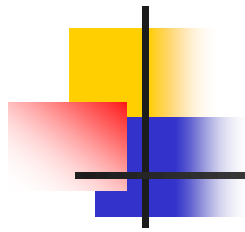




Tale of Two Gardens





Welcome to the Garden

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, **“Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from ^[a]any tree of the garden’?”** ² The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, **God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’”**



Welcome to the Jungle

4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! 5 For God knows that in the day you eat from it **your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**" 6 When the woman saw that the tree was **good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise,** she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 **Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked;** and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves [b]loin coverings.



They Did Die!!

- a Spiritual Death
- Separated from God
- Living dependent on the flesh
- I am not enough
- I will not be loved
- **And striving and fear and do better try harder entered the world**





Back to the Garden

32 They *came to a place named Gethsemane; and He *said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed." 33 And He *took with Him Peter and [a]James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. 34 And He *said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch." 35 And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell to the ground and *began* to pray that if it were possible, the hour might [b]pass Him by. 36 And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; **yet not what I will, but what You will.**"



The Yoke is Broken

- At that moment, the battle was won
- The first garden was about deciding to be independent from God, and and trusting in themselves
- The cross was still to come, but the decision to SURRENDER TO THE CROSS and ABSOLUTELY DEPEND ON GOD happened right there
- The power of sin could now be broken and the power of God could be released into the lives of whosoever would trust Him



There are Still TWO Gardens

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh [**g**]sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you [**h**]please. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. - Galatians 5



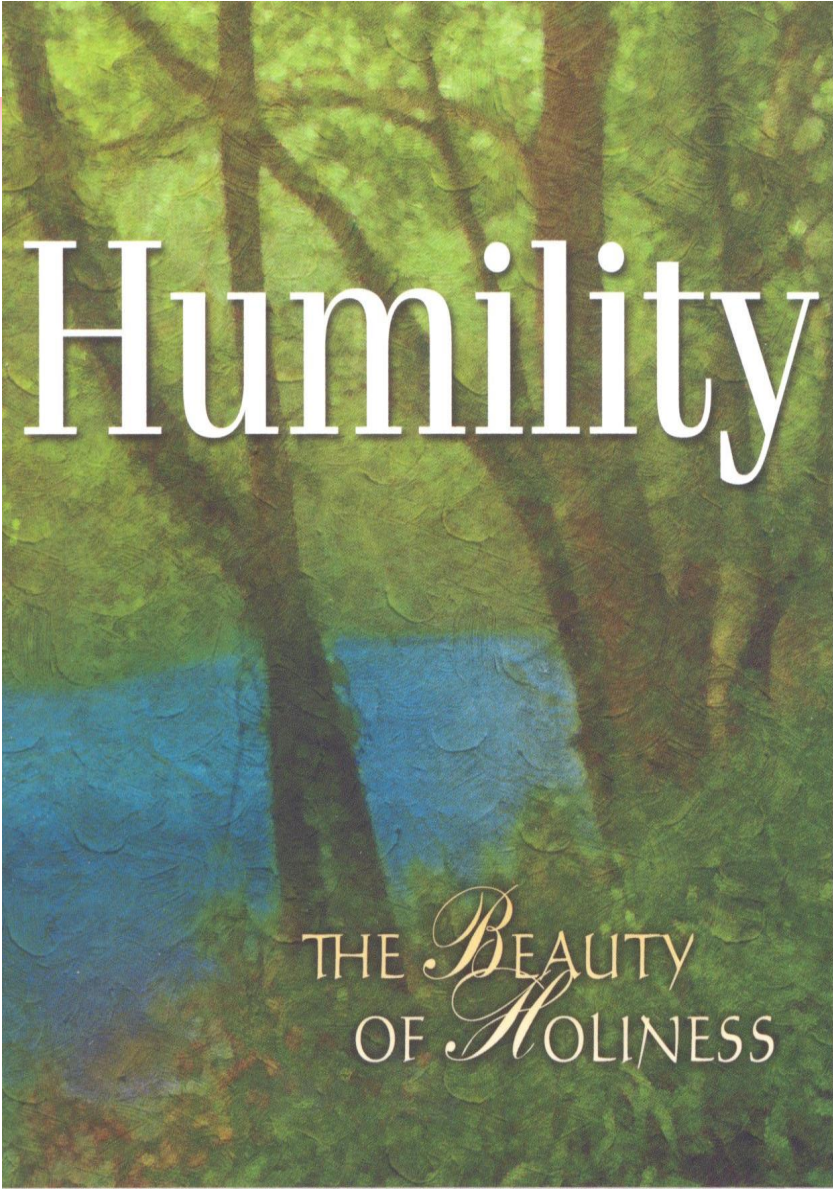
Fruits of the Flesh

- You can still depend only on yourself and make it all about what you want and how you feel and what you can do
- Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: [i]mmorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, [i]factions,
- ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these
- Sound familiar?



Or, Not My Will, But Yours

- ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who [k]belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also [!]walk by the Spirit.



Humility

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The life God bestows is imparted not once for all, **but each moment continuously, by the unceasing operation of his mighty power.**

Humility, the place of entire dependence on God, is from the very nature of things, the **first duty** and the highest virtue of the creature.



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And so pride,
or the loss
of this
humility, is
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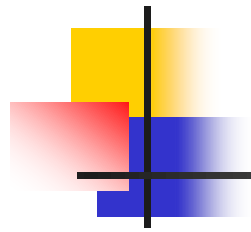
We Get to Choose Every Day

- After the First garden, humanity was stuck with living in the power of the flesh, trying to keep the law – or not – and hoping for the best
- Because of the second Garden, we have the opportunity to live in the love and grace and mercy and power of God every minute of every day, just like the first Garden except BETTER
- Because we are not just with Him, He is IN us!



It is still up to you

- Which Garden do you want to live in?
- How do you get there and live there?
- NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS BE DONE
- LORD, TODAY AM TRUSTING IN YOU,
SURRENDERING TO YOU, AND
DEPENDING ABSOLUTELY ON YOU IN AND
FOR EVERYTHING
- COME AND WORK YOUR WILL IN ME



Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY