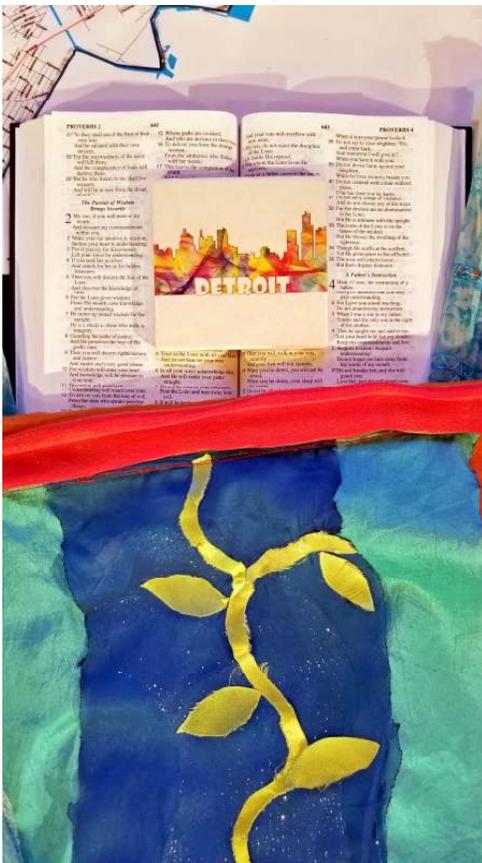


# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Blessing & Promise August 21, 2018 Suzi Armstrong

God speaks His prophetic word over us, over cities & nations and over the earth. We have a promised future and attached to our future is the blessing of God. The prophetic word forms the future God has for us. God gives revelation knowledge and understanding so we can see His promise and choose to believe. Faith connects us to the promise of God. We believe in our heart and confess with our mouth. Our confession reiterates the promise of God and builds faith (faith comes by hearing). Right now God is accelerating us into our promised future – His promise is over our lives and over our city.



Blessing is defined as to be well off; fortunate; prosperous. Ephesians 1.3 tells us that we are blessed with EVERY spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.

A promise is assurance of a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen. A declaration of what will be done. This gives place for expectation of the promise. We lay hold of the promises of God by believing them. In Luke 1 Mary said, "Let it be done unto me according to your word [or promise]". Mary believed the promise of God. She pondered the promise of God in her heart. We cultivate great expectation in our hearts as we think on the promises of God.

### 2 Corinthians 1.20-22 NIV

<sup>20</sup> **For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.** And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. <sup>21</sup> Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

- God keeps His promises. He watches over His promises to perform them.
- When we declare God's kingdom come and His will be done we are taking hold of His promise and His blessing in agreement with what He has spoken and provided.

### Genesis 28.14-16 NIV

<sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

<sup>15</sup> **I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.** <sup>16</sup> When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it."

### Psalms 145.13 NIV

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. **The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.**

To Detroit we declare that your blessings are rooted in the promises of God. Detroit, you are in the midst of being revived as a city and land. The promise of God is over you releasing blessing. Life has been breathed back into this great city. The dry bones of Detroit are coming together and rising up as a demonstration and testimony to the nations that God's promises are true. Detroit you are a city of influence and as Detroit goes so will go the nation. You are a land of creativity and inventiveness. You are a city and land blessed of the Lord. Detroit, a new expression is rising out of you – a new hope, a new vision, a new declaration, new life. God has intervened on your behalf Detroit, and set you on a new course of prosperity. **Be strong Detroit.** Stand firm in the promises of God that are manifesting in you. Do not turn to the left or to the right but keep your face turned to the Lord. **Detroit, this is your time to rise up in your God-given destiny and advance.**

**Proverbs 2.1-22** NIV reworded for Detroit

<sup>1</sup> **Detroit**, if you **accept My words**  
and store up My commands within you,  
<sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom  
and applying your heart to understanding—  
<sup>3</sup> indeed Detroit, if you call out for insight  
and cry aloud for understanding,  
<sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasure,  
<sup>5</sup> then you will **understand the fear of the LORD**  
**and find the knowledge of God.**

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom to Detroit;  
from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

<sup>7</sup> **He holds success in store for this city,**  
He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,

<sup>8</sup> for **He guards the city**  
and protects the way of his faithful ones.

<sup>9</sup> Then Detroit, you will understand what is right and just  
and fair—every good path.

<sup>10</sup> For **wisdom will enter your heart,**  
**and knowledge will be pleasant to you Detroit.**

<sup>11</sup> Discretion will protect you,  
and understanding will guard you.

<sup>12</sup> Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men Detroit,  
from men whose words are perverse,

<sup>13</sup> who have left the straight paths  
to walk in dark ways,

<sup>14</sup> who delight in doing wrong  
and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,

<sup>15</sup> whose paths are crooked  
and who are devious in their ways.

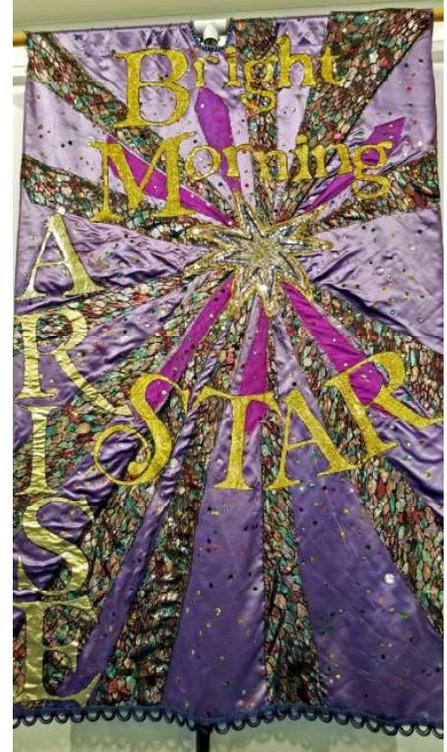
<sup>16</sup> Detroit, wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman,  
from the wayward woman with her seductive words,

<sup>17</sup> who has left the partner of her youth  
and ignored the covenant she made before God.

<sup>18</sup> Surely her house leads down to death  
and her paths to the spirits of the dead.

<sup>19</sup> None who go to her return  
or attain the paths of life.

<sup>20</sup> **Detroit, you will walk in the ways of the good**  
**and keep to the paths of the righteous.**



<sup>21</sup> **For the land of Detroit will be blessed,  
and the blameless will remain in it;**  
<sup>22</sup> **but the wicked will be cut off from the land,  
and the unfaithful will be torn from it.**

The Lord says to Detroit, **"I am your provision to GO BEYOND** your cycle of defeat. My promises go before you and break open the way to your promised future. Open your eyes Detroit and **SEE** that I have given you **FRESH wisdom and knowledge**, not to master the old but for a new wine skin. **Walk in the NEW."**

