

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Defeating the Enemy – Gaining Victory February 8, 2022 Suzi Armstrong

God is a God of prophecy. Every word that He speaks is a word that He saw in the future. God speaks what He sees. We are in a decade of the mouth – which is all about who is going to prophesy the future. What prophetic words will carry the weight of defining the future? Angels and demons war over prophetic words in the spirit realm. It is rebellion and arrogance to reject the word of the Lord. The prophetic word of the Lord gives us context to where God is moving and how to get there. God's incomparable great power works through His word. 1 John 2.27 TPT says, "But the wonderful anointing you have received from God is so much greater than their deception and now lives in you." This is Holy Spirit. We need Holy Spirit, and we have been given Holy Spirit.

It is a critical time to discern the word of God, to hear our Father's instructions and to follow through in obedience. David inquired of the Lord in battles. David inquired, should I even take this enemy on or let it go. And God answered David giving him different battle strategies – to throw a stone at the giant Goliath, to wait until he heard the rustling of leaves in the top of the trees, to pursue overtake and recover all at Ziklag.

Tom Hamon of Christian International shared in his prophetic perspective and word over 2022:

An unholy, antichrist agenda has been loosed on the earth at this time in an unprecedented way. However, I believe that if we are facing unprecedented times of battle, then we can believe for unprecedented breakthroughs!

The Lord spoke to me (when the pandemic was first breaking out) that the real virus was not a physical virus but a *spiritual virus* that wants to get into our system, like a computer virus that wants to produce malware, ransomware, Trojans, corrupted files and more. It wants to clog and confuse our systems and ultimately shut us down. The Lord said that the real 'virus' was composed of three main things: *fear*, *fatigue*, and *fatalism*. These three attacks want to invade our systems physically, spiritually, and socially, causing us to shut down or become susceptible to the enemy's 'antichrist agenda' plans.

Fear is sent to control us and is more contagious than a natural virus. Fatigue is sent to wear us down and take us out. And fatalism is sent to make us believe that things are hopeless and fated to happen. But the 'Christ' anointing is greater than any antichrist agenda, and His anointing is the best anti-virus that the world has ever seen.

### Proverbs 4.20-21 NIV

<sup>20</sup> My son, **pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words.**

<sup>21</sup> Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart.

### Isaiah 30.30-31 NIV

<sup>30</sup> **The LORD will cause people to hear his majestic voice** and will make them see his arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail. <sup>31</sup> **The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria;** with his rod he will strike them down.

### Exodus 17.10-16 NIV

<sup>10</sup> So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup> **As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning,** but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. <sup>12</sup> When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone

and put it under him and he sat on it. **Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.** <sup>13</sup> So **Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.**

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven."

<sup>15</sup> **Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.** <sup>16</sup> He said, "Because hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD, **the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.**"

- Amalek was a descendant of Esau. Esau sold his birthright to his brother Jacob because he did not honor God. The fear of the Lord was not in him. The Amalekites were sorcerers who would use magic arts to avoid capture.
- The spirit of Amalek is an anti-Christ spirit. It is a spirit that rises up in every generation.
- The spirit of Amalek operates by breaking down and destroying the faith. It causes doubt to rise up in your heart. This evil spirit resists and opposes God.
- The Amalekite spirit seeks to harass and ravage the weak and sickly.
- This spirit comes upon you quickly and will always attack from behind, targeting the weakest link.
- The Amalekite spirit wants nations destroyed and their inheritance (the land) taken. That spirit is at work right now.

### **How to fight the Amalekite spirit.**

There were 3 levels going on in the battle. All 3 had to work together, and they all had to rely on God.

- **The sword**
  - Joshua led the army and they fought with the sword.
  - Pierce the Amalekite spirit with the sword of the Spirit – the word of God. The word that divides truth, exposing the lies and the weakness of the spirit behind the lies. How Jesus fought satan in the wilderness with the sword of the Spirit. It is written...
- **Intercession**
  - Moses interceded for Joshua and the army as they fought.
  - Moses raised his hands yielding – surrendering all to God. To be led by the Spirit of God in how to intercede. Exalting God above all else. Bringing in the King of Glory who is mighty in battle. Opening the heavens over the battle front.
  - This is how Moses raised a halleluiah in midst of the enemy.
- **Corporate strength – ekklesia**
  - Moses did not have the strength or the stamina to stand in the spiritual battle by himself.
  - This is not a time to be a loner.
  - In corporate strength the ekklesia of God rose up to rule over the enemy.
- **God reveals Himself as "The Lord is my Banner" or Victory.**

### **Prayer:**

We lift up the name of Jesus over our lives and over the city. We exalt You, Mighty God who is Lord of all! We incline our ear to hear Your voice. We have determined to speak what You speak. Our trust is in Your unfailing love and faithfulness. You are jealous over what belongs to You.

We declare Your banner over Detroit, over Michigan and over our nation is VICTORY. Apart from You there is no savior. You are Sovereign. Detroit and this nation belong to You. You, God, have never lost a battle. We thank You Lord that Your angel armies and hosts are positioned over our city and land and are fighting on Your behalf. We align ourselves to the cadence of heaven and move as You move. This is a year to advance. We hear Your voice and the code from heaven. We thank You that You are speaking over Detroit words of life. As we see and experience shaking in the earth we will not fear. We have placed our hope and trust in You. Lord Almighty, You are Master over every force. You Alone secure peace. We decree Jeremiah 11.20, "But, O Lord of Hosts, who judges righteously, who tries the feelings and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on the enemy, for to You I committed my cause."