

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

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As Believers in Christ Jesus we are made LIVING GATEWAYS to the King of Glory. We are gatekeepers. We open the gate for God's kingdom to enter and close the gate to the enemy. We set our minds on things above. We are free to hear the movement of God and the shifting of the heavens. The battle belongs to the Lord. He extends His scepter from Zion saying, "Rule in the midst of your enemies!" We stand as gatekeepers and living gateways of victory.

In the old season there was a thought that our mind was the battleground. Our mind is not a battleground! 1 Corinthians 2.16, says "...but we have the mind of Christ." We have the mind of Christ – that is NOT a battleground! When we were born again EVERYTHING became new. EVERYTHING is under the blood of Jesus. EVERYTHING is redeemed. Nothing is a battleground in us! We surrender all to Jesus. We were given a new mind – not a battleground! Not a mind that wavers or is indecisive. We do not fight our thoughts. We bring every thought captive making them obedient to Christ. We choose to fix our thoughts on the WORD of GOD. We speak to ourselves and those around us in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

Romans 12.1-2 says that as we offer our worship to our God and King, as we adore Him and gaze at His beauty, when love for Him overwhelms our heart as we continually offer ourselves as living sacrifices to Him, then our mind is renewed. EACH TIME, the WORD says that our mind is renewed. This is not a battleground mind! This is a mind fixed, formed and filled by the Spirit of God. Our mind is empowered to action. Our mind is formed and positioned to hear the voice of Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 10 tells us to take every thought captive and subject that thought to truth. Jesus said I am the TRUTH. He is the LIVING WORD. This is not the picture of a battleground but the picture of total dominance and victory. Lies are demolished. I do not make myself a battleground. I have been made the temple of the Living God. We give no place to a battleground inside of us where Satan has access to come in and fight. The enemy has been eternally defeated and publically humiliated – stripped of everything. We are led in triumphant procession in Christ. In this place of triumph the devil smells his death and stands powerless forever defeated. The work of the cross is complete and finished!

Romans 7.25 TPT

²⁵ I give all my thanks to God, for his mighty power has finally provided a way out through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One! So **if left to myself, the flesh is aligned with the law of sin, but now my renewed mind is fixed on and submitted to God's righteous principles.**

Romans 12.1-2 TPT

¹ Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to **surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.**

² Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but **be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will** as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

Psalm 24.7-8 TPT

⁷ **So wake up, you living gateways!**

Lift up your heads, you ageless doors of destiny!

Welcome the King of Glory,

for he is about to come through you.

⁸ You ask, "Who is this Glory-King?"

**The Lord, armed and ready for battle,
the Mighty One, invincible in every way!**

Psalm 24.1 TPT

¹ **God claims the world as his. Everything and everyone belongs to him!**

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. Ownership is settled. Everything belongs to the Lord. In Jeremiah 7 the Lord says to not trust in deceptive words that are worthless. We put our trust in the Lord and the words that come from His mouth. We are LIVING GATEWAYS of God's kingdom come. We open the doors and welcome the King of Glory into our lives, our family, our city and nation. He is the LORD OF VICTORY LOCKED and LOADED for battle – the INVINCIBLE COMMANDER of heaven's hosts! And He fights the battles – with a melody – with a sound that melts the enemy like wax!

We open the gate for Your glory to come into Detroit and Michigan in a greater way. Demonstrate Your glory to the nations from our land. Lead Detroit and Michigan, O Lord, in Your righteousness. Turn the hearts of our leaders, those people of influence, to righteousness. For the Lord is righteous. He loves justice; upright men will see His face. To this city and state we say, "Trust in the unfailing love of God." God is present in the company of the righteous. For God will make known to you the path of life as you seek His righteousness. Call on the Lord, Detroit and Michigan, for He will answer you. Give ear to His voice and consider your ways.

Declaring Psalm 19.7-11 over our city and state and nation,

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.