

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Holiness and the Jurisdiction of Heaven

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### Prophetic word from Suzi Armstrong:

*Stay alert! Keep your focus on Me and your ear tuned to My voice. I will share secrets with you, insight into My timing and give you understanding of mysteries that I am unraveling in these days of wonder and awe. This is not an ordinary time – I am doing extraordinary things in the Heavens and in the earth. You will not be able to see what I am doing through the eyes of your mind and reasoning, nor will analysis be the lens into the realm I am operating in. I am holy and I operate in holiness. I am set apart from culture and the ways of the world systems. I am not under the influences or mandates of darkness.*

*My nature and My Name are in you. I have set you apart even as I am set apart. Do not be afraid for I am with you, and I have put My holiness in you. Enter deeper through the door of holiness in this time. Do not hesitate or turn back. Through you I will make known My manifold wisdom to the principalities and powers in the Heavenly realms.*

### Psalm 99.1-3, 9 NIV

**<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.** <sup>2</sup> Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

**<sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.**

- Our God reigns in holiness.
- Holy in Hebrew is 'kawdoshe'. Set apart. Nothing can be compared. There is no corruption or mixture that can be found in holiness. Holiness is pure, especially in reference to righteousness.
- God is set apart and set above all else – pure, sinless, upright, free from everything that is false.
- Holiness is pure brilliant light.
- When they encountered God, Moses and Joshua were told to take their shoes off because the ground was holy. The people and animals at Sinai were forbidden to touch the mountain of God when His holy presence was on it.
- The holiness of God carries dominion and the jurisdiction of Heaven. It defines and sets boundaries that have legal standing. The Heavens and the earth belong to God.

### John 1.5 AMP

**<sup>5</sup> The Light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness did not understand it or overpower it or appropriate it or absorb it [and is unreceptive to it].**

- The light of God is filled with His holiness.
- Darkness cannot receive or comprehend the holiness of God. Darkness opposes God's holiness.

The holiness of God sets boundaries. To be set apart means that you are not part of the boundaries that define things that are not holy. There are boundaries and lines of demarcation that are drawn in the spirit realm that come from the holiness of God. This is part of the jurisdiction of Heaven. Jurisdiction is the power or right of exercising the authority to govern, to declare or apply the law of God. Scripture is clear in Colossians – all things in Heaven and earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him. All things are within the jurisdiction of Heaven. Everything that God has made belongs to Him.

God is Holy. The essence of His being is filled with holiness. Holiness surrounds Him, His holiness is visible and perceptible. All of Heaven cries holy, holy, holy to God and to the Lamb.

- He is set apart.
- Creation can't and doesn't contain Him.
- God is above, beyond, and outside of all else.
- The substance of His holy being is light and life and glory.
- Nothing can touch it. He gives it, but you can't touch it.
- It causes awe in your heart as the reality of our Holy God becomes visible and known.

### Isaiah 6

- Isaiah encountered the holiness of God; his lips were cleansed. There was an impartation of holiness and new boundaries were set.
- The jurisdiction of Heaven that Isaiah carried was greatly increased after his encounter with the holiness of God.

### Romans 1.1, 4 TPT

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a loving and loyal servant of the Anointed One, Jesus. He called me to be his apostle and **set me apart...**

<sup>4</sup> but as the mighty Son of God he was **raised from the dead and miraculously set apart** with a display of triumphant power supplied by the Spirit of Holiness.

- The Greek word for set apart comes from horizo, meaning the horizon. It means to mark out the boundaries, to decree or to define – footnote in TPT.
- Prophetically the horizon would be a picture of the infinite and unending holiness of God, and at the same time refers to the jurisdiction of Heaven. Everything is under the jurisdiction of Heaven.
- The holiness of God is part of the jurisdiction of Heaven. The holiness of God carries legal standing.

### Colossians 1.21-23 TPT

...He reconnected you back to Himself...so that you would dwell in His presence...**there is nothing between you and Father God, for He sees you as holy, flawless and restored...**

...continue to advance in faith, assured of a firm foundation to grow upon. Never be shaken from the hope of the gospel...

### 1 Peter 2.9-10 NIV

<sup>9</sup> But you are **a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation**, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> **Once you were not a people, but now you are** the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- To all His chosen ones in Detroit – you have been divinely summoned to be holy.
- Once you were not the people – but now you are the people! You are set apart to declare the jurisdiction of Heaven in Detroit and Michigan as a holy nation and a holy people.

### DECLARATION:

**With boldness we declare to Detroit that God is holy, and the jurisdiction of Heaven is over this City and the land.** The mighty dunamis power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in our City, in this neighborhood, and in neighborhoods throughout this great City. For we have heard the testimony of Jesus ringing across this land. Miracles, signs and wonders are taking place because the pure word of the Gospel has gone into this City and land. **The Kingdom of God is at hand, Detroit – it is here and it is NOW!** Your sorrows, Detroit, are being turned into joy. The days are here, Detroit, "...when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from the hills...I will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them...says the Lord your God." (Amos 9.13-15). The One who is Holy and has all authority holds Detroit in His hand. **Detroit belongs to the Lord, for He is holy!**