfect love casting out all fear.
- E.** Excel in maturity. Soar higher. Go deeper.
- A.** Ascend to our Heavenly Place with Christ Jesus.
- R.** Reality realized unto FULL STATURE.
- V.** Victors, not victims. Old things have passed away. Behold all things have become NEW.
- I.** Into God's view – that is what you are to see.
- S.** See it with the eyes of faith. Behold His face.
- I.** Insight. God opened the eyes of our heart.
- O.** Omnipresent and Omnipotent God.
- N.** NO fear – fear gone. It is the sound of freedom that hits the bull's eye of defeat.

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