

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Engaging Wisdom At The Gates September 2, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

We are born of the incorruptible seed of Christ, and all things were made new – the old is gone. We have the DNA of Jesus on the inside of us. It's no wonder that if Satan would have understood that Jesus would be the first of many sons, he would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. 1 John 4 tells us that as He is, so are we. This is the wisdom of God in action. Through the blood covenant of the Cross we were redeemed. And we have been given power, authority, and dominion in the Name of Jesus. We need wisdom to apply the power and authority that we have been given. We need wisdom to advance and to build the new.

### Matthew 11.12, 19b TPT

<sup>12</sup> From the moment John stepped onto the scene until now, **the realm of heaven's kingdom is bursting forth, and passionate people have taken hold of its power.**

<sup>19</sup> But **God's wisdom will become visible by those who embrace it."**

Wisdom was with God at the beginning of creation. Wisdom accompanied God as He created the Heavens and the earth. Here we stand at the gates of the future. A future that is new to us – we have not been this way before. As we enter further into this new era we need wisdom – not the wisdom of the world but God's wisdom. We need to engage the wisdom of God at the gate; the place that leads to the future. Through wisdom we will learn new ways to succeed; the old ways no longer bring about the needed results. In scripture God tells us that His ways are higher than ours. It is through wisdom that God gives us understanding and knowledge of His ways. We can ask for wisdom and God will give it to us liberally.

### Proverbs 8.7-11, 27-29 NIV

<sup>7</sup> **My mouth speaks what is true,**  
for my lips detest wickedness.

<sup>8</sup> **All the words of my mouth are just;**  
none of them is crooked or perverse.

<sup>9</sup> To the discerning **all of them are right;**  
they are upright to those who have found knowledge.

<sup>10</sup> **Choose my instruction** instead of silver,  
**knowledge** rather than choice gold,

<sup>11</sup> for **wisdom is more precious than rubies,**  
and **nothing you desire can compare with her.**

<sup>27</sup> **I was there when he set the heavens in place,**  
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above  
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary  
so the waters would not overstep his command,  
and **when he marked out the foundations of the earth.**

### Proverbs 7.4 NIV

<sup>4</sup> **Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and to insight, "You are my relative."**

- This speaks of having a close relationship with wisdom – knowing who wisdom is.
- Isaiah 11.2 says that Jesus will have the Spirit of Wisdom rest on Him.
- 1 John 4 says that as Jesus is, so are we.

## **Ephesians 1.17** NIV

<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, **may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.**

- One of the purposes of the Spirit of Wisdom is to reveal Father God to you. Reveal to you His attributes, His ways, His goodness, His love, how He thinks, what pleases Him.
- Then you can discern what is of God and what is not – by the Spirit of Wisdom.

## **Job 12.13** NIV

<sup>13</sup> **To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.**

### **Chapter 1 of Proverbs reveals a few of the benefits of having wisdom:**

Wisdom is given by God **to empower you.**

Wisdom gives **revelation and impartation of spiritual understanding.**

Wisdom is **a key that unlocks** treasures of true understanding.

**Discipline** is a product of wisdom.

There is **wisdom for every relationship.**

Wisdom **brings maturity.**

Wisdom **reveals strategies.**

You will pass from darkness to **wisdom's light** by submission, awe, worship, and reverence of God.

Wisdom gives **insight for success** through God-inspired thoughts (1 Cor 2).

Wisdom **will warn you**, if you stop to listen.

**Stubbornness opposes wisdom.**

Wisdom **brings correction.**

**Listen to wisdom and live in undisturbed peace, free from fear, confident and courageous.**

Wisdom is **a shelter from the storms of life.**

## **Proverbs 4.5-9** NIV

<sup>5</sup> **Get wisdom, get understanding;  
do not forget my words or turn away from them.**

<sup>6</sup> **Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;  
love her, and she will watch over you.**

<sup>7</sup> **The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.**

Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

<sup>8</sup> **Cherish her**, and she will exalt you;  
**embrace her**, and she will honor you.

<sup>9</sup> **She will give you a garland to grace your head  
and present you with a glorious crown."**

- Instructions on how to engage with wisdom and how to receive the benefits of wisdom.
- Wisdom awakens perception so we can accurately discern and respond in life.
- Knowing wisdom brings peace. As Psalms tells us to be still and know God, that is how you engage or entangle with wisdom. Be still. Listen.
- How I engage wisdom. Getting wisdom is not passive; it is active.

### **PRAYER AND DECLARATION:**

Father God, as we stand at the gates of Detroit, we ask for Your wisdom. Wisdom to build and wisdom to uproot. Wisdom to know Your ways and align with You. Wisdom that reveals Your strategies, instruction, and empowers you.

We speak the wisdom of God into our City and State, our communities and families, our homes and places of business. We declare to you Detroit, do not forsake the wisdom of God, she will protect you. The wisdom of God is your architect for the future. To every household and people group, we say embrace the wisdom of God. Listen to the wisdom of God and live free from fear. The wisdom of God carries a dimension of energy and that energy is the grace of God. It is not by man's might or power but **by the Spirit of the Lord we thrive.**