

Garden

The Garden of God was the place where heaven and earth met together in the very person of Adam. It is man living in the presence of God, walking in the mind of God and clothed with the glory of the incorruptible life of God. The Garden of God involves man living above sin, sickness, fear, pain, sorrow and death. In the garden we see man made in the image and likeness of God and having dominion over all things. Spiritually speaking, it is a state of being in Christ!

The Garden was a realm where there was no separation from God. It was a realm where man was in complete union with God and man could walk and talk with God. It was the dimension of the spirit *and* body, heaven *and* earth, visible *and* invisible, celestial *and* terrestrial, in harmony as one.

John 14:20Amp.

It was not merely where man was—it was what he was. As He is so are we in the earth today! I John 4:17b Amp.

That is what God intended from the beginning and He has never changed His mind. He sent His Son to be the mediator between heaven and earth to restore man to his original state. However, this restoration will not be as the first Adam. Christ superseded the first and became the last Adam, the life giving Spirit. The Lord wants a born-again new creation man, regenerated by and through the Last Adam, Christ Jesus. God's purpose is that this new man walks in the fullness of Christ Jesus.

The Garden is who He is. He is Spirit and when we come into agreement with that environment which is the Word and the life of the Spirit, we will manifest Him. Gal 4:6 says, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts. In the dictionary it says that a garden is a rich cultivated spot or tract, a delightful place. So it is in Spirit, that we become the habitation of, the dwelling place of the very nature and character of the Most High God, manifesting His presence. We become one with Him. John 17:21Amp. It is no longer just a word that we have learned to quote but it is the reality of the manifestation of Who He is. We become a living example and expression of the Word because we are manifesting Him in our lives. As we are cultivated by the living Word of God and His Spirit, we become a rich, delightful habitation of the Most High God. This produces the blessings of God in our life! In this place we are living in the highest order or dimension in the earth. This dimension supersedes all other dimensions or authorities because it is totally governed by God. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world!

Rev. 2:7*He who is able to hear, let him listen to and give heed to what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes I will grant to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the paradise of God, (also known as the garden, environment of God, state of being in Him), which is the Spirit of God and also the mind of Christ. (Amp.)*

If we will give heed to and follow the Spirit, we will be governed by God. Rom. 8:14 says, For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God. This has been the Lord's desire from the beginning. The Lord wants us to possess, eat, and devour the Tree of Life, His character and nature, which is in the midst of the Garden. Here is where we develop and understand we have the mind of Christ which is the Father's thoughts, purpose and will.

Gen 2:8-9 – *And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The **Tree of Life** was also in the midst of the garden, and the **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**. (NKJV).*

We see that both the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil were in the center of the garden. **Revelation 2:7** indicates that the Tree of Life was *in paradise*. So it is clear that the garden and paradise are the same place, the environment of God, the spirit realm.

If the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil are in the center of the garden the real issue is: what tree are we partaking of? This determines what fruit we bear. It is either the Spirit of Truth or the Spirit of error that distinguishes who we are serving? I John 4:6 Amp. Ephesians 1:3 tells us that we are blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm, yes in the Spirit realm.

Rev 2:7 – *He who is able to hear, let him listen to and give heed to what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (is victorious), **I will grant to eat [of the fruit] of the Tree of Life, which is in the paradise of God.***

As we purpose in our heart and mind to dwell in Him we are being constantly transformed from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18). We have recognized our true identity in the Last Adam, the life giving Spirit and no longer acknowledge and yield to physical realm, the law of the flesh, but we now live according to the Law of the Spirit, the Truth of the living Word that now dwells in us, which is Christ the hope of glory. He has given us total access through His blood shed on Calvary that grants us to eat of the Tree of Life which is the mind of Christ. His character and nature within us produce an environment where we overcome the world, the natural realm and are in unity and in fellowship with Him. How is the world going to recognize that we are different? When His people rise up and manifest His true character and nature made in His likeness and image to have dominion and authority as His Sons and Daughters that He has purposed from the foundation of the world.

