

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Words To Live By January 2, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

As we enter a New Year, there is a sense of the new. New opportunities. New resources. New relationships. New understanding. The sense of potential is palpable. New beginnings – the opportunity to start fresh. There is a wanting to know – what are the significant words for this New Year? What are the prophets saying for this New Year? What does the Lord have to say as we begin this New Year?

Prophetically it has been said this will be a year of war, a year of building, a year of open doors, a year of shaking, a year of challenges, a year of exposure, a year of understanding authority, a year to use your voice, a year of wonders and a year of acceleration. These words all resonate in my heart, and I believe that God is speaking these words for 2024. It is important to keep these words in mind so you can watch to hear what further revelation will be given to these words and what other words the Lord will speak that give us insight and understanding. What is the Lord speaking to you? What specific word? It is a year to stay alert to what God is speaking. Knowing what God is speaking helps us navigate the times. David said that the word God speaks is a light for his feet and a lamp on the path.

Proverbs 1.1 TPT

¹ Here are kingdom revelations, **words to live by**, and words of wisdom given to empower you to reign in life...

- Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.
- Words out of God's mouth are the words to live by in 2024.
- Words that will:
 - Break open understanding.
 - Give keys that unlock mysteries.
 - Give discipline.
 - Bring you into the fear of the Lord.
- Subsistence is the means by which we live. The words that God speaks are the truth and substance of reality.
- Before Christ, we drew our subsistence (the supply from which we live) from the world and the world systems. After Christ, we draw our subsistence from Christ. We live by His shed blood.

1 Corinthians 1.30 TPT

³⁰ For **it is not from man that we draw our life but from God** as we are being joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. And now he is our God-given wisdom, our virtue, our holiness, and our redemption.

1 Corinthians 2.15 TPT

¹⁵ **Those who live [draw their subsistence – the means of living] in the Spirit are able to carefully evaluate all things, and they are subject to the scrutiny of no one but God.**

Habakkuk 2.1-3 NIV

¹ I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

² Then the LORD replied: **"Write down the revelation and make it plain** on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, **wait for it**; It will certainly come and will not delay.

- Write it down – make it plain – run with it.

- According to the book of Jeremiah the word of the Lord can uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow, build and plant.

1 John 2.24 TPT

²⁴ **So you must be sure to keep the message burning in your hearts; that is, the message of life** you heard from the beginning. If you do, you will always be living in close fellowship with the Son and with the Father.

This year we will see things we have never seen before in the earth. We must lift our heads up to look at what God is doing and hear what He is saying. He will show us His mighty outstretched arm. We must know where our help comes from or we will be swept into a swirl of confusion and deception. The words God speaks are anchors in our heart and in our lives. God is training us to live with our eyes **FIXED** on Jesus which strengthens our faith. We must guard our thoughts and set our mind on things above. **KNOW GOD'S PERSPECTIVE – HEAR WHAT HE IS SAYING.** Think from the position of Heaven and the truth of the **WORD**. We are going up higher. God is maturing us, shaping us into a new wine skin to contain the new wine – the wine for this time. He is increasing our vision and understanding for the city. To see His glory manifested in the streets and His Name lifted higher and louder than we have ever seen before. The words that God speaks are **ALIVE** – they are **LIVING LETTERS** with divine power to create, to arrange, to break apart, to heal and make whole. No words of the world supersede God's words.

Apostle Bob prophesied on Sunday about words and this year:

This year you will come into a fresh revelation that you are My temple. That you are the temple of the Living God. And in you I live, move, and have My being. This will be the year that you begin to step into a new revelation that it is not what is on the outside but that the Greater One is already on the inside of you. And the Christ within you will be revealed in a fresh and new way. It will not be something that takes long to manifest. It will be a sudden – for this will be a year of suddenlies. As you press into Me, I am putting a fresh and new passion on the inside of you. The Lord says that as you press, I am going to meet you at that place. You will see suddenlies, even in places you have had promises, but you have forgotten about them. This will be a year where I will remind you of prophetic words and the promises that you stood on in years past and put on the shelf. I am taking promises off of the shelf, and I am beginning to manifest Myself in a fresh and new way. So, step into it – you are My people and My temple. You will be filled with My glory for this hour. For I said, this year you will go from glory to glory; you will not have to wait a year. For this year will be a year of exceeding growth – growing in Me in all aspects.

I am accelerating My work in the earth; therefore, I must accelerate My work in you. Give yourself over to Me and allow Me to make you into the man and woman that I am fashioning you into. This is an hour of My presence manifesting. This is an hour of suddenlies. Faith is now, so lay hold by faith. Bring it in and step into your future, step into the now. This is a time of great acceleration and great increase. Receive. Receive. Keep drinking and keep receiving. Keep the switch of faith alive. My ways are not your ways, and My thoughts are not your thoughts. Keep your eyes fixed on Me. I am the author and finisher of your faith.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

To Detroit we declare [Jeremiah 31.17](#) NIV Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

[Isaiah 51.4-6](#) NIV Reworded

⁴ **“Listen to me, Detroit and all its people; hear me, my city: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to you.** The islands will look to me and **wait in hope for my arm. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.**