

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Speak the Promises of God In the Shaking November 14, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

### Psalm 12.6 TPT

<sup>6</sup> For every **word God speaks is sure and every promise pure**. His truth is tested, found to be flawless, and ever faithful. It's as pure as silver refined seven times in a crucible of clay.

### 2 Corinthians 1.20 TPT

<sup>20</sup> For **all of God's promises find their "yes" of fulfillment in him**. And as **his "yes" and our "amen" ascend to God**, we bring him glory!

Our God is the ultimate **PROMISE KEEPER**. He fulfills each and every promise. God keeps His word! Every word that God speaks is a promise. When God said, "Let there be light!", it was so! God's promises are decrees. **In Job 22.28, it says that we can decree a thing, and it will be established. With confident expectation we can decree the promises of God. God's promises are alive – they are Spirit and life. They are sealed by the blood of Jesus in covenant. They WILL break forth and be established.**

Prophetically we are in a time of contending for truth as God is shaking the heavens and the earth. To **contend means to defend a truth or keep affirming truth**. Speak the promises of God in the shaking. How do we contend? By affirming the truth – by declaring and decreeing the promises of God, which are His truth.

### Jeremiah 1.9-10 NIV

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "**I have put my words in your mouth.**" <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms **to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.**"

- Words that utterly decimate, obliterate, and abolish.
- Words that bring in what is of God.

### Matthew 16.18 NIV

<sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

- The definition of church is ekklesia – a group of people called out to govern. In Greek culture the ekklesia was the governing arm of the land.
- Jesus said that we, the church, are the governing arm of the land and that the gates of hell would not overcome it. What does that mean?
  - Gates of hell refers to the governing declarations coming from hell. Hell has a governing authority.
  - The governing authority of hell is superseded by the governing authority of God's church – His ekklesia.
  - Government is established by declarations and decrees of laws. A system of rules and regulations that people are to live by and are enforceable by the courts.

### Deuteronomy 32.1-3 NASB

<sup>1</sup> **Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak; and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.** <sup>2</sup> Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As the droplets on the fresh grass and as the showers on the herb. <sup>3</sup> **For I proclaim the name of the LORD;** Ascribe greatness to our God!

- This describes what happens when we speak as the voice of the Lord over the earth.
- v2 describes how the voice of the Lord comes as a prophetic voice that covers all of the land.
- This is an accurate picture of the decree of the Lord released by the voice of the ekklesia.
- God hears and responds to His prophetic word as the ruling and governing word that is established.
- God says He looked for someone to stand in the gap so He would not have to destroy the land and found no one. There was no one who would step into the place of speaking His promises back to Him on behalf of the land and the people. He could not find a priest. We are priests and kings.

### Jeremiah 33.3 AMP

<sup>3</sup> **Call to Me and I will answer you, and tell you [and even show you] great and mighty things,** [things which have been confined and hidden], which you do not know and understand and cannot distinguish.

- This is to each one of us. Matthew says it this way: ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened. Don't assume – call out to God.
- We need eyes to see – God will show us, we need to ask.

### Hebrews 12.22-24 NIV

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to **Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

- The demonic is building blood altars through the sacrificing of innocent blood (abortion, human sacrifice) to break out and release a whole new level of demonic.
- Speak the blood of Jesus, the covenantal blood of the Lamb, and apply it over your household, your community, your life. The blood of Jesus speaks a better word.
- Speak the promises of God in the shaking.

### PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Psalm 27.8, 14 TPT, <sup>8</sup> I heard your voice in my heart say, "Come, seek my face;" my inner being responded, "Yahweh, I'm seeking your face with all my heart." <sup>14</sup> Here's what I've learned through it all: Don't give up; don't be impatient; be entwined as one with the Lord. Be brave and courageous, and never lose hope. Yes, keep on waiting – for he will never disappoint you!

Father God, we thank You for who You are – we ascribe glory to your Name! Our hope and trust are in You and You alone. We thank You for giving us an ear to hear Your voice in our heart. In the shaking, we do not give up and we do not give in to fear, but we speak Your word.

As the ekklesia **we say "NO!"** to the wiles and schemes of the enemy. We decree that Detroit and Michigan belong to the Lord, that no weapon forged against it will prosper. Every tongue, every curse, every devious wicked lie spoken against our communities and the people will be refuted. We speak the Name and apply the blood of Jesus over our City, over schools, over government, over households, over law enforcement, in the streets and back alleys. The Name above every other name, the Name which defeated satan and made a public spectacle of him and every demonic force.

We pray for the uncovering of sleeper cells and planned terrorist attacks, and a complete cutting off of the power of blood altars, for the blood of Jesus is more powerful. We declare that every assignment of darkness comes under the jurisdiction of Heaven and becomes forcefully cancelled. We speak disruption into all plans of rioting, gangs, violence, assault, murder, and death. We speak life over our communities. We thank You Lord, that Your angel armies are fighting our battles as we declare Your word. We thank You for Your profound love for Detroit and Michigan that goes beyond all comprehension. **We speak all of this in the Mighty Name of Jesus!**