

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Anointed With Holy Spirit and Power September 19, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

### Acts 10.37-38 NIV

<sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power**, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

As it is with Jesus, so it is with us who believe. The anointing that comes from God is powerful and real. It is representative of God's favor and presence in your life. The anointing of God is filled with strength – strength to endure and strength to finish, strength to overcome and strength that leads to victory! You are anointed of God! Empowered and enabled by the explosive power that only comes from God, to go about doing good, releasing healing and deliverance to those who are oppressed.

God's anointing is His burden-removing and yoke-breaking power! It is what empowers you to function supernaturally – enabling you to do supernatural things. The anointing of God saturates you with strength to run the race and finish strong. The anointing is a barrier between you and the forces of evil. The word "Messiah" translates as the "anointed one". The anointing of God is on the inside of us – Christ in us the hope of glory. We were anointed with the Holy Spirit and power when we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We don't seek more anointing – we seek more relationship and intimacy with Jesus and Holy Spirit and that produces a greater anointing. Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God – come a little closer and stay a little longer for more! God's anointing and the work it does is not mysterious or elusive; it is the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit.

### Isaiah 10.27 KJV

<sup>27</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

- The yoke of satan is heavy, overwhelming, and depleting of energy, desire, and hope for the future. It leaves a sense of doom and gloom in your heart and emotions. It is restrictive and laborious.
- A yoke of satan can be mental, emotional, or physical (such as sickness or disease). This yoke has an element of distress and despair – it makes you want to give up and give in.
- The anointing we carry through Christ utterly destroys the yoke of satan.
- He whom the Son, Jesus, sets free is free indeed. Every yoke was completely removed. No longer in bondage to sin or the accuser of the brethren.

Do not be afraid of the anointing of God. The spirit of religion has made the anointing of God unrelatable and unreceivable to some. God gives us an anointing that comes from Him and is full of His power. The anointing of God is part of His provision. It is an offensive and defensive weapon that we need. In the anointing of God, our victory is secured, and we can release the anointing of God!

### 1 John 2.20, 27 NIV

<sup>20</sup> But **you have an anointing from the Holy One**, and all of you know the truth.

<sup>27</sup> As for you, **the anointing you received from him remains in you**, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit— just as it has taught you, remain in him.

### **Psalm 23.4-5** TPT

<sup>4</sup> Lord, even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for you already have!

You remain close to me and lead me through it all the way.

**Your authority is my strength and my peace.**

The comfort of **your love takes away my fear.**

I'll never be lonely, for you are near.

<sup>5</sup> You become my delicious feast even when my enemies dare to fight.

**You anoint me with the fragrance of your Holy Spirit;  
you give me all I can drink of you until my heart overflows.**

### **Psalm 92.10** TPT

<sup>10</sup> **Your anointing has made me strong and mighty.**

**You've empowered my life for triumph** by pouring fresh oil over me.

### **Galatians 3.27** TPT

<sup>27</sup> It was faith that immersed you into Jesus, the Anointed One, and now **you are covered and clothed with his anointing.**

### **Psalm 20.6-7** NIV

<sup>6</sup> Now this I know: **The LORD gives victory to his anointed.** He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with **the victorious power of his right hand.** <sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

- We are marked in both the natural realm and the invisible realm by God's anointing.
- When Jacob woke up from his dream where he saw the angles of God descending and ascending into Heaven, Jacob anointed the stone on which he slept with oil.
  - Jacob called that place the House of God – a place where Heaven and earth are one.
  - We, too, are a place where Heaven and earth are one – none other than the house of God.
  - Not only are we carriers of the anointing of God but we can also release the anointing of God.

### **PRAYER AND DECLARATION:**

**To Detroit, in the name of Jesus we prophesy the word of the Lord over you:**

**Deuteronomy 8.3** NASB Reworded

<sup>3</sup> God humbled you, Detroit, and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that you, **Detroit, will not live by bread alone, but you will live by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.**

**2 Timothy 1.12b-13** NKJV Reworded

...nevertheless **Detroit, do not be ashamed, but know whom you have believed and be persuaded that He is able** to keep what you have committed to Him until that Day.

<sup>13</sup> **Hold fast Detroit, to the pattern of sound words which you have heard from God.**

**Hebrews 10.35-39** NKJV Reworded

<sup>35</sup> Therefore **Detroit, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.**

<sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

<sup>37</sup> "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

<sup>38</sup> Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

<sup>39</sup> **But Detroit, you are not of those who draw back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and are saved.**