

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

The Government of Worship March 4, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

1 Chronicles 29.11-12 NIV

¹¹ Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Psalm 96.5-10a NIV

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ **Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

⁹ **Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.**

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."**

The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved.

- Ascribe is to give, to provide, and surrender admiration and approval.
- To recognize the source or the Giver of life itself and Creator of All with words and expressions of honor.
- It is an act of the heart, not the mind – to see, understand and acknowledge that God is God alone.
- Coming into agreement with all that God has done. This is worship. This is thankfulness.
 - Out of worship and thankfulness come declarations of God's glory, majesty, splendor and His character traits of goodness, justice, righteousness, holiness, and more.
 - His throne is founded upon righteousness and justice. God is enthroned in our worship and His government is established in our lives.
 - **Psalm 36.6 NIV** ⁶ **Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.**

Romans 12.1-2 NASB

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.** ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

- True worship comes from the heart and enthrones God and His government in your life.
- We are not to be conformed to this world, meaning we do not let the systems of the world govern our thoughts, attitudes and beliefs.
- It is by the mercy of God that we can present ourselves in worship to Him.
- Worship is the only right response to God.
- There is an acceptable sound of worship.
 - Cain's offering of worship was not acceptable.
 - **Genesis 4.4-5 NIV**

⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

- Do not be conformed to this world – do not fashion yourself in your mind and your character to a government that is not from God. We were created by God in His image. He wants us to be conformed to Him – to carry His government in us.

Psalm 65.5-6 TPT

⁵ You answer our prayers with amazing wonders and with **awe-inspiring displays of power**. You are the righteous God who helps us like a father.

Everyone everywhere looks to you, for you are the confidence of all the earth [Detroit], even to the farthest islands of the sea.

⁶ **What jaw-dropping, astounding power is yours! You are the mountain maker who sets them all in place.**

1 Chronicles 16.8 NIV

⁸ **Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;** make known among the nations what he has done.

Our declaration over Detroit and over Michigan is worship. We are ascribing glory and honor to God. Ascribe means to give credit. We give credit to God for His wondrous works, His loving-kindness, His strength, might, and power. All dominion is His. We welcome and embrace the government of God in our City and State.

Worship is a verb – meaning it is an action word. It is motivated by a desire to honor where honor is due. Worship is an attitude and activity that releases a frequency in the atmosphere that is the same frequency as in Heaven. Worshipping God creates an environment that facilitates life, peace, and hope. Worshipping God releases His government.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Psalm 96.2-10 TPT

²⁻³ Don't stop! Keep on singing! Make his name famous *in Detroit and in Michigan!*

Tell everyone *in Detroit and Michigan* every day how wonderful he is.

Give them the good news of our great Savior.

Take the message of his glory and miracles to every nation.

Tell them about all the amazing things he has done.

⁴ For the Lord's greatness is beyond description, and he deserves all the praise that comes to him. He is our King-God, and it's right to be in holy awe of him.

⁵ Other gods are absolutely worthless.

For the Lord God is Creator-God, who spread the splendor of the skies!

⁶ Breathtaking brilliance and awe-inspiring majesty radiate from his shining presence.

His stunning beauty overwhelms all who come before him.

⁷ Surrender to the Lord Yahweh, *Detroit and Michigan*, all you nations and peoples. Surrender to him all your pride and strength.

⁸ Confess that Yahweh alone deserves all the glory and honor. Bring an offering and come celebrate in his courts.

⁹ Come worship the Lord God wearing the splendor of holiness. Let everyone wait in wonder as they tremble in awe before him.

¹⁰ Tell the nations plainly that Yahweh rules over all! He is doing a great job, and nothing will disrupt him, for he treats everyone fair and square.