

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Your Mission: Live As Children of Light February 11, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

Ephesians 5.8-13 NIV

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now **you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light** ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ **Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.**

¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But **everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.**

Romans 13.12 ESV

¹² **The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

There is an exposure that is going on and that exposure comes through the light shining in dark places. In those dark places, what was hidden and not seen is now being seen. Some of what is being seen is shocking. When light comes in and shines in the darkness – as when a light is turned on brightly when you have been asleep – what you see at first takes a moment to process. You will automatically blink a few times to bring into focus what is being seen so that it can be processed in your heart and mind. We are experiencing this in government as a new administration is shining a light in places that were not illuminated in the past.

The Lord is shining His light in the realm of revelation. Revelation light changes perception, understanding, and knowledge in the natural realm and in the spiritual realm. God has called us as sons and daughters of His light to be architects of the future by partnering with God. Holy Spirit continues to call us to arise and shine for our light has come. We have come into an era where light is dispelling darkness. We need the wisdom and discernment of God to know how to move and how to pioneer in this new place. The power of God has been activated in us to be doers, not hearers only. The doors of opportunity are wide open in front of us. Now is the time to build the future in our culture and in the church. Nations and neighbors, friends and strangers will come to your light. Look up! Look around! See what God sees. Do what He is doing! Open your heart and be flooded with the light of God – His revelation and wisdom, His creativity and building plans.

Psalms 36.9 TPT

⁹ The fountain of life flows from you to satisfy me. **In your light of holiness we receive the light of revelation.**

- As the light gets brighter the result is worship. Why? Because God is light and Him is no darkness.
- Psalm 96, Breathtaking brilliance and awe-inspiring majesty radiate from His shining presence.

Job 24.13 NIV

¹³ **“There are those who rebel against the light, who do not know its ways or stay in its paths.**

Psalms 44.3-4 NIV

³ It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and **the light of your face**, for you loved them.

⁴ You are my King and my God, **who decrees victories** for Jacob.

- We win the war through the Light of God. Light is revelation, wisdom, understanding & creativity.

Psalm 89.15 NIV

¹⁵ Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who **walk in the light of your presence, Lord.**

- The Greek word for light comes from a root word meaning to shine or to make manifest.

John 1.4, 8.12 NIV

⁴ **In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.**

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

- In the Book of John, 'light' was used primarily to convey the transformative power of Christ.
- In Strong's dictionary 'light' is defined as to reveal and impart life, to shine or make manifest.

From Dutch Sheets Give Him 15, February 7, 2025:

Perhaps one of the most shocking things occurring through President Trump's team is the exposure of the incredible waste and fraud in our government. As the astronomical dollar amounts are being released – numbering in the hundreds of billions, will no doubt end up being trillions – it is mind-numbing to hear the reports. It is also shocking to see the resistance to this...

It turns out much of the aid being sent to other nations, billions and billions of dollars, has been to fund terrorism, DEI, and other leftist ideologies. More exposure will be forth-coming when Patel and Bondi begin turning on the lights at the DOJ and FBI – no wonder the perpetrators are scurrying like rats and screaming like banshees. Our country has been led, off and on, by some very evil people in the last few decades...

What should our response to all of this? Continue to pray for the exposure of darkness and corruption. Pray that those making righteous changes are protected, make wise decisions, stay humble while maintaining boldness, remain pure of heart, and persevere. Bind the plans of darkness to oppose righteous leaders, confuse and deceive people, and stop the needed changes. As you pray, remember that this unfolding process to save America is two-fold: revival and reformation.

What happens in our government impacts everyone and everything. But there is more going on. Our mission is to live as children of the Light. In the Light the evidence of God abounds. Let there be a radical sound and testimony of worship that reverberates over our City and land. The presence of the Lord is here! His river runs in and through Detroit! Signs, wonders, miracles, salvation, deliverance, restoration, reformation, breakthrough, advancement, revival, and reformation are at work. The glory of the Lord is here! We are in a move of God!

Psalm 107.15-16 TPT

¹⁵ **So lift your hands and give thanks to God** for his marvelous kindness and for his miracles of mercy for those he loves! ¹⁶ **For he smashed through heavy prison doors and shattered the steel bars that held us back, just to set us free!**

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

The sound of freedom continues to ring over and out of Detroit. In freedom is the Light of Life, Jesus Christ! We speak Jesus over Detroit and Michigan, over Dearborn, Ann Arbor, over every community and person. We declare that Light is dispelling darkness. To Detroit we declare that the Light of God has the power to continually bring deliverance in the streets and communities of this City – deliverance to the structures and spheres of influence in this City. We speak to our City and say, "Receive and absorb the Light. Receive in your innermost core the testimony of Jesus. Be filled with the fragrance of life, hope and truth. Resound the sound of the King of Glory. Release into the Nations the sound of life and the Light of Truth." Detroit, soak in, be filled with, immersed in your God-given destiny and purpose. Detroit, you are a birthing center and a place where revival is emerging and going out. The words that God has spoken to you, Detroit, are filled with the power to accomplish His purposes and your destiny. Absorb, drink in, and be filled with His Light. Arise and shine Detroit for the glory of the Lord rises in you.