

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Expect God to Move Suddenly December 22, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

Expect God to move **SUDDENLY** throughout 2021.

- What is that going to look like?
- Will we recognize it?
- How will we respond?
- The suddenlies of God are awe inspiring.
- When the suddenlies of God come the shift is dramatic.
- Circumstances can have an atmosphere that can hold people captive making it seem like nothing can change. It is like the circumstances are in charge and you are imprisoned by them.

Some suddenlies of God from the Bible:

- **Exodus 15** – **SUDDENLY** the Red Sea was split and the Israelites went through on dry ground.
 - Deliverance out of the hand of the enemy and a path forward.
 - The people put their faith in God.
- **2 Kings 6-7** – **SUDDENLY** the siege works of the Arameans lifted. God caused them to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army – they got up and fled and abandoned everything.
 - Provision and restoration.
- **Acts 9** – Paul on the Road to Damascus when **SUDDENLY** a light flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard the voice of Jesus.
 - Life-changing encounter with God.
- **Acts 2** – The disciples were gathered together in one place when **SUDDENLY** a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house... times of fire came to rest on each one of them.
 - The infilling and baptism of Holy Spirit.
 - Empowered.

Expect the suddenlies of God.

Embrace them.

Receive what God releases.

- A way of escape.
- Defeat of the enemy when you are in a stranglehold.
- Life-changing encounter with God.
- Miraculous provision.

Isaiah 46.3-4, 9-10 NIV

³“Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob,
all the remnant of the people of Israel,
you whom I have upheld since your birth,
and have carried since you were born.

⁴Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

⁹ Remember the former things, those of long ago;
I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me.
¹⁰ I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.
I say, 'My purpose will stand,
and I will do all that I please.'

SUDDENLY God will cause a shift that changes everything.

Be open and attentive.

Prayer

Psalm 83

¹ O God, do not remain silent;
do not turn a deaf ear,
do not stand aloof, O God.
² See how your enemies growl,
how your foes rear their heads.
³ With cunning they conspire against your people;
they plot against those you cherish.
⁴ "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation,
so that Israel's name is remembered no more."
With one mind they plot together
Make them like tumbleweed, my God,
like chaff before the wind.
¹⁴ As fire consumes the forest
or a flame sets the mountains ablaze,
¹⁵ so pursue them with your tempest
and terrify them with your storm.
¹⁶ Cover their faces with shame, LORD,
so that they will seek your name.
¹⁷ May they ever be ashamed and dismayed;
may they perish in disgrace.
¹⁸ Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD—
that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.