

and joy rather than the hate, anxiety, and anger of evil. Through scripture and our personal experiences we learn that evil is angry, cunning, sly, envious, plotting, malicious, jealous and unappreciative and makes us proud, haughty, self-serving and unloving. Evil encourages us to find ways around God's statutes. Evil creates racism. But righteousness makes us happy and encourages us to be honest, open, supportive, appreciative, humble, giving and loving. Righteousness removes fear and replaces hate with peace and love. Righteousness causes us to esteem others higher than ourselves and to choose what the word of God teaches us is right in His eyes rather than what our human nature deems acceptable.

Sometimes we may wish that we were a different flower in God's garden, but we must remember that we are one of God's flowers and that God asks us to appreciate where He placed us. God gave us our personal attributes because He plans to use them in His new kingdom. He wants us to develop what He gave us and use them to become worthy for the new world He is creating for us. Through God, through our appreciative heart and the forgiveness of sin, we will find righteousness and joy ... and a great satisfaction in what and who we are no matter where we find ourselves planted. All gifts await us as the Bride of Christ because each of us will be a part of the garden God planted just for her!

Some flowers balk at being planted in a less than perfect environment, others grow stronger for it. While we may sometimes think that we are not where we should be, we must remember that God never makes a mistake and has planted us where we need to be. By following God's statutes we are given the opportunity to grow stronger in the environment in which we find ourselves and learn that our happiness is not tied to the temporal, but tied to the heart and the love and righteousness it holds. Let us not listen to the whispers of Satan to weaken and die in sin but let us grow in strength and remember that God tells us in Matthew 6:20, 21: "...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.....for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."



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## God's Garden

Scripture opens with a description of how God created our world and began the miracle of teaching mankind who God is and how God wants mankind to develop. As we read this introduction into the Holy Bible we learn that God viewed His unique creation as "good". (Genesis 1:10)

During the development of the Garden of Eden, God created many grasses, seeds, and fruit trees and also saw them as "good". (Genesis 1:11-12) And when everything God had made for the benefit of man was finally in place, God rested from His labors and deemed everything that He had created "very good"! (Genesis 1:31)

As we seek to learn from scripture and open our heart to the lessons found in God's creation, we see that what God so lovingly created was incredibly diverse. He designed birds to be magnificently different in shape and size and color, in song and flight. He designed trees of various sizes; tall and small, thin and wide, some with fruit, some without, some with needles and some with leaves. The leaves too were of different shapes and sizes and often changed with the seasons. We find skies filled with clouds of diverse shapes; some huge and some small and find that they are dependent upon the wind to move or change them. We find that the waters God designed were both calm and stormy and that they too were influenced by the wind. Thus we begin to understand that through His creation God is teaching us about diversity and that diversity is key to the vitality of the earth and key to teaching us about working together to obtain harmony.



When we study what God created and seek to learn from God's words, we begin to understand both the material and spiritual provision God provided for us. The diversity of His creation teaches us to view the differences in the birds and animals and the flora and fauna as beautiful and beneficial, and similar to the differences in mankind. We begin to understand that God desires us to view those differences through His eyes, and recognize that to function properly, everything must work in harmony.

What we learn from God's creation is that some flowers were designed for their immediate beauty so we would be quickly drawn to them and recognize in their beauty the magnificence of God's incredible love and generosity. As we examine the many other flowers in the Garden of Eden, we learn that each had their own attributes and could bring us a different, though equally valuable, lesson. Some flowers were created with great strength to teach us about endurance. Some were created for their exquisite aroma which God likens to our offerings. (Genesis 8:21, Ephesians 5:2) Some flowers were created with dense foliage to help them protect their special place in the garden.

The diversity in the flowers show us that just as they differ in the gifts they were given for our benefit, we too were given different gifts with which to serve one another. Some plants spread from their beds with a delicately cascading grace showing us that we too can reach out to others with the offer of God's grace. Some flowers provide great value through the medicinal components in them which teaches us that with care we can be healed and that we can offer healing to others.

God's garden clearly demonstrates that though different from one another, one flower is not "better" than another. Each has a place in God's garden and each can proclaim the value God gave them when He created them. Though different, though their value may not at first be evident, God created each for a purpose and wants them to fulfill that purpose. Thus everything God created was good, everything worked together in harmony, and everything was equally blessed.

In Genesis 2:8 we read: "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there He put the man whom He had formed." Thus entered the subject for whom all this beauty and diversity was created. But, when sin entered the Garden God had planted by

entering mankind through his disobedience to God, the blessing of goodness and perfection was lost, and a curse came upon the creation. What had once worked in harmony began to fall into disharmony. Instead of working in harmony, suddenly, under the curse of sin, one plant began to overpower another.

One flower grew so tall that it stole the sun from another. One plant demanded an alkaline soil and another demanded acid soil. Some became poisonous, hiding their venomous nature under the guise of their beauty. When the flowers fell under the curse of sin and were transformed they, like mankind required special care and nurturing to maintain harmony.

People are much the same as flowers. They are as different, as diverse, as beautiful as the flowers found in God's garden. Just as He did with the flowers, God created the differences in people to teach us the joy and harmony which can exist in a unique and varied creation. He wants us to appreciate, and learn the value of our differences, and to respect that each has equal value in God's eyes. Thus, while each of us may be different than one another, each of us has great value; equal value in God's eyes. God wants to bless each of us as well even though we lose that blessing when we allow sin to enter our hearts by not heeding the warnings God provides for us.

God's children must understand that we are to celebrate our differences and learn from them; that we are to fight against and even run from sin; and flee from the influence of those who, under the curse of evil, offer only hate, discrimination, and harm or refuse to live under the rules God established. He does not want us to envy those who we foolishly believe are more or better, or hate those who we falsely believe are less or inferior. Appreciation for what we have rather than what we want is an important component to seeking the harmony in appreciating others. Thus we try to touch God's heart by appreciating what we have been given and what we strive for as a child of God.

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God wants us to have a loving heart which embraces everyone God loves regardless of our differences. God loves those with black hair, with brown hair, and with blonde hair. God loves those with brown skin, black skin, white, yellow or red. God has created people who are tall and short, stocky and thin. He has created people with brown, black, amber, blue or hazel eyes and those who smile and those who frown; those who need attention and those who prefer to stay in the shadows. But just as Satan entered God's garden to interject thorns, weeds and poisons to pervert the plants, so has he entered man to pervert them to negating their differences through their pride, arrogance, self-satisfaction, envy, hatred, and sense of superiority or inferiority.

Satan disguises sin and uses it to destroy what is good and right in God's eyes. Satan uses sin to lessen our understanding that God created and loves the diversity in man just as He created and loves the diversity in nature. Each flower and each person is equal to another through the very uniqueness God granted them.

God created our ability to love, to hope, to trust, and to develop a special talent which He hopes we will use in His service. Even though we often fail to do what is right in God's eyes, He wants us to use the free will He gave us to fight the Adam-like nature which accepts sin and negates our diversity, and develop the Christ-like nature which fights sin and appreciates our diversity. God gave us free will to decide which attitude and which nature we will embrace. It is with our free will that we choose to be thankful and loving, or angry and hateful. Free will forces us to take responsibility for our choices, and to learn what those choices mean to God and to our soul salvation. Free will makes us choose between what God asks of us, or to allow Satan's ways to govern how we think and act.

Scripture teaches us that, through prayer, God will help us recognize our mistakes and carefully consider the beam in our own eye rather than the speck in our brother's eye. God encourages us to choose love, peace