

The King's Garden

by C.H. Spurgeon

The sermon explores the concept of the King's Garden, a place of beauty and delight, and its significance in the lives of believers.

Scripture: Genesis 3:17

Topics: "Redemption", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon reflects on the concept of the King's garden, contrasting the paradise lost due to sin with the hope found in Gethsemane, where Christ's suffering redeemed humanity. He emphasizes the fall of man and the resulting curse, urging believers to remember their own part in this tragedy. Spurgeon encourages the soul to recognize its own garden, nurturing it with faith and allowing the King to dwell within. He also prays for the church to flourish as a garden, seeking God's restoration and growth. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a deep appreciation of the love and sacrifice of Christ, which transforms the desolation of sin into a vibrant garden of grace.

Transcript

Mention of the king's garden by Nehemiah brings to mind the paradise which the King of kings prepared for Adam. Sin has utterly ruined that fair abode of all delights, and driven forth the children of men to till the ground, which yields thorns and briars unto them. My soul, remember the fall, for it was thy fall. Weep much because the Lord of love was so shamefully ill-treated by the head of the human race, of which thou art a member, as undeserving as any. Behold how dragons and demons dwell on this fair earth, which once was a garden of delights.

See yonder another King's garden, which the King waters with His bloody sweat--Gethsemane, whose bitter herbs are sweeter far to renewed souls than even Eden's luscious fruits. There the mischief of the serpent in the first garden was undone: there the curse was lifted from earth, and borne by the woman's promised seed. My soul, bethink thee much of the agony and the passion; resort to the garden of the olive-press, and view thy great Redeemer rescuing thee from thy lost estate. This is the garden of gardens indeed, wherein the soul may see the guilt of sin and the power of love, two sights which surpass all others.

Is there no other King's garden? Yes, my heart, thou art, or shouldst be such. How do the flowers flourish? Do any choice fruits appear? Does the King walk within, and rest in the bowers of my spirit? Let me see that the plants are trimmed and watered, and the mischievous foxes hunted out. Come, Lord, and let the

heavenly wind blow at Thy coming, that the spices of Thy garden may flow abroad. Nor must I forget the King's garden of the church. O Lord, send prosperity unto it. Rebuild her walls, nourish her plants, ripen her fruits, and from the huge wilderness, reclaim the barren waste, and make thereof "a King's garden."

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