

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

**Chosen**  
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## **1 Peter 2.9-10**

<sup>9</sup> But **you are A CHOSEN RACE**, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, **A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

We are a chosen people – selected and picked out by God Himself. By implication we are God's favorite because He selected us to be His own. We were picked out to receive salvation, delivered from the domain of darkness into His Kingdom of LIGHT. We were chosen to proclaim, to prophesy, to speak and declare who God is with our voice and through our living. We were chosen to worship the Most High God, Maker of the heavens and the earth. We were chosen to be sons of God, predestined before the foundations of the earth to have Christ formed in us, to live and move and have our being in Him.

We are a portal for heaven to come into the earth. We were chosen for a specific location and time to impact our city and our nation through the rule and reign of Jesus Christ. We were chosen to expand God's kingdom in the earth. **We ARE the people of God!** The sound of heaven is in us! We have an ear to hear God. We have been given the ability to transact with heaven on behalf of the nations and the earth. Angels, messengers of fire, are assigned to us to assist us with our God-given assignment. We were chosen to live a supernatural life – the very river of God flowing out of our bellies. We have been severed from the ordinary and placed into the extraordinary of God; miracles, signs and wonders follow after us. We walk by the Spirit of God and not the flesh. We have been empowered by the victory of Jesus Christ on the cross who defeated Satan and took the keys of death and hell. We have been chosen to be LIVING STONES being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

## **Luke 9.35**

Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **"This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"**

- God the Father announced to the heavens and the earth that His Son was chosen.
- As chosen of God He was to be listened to – He carried the heart of the Father.
- He carried authority and power to execute God's commands.
- He was mantled with wisdom and walked in the fear of the Lord, yielded in obedience to the Father and His desires.



## **1 Samuel 16.7-12**

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; **for God sees not as man sees**, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "The **LORD has not chosen** this one either." <sup>9</sup> Next Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "**The LORD has not chosen this one either.**" <sup>10</sup> Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, **"The LORD has not chosen these."**

<sup>11</sup> And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

<sup>12</sup> So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And **the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."**

- God is specific in His choosing.
- All of David's brothers were Israelites, so they were chosen in that respect. But not chosen to be king.

### **1 Chronicles 28.4-5**

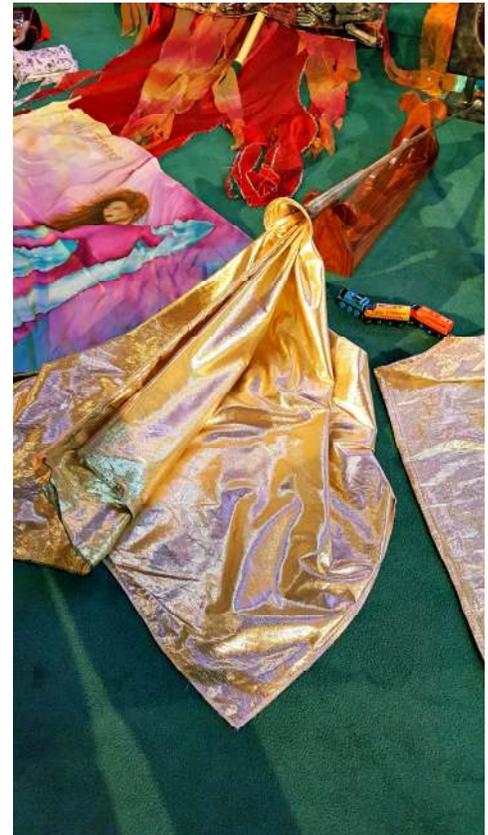
<sup>4</sup> Yet, the LORD, the God of Israel, **chose me from all the house of my father** to be king over Israel forever. **For He has chosen Judah to be a leader;** and in the house of Judah, my father's house, and among the sons of my father He took pleasure in me to make *me* king over all Israel. <sup>5</sup> **Of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), He has chosen my son Solomon** to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

- Choosing is God's arranging for His purposes.
- He is possessor of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.

### **1 Peter 1.13-17** The Message

<sup>13-16</sup> So **roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear**, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, **let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness.** God said, "I am holy; you be holy."

<sup>17</sup> You **call out to God for help and he helps**—he's a good Father that way. But don't forget, he's also a responsible Father, and won't let you get by with sloppy living.



### **Colossians 3.12-13**

<sup>12</sup> So, **as those who have been chosen of God**, holy and beloved, **put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;** <sup>13</sup> **bearing with one another, and forgiving each other**, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

- We were chosen to be part of something bigger than ourselves.
- The body of Christ is rising up to take its rightful place in the earth – the place it was chosen for.
- We are chosen ones connected to each other to work together in God's choosing.

### **Psalm 16.5-6, 11**

<sup>5</sup> **LORD, you alone are my portion** and my cup; you make my lot secure.

<sup>6</sup> **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;** surely I have a delightful inheritance.

<sup>11</sup> **You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,** with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

- We are chosen for a place and a time with an assignment.
- God will direct us through it all.

## Psalm 33.12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, **The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.**

- As chosen ones we are God's inheritance.
- It is ours to represent Him, to know His ways through intimacy and relationship, to be led by the Holy Spirit into all truth of who He is and how we fit.

## Genesis 18.18-19

<sup>18</sup> since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? <sup>19</sup> **For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.**"

- Connection to the generations – God continually has His chosen ones in the earth.

## Exodus 2.1-3 NLT

<sup>1</sup> About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. <sup>2</sup> The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. **She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months.** <sup>3</sup> But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River.

- We, like Moses, have been hidden because we are a chosen child.
- There came a time for Moses to step into his full destiny with God. So it is our time to step into full destiny with God. This is our season and our time.
- We are chosen ones by the very choice of God.



## Luke 12.32

**Do not be afraid,** little flock, for **your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.**

## Revelation 17.14

These will wage war against the Lamb, and **the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.**

## Prophetic word from Suzi Armstrong:

*Of all of the peoples of the earth in this time God says, I have chosen you and placed you in this city and nation. I have called you out and chosen you. I have put My favor upon you and lifted you above the snarl of the world's systems. I have ordered your steps in this city and in this land. I have given you My voice to influence and to speak those things that are not – to break strongholds and form what pleases Me in this day. These are days of My Sovereign hand moving in the earth. I will do what pleases Me. I am moving and rearranging. I am uprooting and I am putting in new. I am shaking and breaking structures of old and the nations have not understood nor positioned themselves to receive My favor. But you are My people whom I have chosen to turn the cities and the nations, to open the heavens above; My river and My life are flowing through you. I am putting My words in your mouth. Words that will direct the forming. Words that will expand My kingdom. Words that will bring the city to Me. You are chosen for this. I chose you and I placed My Spirit in you. Nothing is impossible. Step deeper into the place I have chosen for you. I have given you boldness. You are no longer satisfied with being obscure in your place. Arise and step into the increase that is here. I have filled you. Arise in trust. Arise in hope. Do not lose heart. Be strong and courageous. It is time to take the land. Expansion is here.*

Our God is a consuming fire. We were chosen to be consumed by His fire, His passion and His love – to be consumed with His purposes and desires. He has made the desire of His heart our desire. Our passion to see this neighborhood and Detroit transformed is what we were chosen for. Our passion to flow in the miraculous is what we were chosen for. Our passion for the former and latter rain is what we were chosen for. It is time to walk like we have never walked before – with new confidence and knowing that we have been chosen for this time to do the extraordinary – Christ is in us and we are in Him.