

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Exalt the Lord
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Exaltation

- To hold in high regard, reverence.
- To be in awe.
- Honor.
- Ascribe glory.
- Lift up.
- To elevate by praise.
- To hold up as the highest of all.

Exalting God comes from the core of our being; the depths of our heart. It is accompanied with great desire and a deep longing. It is an attitude of the heart that is birthed out of love. It is not something that can be forced or faked. Exaltation is the highest worship of God Almighty. There are no thoughts of self or the to-do list, your mind, emotions and full attention are riveted on God Himself – nothing else matters or is important in that moment. You are giving EVERYTHING to Him who is worthy. This is ascribing glory and honor to His name and to Him.

Holy Spirit has been calling us and leading us into the deep and deeper still. The deep is a place of great intimacy; it is a place where we encounter God in new ways as we see Him as we have never seen Him before. These encounters set new boundaries and redefine our thinking and our relationship with God. The sound of exalting God LIFTS; exalting God is the fruit of seeing God HIGH and LIFTED UP. As we see the Lord through the revealing of Holy Spirit there is impact in our city and nation. While exalting the Lord is a deep and personal encounter it has ramifications on our city, the nation, the land and the peoples of the land. God becomes enthroned over the city as His people worship and exalt Him. The sound of our city, the atmosphere and the environment become charged with the presence of God as He is exalted!

Prophetically, Holy Spirit is leading us into a place of deep encounter where the response is an organic release of deep exaltation. This is a holy and sovereign place and the sound that comes out of this place penetrates our city bringing light and life into the communities of our city, into households and institutions.

Psalm 34.3 NASB

O magnify the LORD with me, And **let us exalt His name together.**



Psalm 46.10 NASB

Cease *striving* [other translations say, "Be still"] and **know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

- To cease striving or be still means to quit trying to do things in your own strength, timing and by your own efforts.
- Let God arise in our exaltation of Him and His enemies will be scattered.
- KNOW that He alone is God. This word "know" means to ascertain by seeing.
 - In Isaiah 6, the prophet Isaiah SAW the Lord high and lifted up (exalted). This encounter redefined and set new boundaries by the Spirit of God for Isaiah. The whole nation was impacted from this encounter.
 - Later in the book of Isaiah the most sovereign of all recorded prophecies were released where the Lord describes Himself and His purposes and His ability to accomplish that which He desires in the land, nations, cities and people groups.



Isaiah 25.1 NIV reworted for Detroit

**LORD, you are the God of this city,
for the church in Detroit sees you high and lifted up;
Detroit will exalt you and praise your name,**
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.



Isaiah 12.2-5 NIV reworted for Detroit

**² Surely God is Detroit's salvation;
Detroit will trust and not be afraid.**

The LORD, the LORD himself, is Detroit's strength and defense;
he has become the salvation of the city.

³ With joy Detroit will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

**⁴ In that day Detroit, you will say:
"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.**

Isaiah 33.10 NIV

**"Now will I arise," says the LORD.
"Now will I be exalted;
now will I be lifted up".**

Psalm 57.5 TPT

Lord God, be exalted as you soar throughout the heavens.

May your shining glory be seen in the skies!

Let it be seen high above over all the earth!

- Detroit declares the glory of the Lord as the city exalts the name of Jesus!
- The nations belong to the Lord, the peoples and the cities.
- God Almighty has risen up in Detroit!

Psalm 89.16 TPT reworded for Detroit

Detroit can do nothing but leap for joy all day long, for Detroit knows who you are and what you do, and **this city exalts you on high.**

Psalm 97.9 TPT

For you are King-God, the Most High God over all the earth. **You are exalted above every supernatural power!**

Psalm 107.32 TPT

Let's exalt him on high and lift up our praises in public; let all the people and the leaders of the nation know how great and wonderful is Yahweh, our God!

Exalt the Lord!

