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Fullness of Love September 12, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

This is a season and time of fullness. There is a fullness of love that God desires to pour out into the earth through His body, pouring this love over the cities and nations of the earth. We are approaching a time when God Almighty will divide the goat nations from the sheep nations. The love of God creates an atmosphere that births sheep nations. God's love brings hope and life to the people and the land. His love carries His blessing. Through His prophets, God has been exhorting His people to be filled with His love, walking in His love, speaking His love and releasing His love. However, the climate of the earth has been filled with great fear and out of this fear deep hatred has been released. Fear and hatred carry strife and divisiveness causing isolation of people. Life does not flow and hope is not found in this kind of atmosphere. Cities and people groups suffer under clouds of oppression. Right now there is great fear of weather patterns, political beliefs, different people groups, terrorism, the environment and more. Each one of these places is a boiling pot of hatred being released into cities and nations.

The Lord has asked us, His people, to rise above the fray of the divisiveness of fear and hatred and be filled with love. There is a fullness of love that He wants to pour out on the earth right now. We are to be the vessels that would carry and release this great love. God so loves the world, the earth itself, the cities and the nations, the people groups that He gives His amazing love – the earth is groaning for the manifest Sons of God to arise, take their place and bring heaven into the earth.

1 John 4.13-18

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that **the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.**

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ **We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.** ¹⁷ By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,** because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

- We abide in God and He is in us – Christ in us the hope of glory. This glory carries love that is to be poured out on the earth and on the people.
- Jesus brought deliverance to the world. Deliverance from the domain of darkness into His marvelous light. Deliverance from evil that carries hatred, fear, corruption, death, violence and oppression.
- As children of God, we know God's great love. God is love. His substance is love. He moves in love, speaks in love and sees through love. Love that covers a multitude of sin (the lie of the devil is that our sin or the sin of a nation is too great to receive God's love).
- There is no fear in love. Every place of fear in our thoughts or emotions is not from God. Fear says that this circumstance is greater than God. Fear says that deliverance is not possible. Fear says that God can't work things to the good and for His purposes. Fear births hatred.



Isaiah 56.6-7 NIV

⁶ And foreigners **who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him,**

to love the name of the LORD,

and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it

and who hold fast to my covenant—

⁷ **these I will bring to my holy mountain**

and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;

for my house will be called

a house of prayer for all nations.”

- We, who bind ourselves to the Lord, calling Him our God and Father, who believe Him and receive His words as truth and who worship Him with all of our heart – we belong to Him.
- God brings us to His holy mountain – the mountain of the Lord that is higher than any other mountain. Psalm 24 says that only those that have clean hands and a pure heart that do not worship any idol or swear to what is false can ascend the mountain of God. We ascend the mountain of God by His grace and provision – it is a place of ruling and reigning.
- Psalm 110 says that the scepter of God is extended from Zion – it is from this place that God will judge nations.
- God’s people are to be a house of prayer for all nations. We are the ones who speak life to the cities and nations, pouring out God’s love and His truth into the earth.
- In the beginning God gave authority to Adam and Eve and charged them to watch over the land and to work the land, making the land productive. Cities and nations that are bound by evil, hatred and fear cannot produce what God called them to produce. The land is bound and held captive. The land cannot be used to release blessing and life.



Exodus 32.9-18 NIV

⁹ “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ **Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”**

¹¹ **But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God.** “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” ¹⁴ Then **the LORD relented** and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷ **When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”**

¹⁸ **Moses replied:**

“It is not the sound of victory,

it is not the sound of defeat;

it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

- There is a sound that comes from a city and from a nation. When idolatry reigns the sound that comes forth is the sound of defeat, it is the sound of fear, it is the sound of death.

- The nation of Israel feared that Moses was dead and that they had no one to lead them into the next. They did not call on God or believe in His name. They removed their restraints and opened the door to destruction.
- The assignment of God burned inside of Moses, even with the great evil that the nation had committed Moses stood in the gap for that nation. The love of God for this nation so filled Moses' heart that he poured the sound of love over the sound of evil.
- Good overcomes evil. Life overcomes death. This only happens through the love of God being shed abroad in our hearts so that we love what God loves and hate what God hates. Then we can rule and reign with Him in righteousness and not in a personal agenda. The doors to the pressure and whims of culture and politics are locked shut – we are not conduits of fear and hatred.

Ephesians 3.16-19 NIV

¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may **strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,** ¹⁷so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.** And I pray that you, being **rooted and established in love,** ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to **grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,** ¹⁹and to **know this love that**



surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

- We need strength in our inner being by the power of Holy Spirit to be expanded in our inner man so that God can pour into our hearts the full measure of Himself for this time and season.
- We are being made into a new wine skin to hold the new wine – the fullness of that wine. The fragrance, the depth of flavor, the richness, the viscosity, the freshness of the new.
- God wants to fill us with His fullness so that we can pour out the fullness of His love on our city.
- His love activates and empowers His purposes bringing life and hope and releasing the sound of heaven – the sound of abundant life and fruition of purpose.

The Lord spoke to Joshua and said that everywhere the sole of his foot treads or walks is his. God has put our feet here in Detroit, in Michigan, in the nation of the United States of America. God loves Detroit and this nation. We are here to pour out His love upon our city. This city and this nation are to be counted as a sheep nation, aligning to God and His sound, receiving His life and light. We are here to possess the land and facilitate this great city's productivity. Detroit is a city of creativity and witty inventions that will bless the whole earth. Detroit is a model and prototype city – a firstfruit land that must be bathed in the love of God.

In the book of 1 John we are told that God lavishes His love upon us – we are to lavish the love of God on our city and our nation. This is part of bringing heaven into the earth – it is part of God's kingdom come in our city. For out of Detroit will come a sound that will go into all of the nations of the earth. We speak to Detroit and say, open wide Detroit and receive the love of God. You are not a hated city but a city that is loved. We decree that out of Detroit comes a righteous sound that carries the love of God. IN the substance of the fullness of the love of God is transformation; the ability to be formed into the new. As we pour out the love of God on our city and nation God will bring transformation.