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Release The Sound of Holiness August 12, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

Exodus 15.11 EXB (Expanded Bible)

¹¹ "Are there any gods like you [Who is like you among the gods], LORD? There are no gods [Who is...?] like you. You are wonderfully holy [splendid/majestic in holiness], amazingly powerful [awesome in power], a worker of miracles [doing wonders].

Revelation 4.8-11 EXB

⁸ Each of these four living creatures had six wings and was covered all over with eyes [full of eyes], inside and out. **Day and night they never stop [rest from] saying:**

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty [All-powerful].

He was, he is, and he is coming."

⁹ [Whenever] These living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the One who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever. ¹⁰ Then **the twenty-four elders bow down before the One who sits on the throne,** and they worship him who lives forever and ever. They put their crowns down [cast/lay their crowns;] before the throne and say:

¹¹ "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power [strength], because you made all things. Everything existed and was made, because you wanted it [by your will]."

Our God is holy, pure, and set apart from everything that is corruptible. The sound of holiness is power. It is sheer force that shakes and dismantles what is corrupt. The sound of holiness is pure and clear – it rings clear in the atmosphere. The sound of holiness fills and occupies the atmosphere and the environment; it penetrates the earth, confronting what is not holy.

The sound of holiness demands a response – it cannot be ignored. In Isaiah 6, the threshold or foundations shook and what was on the inside of Isaiah as a man was exposed, and he was undone. In Revelation, the twenty-four elders fell down – they could not stand in the reverberating power of the sound of holiness. Their response was worship, and they cast their crowns, all that they had was due to Him who was holy.

The sound of humility precedes the sound of holiness in our hearts. The sound of holiness is stirring in us and it is demanding a response. We are being shaken and what is not of God is being exposed so it can be consumed. God Himself makes us holy, and our response is to give everything to Him who sits on the throne and to worship. The power of holiness is causing us to be aligned to Almighty God in a greater way than ever before. We hear His voice more clearly. The fear of the Lord is resident in our hearts. The sound of holiness in us makes way for His sheer power to saturate us. We are becoming carriers of His holy presence and wherever we walk we carry the power of His holy presence into that place, into the environment, just like Jesus did.

Luke 10.17-20 EXB

- ¹⁷When the seventy-two came back, they were very happy [joyful] and said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed [submit to] us when we used your name [in your name]!"
- ¹⁸ Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Listen [Look; Behold], I have given you power [authority] to walk on [trample] snakes and scorpions, power that is greater than the enemy has [...and authority over all the power of the enemy]. So nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ But you should not be happy [rejoice] because the spirits obey [submit to] you but because your names are written [recorded] in heaven."
 - When we walk in holiness satan falls like lightning.
 - There is power in the Name and Blood of Jesus. That power is executed in holiness.

Deuteronomy 7.6 EXB

⁶ You are holy people who belong to the Lord your God. He has chosen you from all the people on earth to be his very own [as his treasured/special possession; Ex. 19.5].

2 Thessalonians 2.13 EXB

¹³ Brothers and sisters, whom the Lord loves, **God chose you from the beginning to be saved.** So we must [ought to] always thank God for you. **You are saved by the Spirit that makes you holy [sanctifying work of the Spirit] and by your faith in the truth.**

1 Thessalonians 5.22-24 EXB

- ²² and stay away from everything that is [every form/kind of] evil.
- ²³ Now may **God himself, the God of peace, make you holy in every way [sanctify you completely/through and through].** May your whole self—spirit, soul, and body—be kept faultless [blameless] when our Lord Jesus Christ comes. ²⁴ **The One who calls you is trustworthy [faithful], and he will do this [make this happen].**

Psalm 47.8 EXB

⁸ God is King over the nations. God sits on his holy throne.

Psalm 77.13 EXB

¹³ God, your ways are holy. No god [What god...?] is as great as our God.

Holiness is the foundation for God's mercy and justice. We open the gates of Detroit; we open the gates of our communities and our families to the holiness of God – to His unparalleled majesty and the might of His power. We welcome the work of God's holiness into our City and into our State.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We declare over Detroit and all the people and the land, God's ways are holy and righteous. Detroit, you are a City set apart for God.

We release the penetrating power of God's holiness into the foundations of our City. We declare that **Detroit belongs to the Lord!** By God's design, Detroit will fulfill its destiny and out of Detroit will be released the sound of holiness into the Nation. Detroit, you will feed on the word of the Lord and His presence will fill your streets. You will feast and be satisfied with the words God speaks over you. You will feed on His revelation truth. For God has broken the chains of desolation that once held you in captivity. New life is springing up in the City. Transformation is at work – you are a City in revival!

A new sound has risen in you Detroit, the sound of holiness and the sound of life, the sound of the blessing of the Lord.