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Surpassing Extraordinary Action December 10, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

Great and marvelous is our God! 'Marvelous' is defined as to be surpassing in what you do, to be extraordinary, to be separated by distinguishing action. Our God is above and beyond and surpassing any other power. Webster's dictionary defines 'marvelous' as that which exceeds natural power. In scripture the word 'marvelous' is often used in connection with the word 'wonder'. The ways of God bring wonder and awe to the people who see them. His marvelous ways set Him apart from all others.

God is sovereign over everything – over the good and the evil, over nations, over kings and those in authority, over times and seasons, over beginnings and endings. His sovereignty is not diminished or compromised by what people think or do. God is God alone. He is marvelous – through extraordinary action that surpasses all others. We marvel at God's mighty deeds – He parted the Red Sea and a nation walked through on dry land. He had Gideon take an army of only 300 with a strategy to break glass jars on the rocks and hold torches in their hand to defeat a great and mighty enemy. And they did. He had Jonah swallowed by a great fish before he prophesied to Ninevah.

Psalm 86.10 NIV

¹⁰ **For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.**

Exodus 33.13 NIV

¹³ If you are pleased with me, **teach me your ways so I may know you** and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.

- For who has known the mind of God?
- For us, Holy Spirit teaches us the ways of God. Holy Spirit will give us insight, understanding, words of knowledge, and words of wisdom.
- To the carnal man, God's ways do not make any sense.
- If the devil would have known and understood the marvelous ways of God he would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- Darkness cannot outwit our marvelous God who knows the end from the beginning.
- We are in a time where we are seeing the marvelous acts of God.

Hebrews 11.1, 6-7 TPT

¹ Now **faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for. It is all the evidence required to prove what is still unseen.**

⁶ And **without faith living within us it would be impossible to please God. For we come to God in faith knowing that he is real** and that he rewards the faith of those who passionately seek him.

⁷ **Faith opened Noah's heart to receive revelation and warnings from God about what was coming, even things that had never been seen.** But he stepped out in reverent obedience to God and built an ark that would save him and his family. By his faith the world was condemned, but Noah received God's gift of righteousness that comes by believing.

- Expect that God has a plan, and He is working His plan, even if you do not understand or comprehend it.

Isaiah 29.14 NKJV

¹⁴ **Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,**

And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.

Job 5.8-14 The Message

If I were in your shoes, I'd go straight to God,
I'd throw myself on the mercy of God.

**After all, he's famous for great and unexpected acts;
there's no end to his surprises.**

He gives rain, for instance, across the wide earth,
sends water to irrigate the fields.

He raises up the down-and-out,
gives firm footing to those sinking in grief.

He aborts the schemes of conniving crooks,
so that none of their plots come to term.

He catches the know-it-alls in their conspiracies—
all that intricate intrigue swept out with the trash!

Suddenly they're disoriented, plunged into darkness;
they can't see to put one foot in front of the other.

Genesis 45.7 TPT

⁷ God sent me ahead of you to ensure that you would live and have descendants. **He has saved your lives through this marvelous act of deliverance.**

- This story is a demonstration of the great and marvelous things that God does to watch after His Word to perform it.
- This is Joseph talking to his brothers. God worked a marvelous act of deliverance for a nation through Joseph being sold into slavery.
- God is a covenant keeping God. How Joseph was used is demonstration of God keeping the covenant He had made with Abraham.
- God knew the beginning from the end. And He worked things together in great and marvelous ways that kept His promises.
- He watches after His word to perform it in marvelous and wonderful ways. He is doing that today.

Psalms 118.22-24 NKJV

²² The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

- Jesus quotes this scripture.
- God's ways are not our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. He does not follow human logic. We cannot figure out or guess what God will do. God is Spirit and those who worship Him, those who wait upon the Lord, those who call out to the Lord must worship Him in spirit and truth.
- These are days of awe as we see the marvelous acts of what God is doing in the nations – surpassing extraordinary action!

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Father, we marvel at Your mysteries that are too amazing to unravel. Your words are living miracles that demonstrate Your sovereign ways. The glory of your splendor is our strength, and your marvelous favor makes us even stronger and more resilient in our faith. You alone are God! The Name of the Lord is blessed and lifted high! We marvel at Your goodness as you protected our Nation when we were overwhelmed by our enemies. These are extraordinary days. This time, this new era belongs to You and not the devil. We resist the lies, manipulation, and demonic structures that are pressing against us and our families and even our City. We take our stand in the Lord. We decree that satan's ability to devour and destroy our City, our Nation, and our families will no longer be successful. We speak to his door of access and command it to close! We decree that people in government and business will no longer feed our City and our Nation to the dragon through sins, compromise, and unholy alliances. We decree that evil will be exposed, their funds dry up, and their influence will end. **So, lift up your head O you gate called Detroit and you gate called Michigan – the King of Glory is here to battle for you in marvelous ways beyond your imagination!**