

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Blessing, Strength and Favor February 19, 2019 Suzi Armstrong

**Proverbs 11.10** TPT

<sup>10</sup> **The blessing that rests on the righteous releases strength and favor to the entire city,** but shouts of joy will be heard when the wicked one dies.

**Psalm 5.12** NIV

<sup>12</sup> Surely, Lord, **you bless the righteous;** you **surround them with your favor as with a shield.**

The blessing of God is His life-force – His very essence and Being – breathed into us. His blessing fills us and surrounds us making a “bubble” that constantly supplies our needs. In the Book of Revelation many scriptures show that everything in heaven declares the blessing of God and ascribes blessing to His name. The blessing of God is tangible and real; His blessing is dynamic and contains many dimensions. God’s blessing is not just a greeting or something we say, but it is the very being of God released to us, enabling us to do and be.

There is substance in the blessing of God. God's blessing will form a shield or barrier around us, even around our city. The blessing of God extends strength to the entire city. This makes the atmosphere of our city pleasing and acceptable; more inviting to be in. The blessing of God removes any reproach and releases peace. Hope permeates the blessing of God. The blessing of God has substance and is perceptible – it is supernatural. The blessing of God creates an environment for success. It attracts and bubbles with creativity and possibilities. When God extends blessing and favor, whatever is lacking He makes up for. He fills in the gaps and the valleys making a stable environment. His blessing and favor carries abundant life and prosperity. Doors open and the people are enabled to do and to be. This makes a city and a people strong. Foundations are strengthened. Business prospers. Families are strengthened. Strength that does not come from man, but from God. Strength from God endures and is pure. Strength brings stability and security. The blessing of God is powerful and no weapon of hell can penetrate or remove His blessing. His blessing resounds with His voice and His commands.

**Psalm 24.12-13** TPT

<sup>12</sup> Who are they that live in the holy fear of God?

**You will show them the right path to take.**

<sup>13</sup> Then **prosperity and favor will be their portion,** and their descendants will inherit all that is good.



**Psalm 72.6-7** TPT

<sup>6</sup> **Your favor will fall like rain** upon our surrendered lives, like showers reviving the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his reign the righteous will spring forth with the abundance of peace and prosperity forevermore.

**Psalm 75.6-7** TPT

<sup>6-7</sup> This I know:

**the favor that brings promotion and power doesn't come from anywhere on earth, for no one exalts a person but God,** the true judge of all.

**He alone determines where favor rests.**

He anoints one for greatness and brings another down to his knees.

**Psalm 80.10-11** TPT

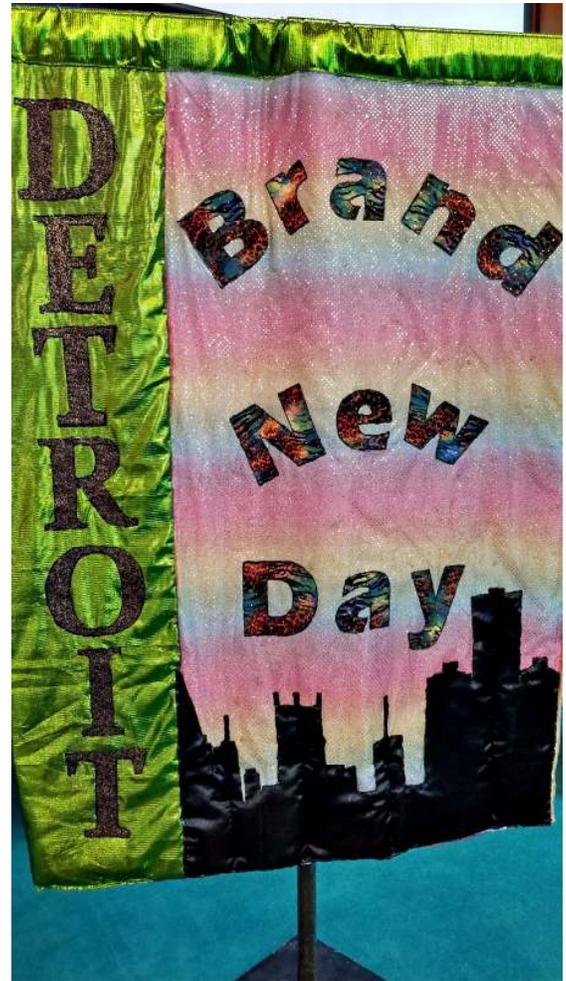
<sup>10-11</sup> Because of your favor on your vineyard,

**blessing extended to every mountain of influence.**

Through this flourishing vineyard **mighty ones were raised up.**

The **nations were blessed** by your fruitful vineyard of Israel, all the way from the Mediterranean to the Euphrates.

The blessing of God is on Detroit. HIS hand of favor rests on our city and land. The loving-kindness of God is flowing throughout our city. Transformation continues on every level. Detroit is a city whose strength comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord is a strong tower to Detroit.



To Detroit we say, "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Detroit, fix your eyes on the Lord and do not turn to the left or to the right. Today when you hear the voice of the Lord do not harden your heart Detroit, but follow after Him. These are the days of the favor of the Lord on you Detroit, so lift up your head and know where your help comes from."

**Psalm 135.3-7, 13-19** NIV Reworded

<sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; **sing praise to his name,** for that is pleasant.

<sup>4</sup> For **the Lord has chosen Detroit to be his own,** Detroit to be his treasured possession.

<sup>5</sup> I know that the Lord is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord does whatever pleases him,** in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and in Detroit.

<sup>7</sup> He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

<sup>13</sup> **Your name, Lord, endures forever,** your renown, Lord, through all generations.



<sup>14</sup> **For the Lord will vindicate his city, Detroit**

and have compassion on his servants.

<sup>15</sup> The idols of the nations are silver and gold,  
made by human hands.

<sup>16</sup> They have mouths, but cannot speak,  
eyes, but cannot see.

<sup>17</sup> They have ears, but cannot hear,  
nor is there breath in their mouths.

<sup>18</sup> Those who make them will be like them,  
and so will all who trust in them.

<sup>19</sup> **All in Detroit, praise the Lord;  
throughout the land of Detroit, praise the Lord.**