Every day we choose to eat and partake of the Tree of Life or the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We eat of God's Tree of Life or Satan's Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that produces death. Have you ever had a bad thought? Don't answer, it may incriminate you! Where did it come from? Through a window or door you opened. How did it get in there? It came in through your hearing gate (ears) or sight gate

(eyes). You received an impartation of life or death, righteousness or unrighteousness, holy or unholy, positive or negative reception.

Hebrews 2:8 *You have put all in subjection under him (man). He left nothing that is not put under him. But we do not yet see all things put under him (man).*

That says it all, doesn't it? All things have been given to man, but man has not yet seen, comprehended or understood what he (man) has access to!

Song of Sol. 4:15 – *You are a fountain [springing up] in a garden, a well of living waters, and flowing streams from Lebanon. (Amp.)*

Isaiah 58:11 – *And the Lord shall guide you continually and satisfy you in drought and in dry places and make strong your bones. And YOU shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. (Amp.)*

We see in the scripture that He identifies us as a garden also and He encourages us to be a fountain in that garden of Who He is!

He is the living water and if we are a fountain in that garden we are flowing in and of His living water which is His life and are one with Him. From **YOUR** innermost being shall flow rivers of living water! **John 7:38NAS**

Song of Sol. 5:1 – *I have come into my garden, my sister, my [promised] bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my balsam and spice [from your sweet words I have gathered the richest perfumes and spices]...(Amp.)*

He calls us His garden and His bride! What does a bride do? She gets married! Oh yes, that is His purpose - that we become One with Him. We see in His Word He is the Garden and He calls us His garden.

This scripture confirms this statement in John 17:21, *That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me. (Amp.)*

The Environment of God

Rev. 2:7 – *He who is able to hear give heed to what the Spirit says; to him who overcomes I will grant to eat (possess) of the Tree of Life (Mind of Christ, His character), which is in the paradise of God. (Environment of Spirit!) (Amp.)*

The dictionary tells us that an environment is the circumstance or the condition that surrounds a person. It is the combination of external physical conditions that affect and influence the growth, development and survival of an individual.

Paradise, the garden and the realm of the Spirit, is an environment or a state of being in Him. In Him we live and move and have our being!

As He is, so are we in the earth today (I John 4:17b) Are we?

Have we been living in the full inheritance of all God intended for us?

No, we haven't. But by the grace of God, the knowledge of His glory is filling the earth. It's time we started to live according to HIS purpose and character and have dominion as He intended from the beginning!

The apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 12:4 that he was "caught up into paradise", caught up into the presence of the Lord in the Spirit realm.

When you're caught up in Him you will hear. What is the purpose of being caught up in Him for Paul or John? Was it not to reveal Truth to His people of those who would pursue Him that the knowledge of His glory would fill the earth? Why? So that the very prayer Jesus taught His disciples would come to pass, Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven! We must awake out of slumber, out of the dust realm, out of the law of flesh and realize our true identity and possess the promise land!!!

Everything He is He has given to man, we are born of the same incorruptible seed and Christ calls us brethren. Romans 8:29Amp. The Father calls us Sons and daughters and we are heirs of the Father and joint heirs in Christ Jesus. Let's not forget what the Word says in Hebrew 2:8 Amp. Everything has been given to man, subject unto man, but he (man) has not seen all things given to him yet!!! God has given us parables and examples in the natural realm to explain spiritual realities that we possess in Him. The Word says; that the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, nor can he know them, because they are Spiritual discerned. I Co. 2:14 NKJ

Paradise and the garden are types and patterns, examples of a Spiritual environment describing an atmosphere of Him. The Bible says we sit with Him in the heavenly places, (spirit realm) and we also fight principalities in the heavenly realm. Eph. 2:6, Eph 6:12 Amp. Only in this environment of God do we have access to the ability (completing, perfecting, and accomplishing) to birth into existence His creative power in the earth.

Whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven. Matthew 18:18-19Amp.

Revelation 3:20 Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him and he (will eat) with Me. (21) He who overcomes, I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame and sat down beside My father on His throne. (Amp.)

He who overcomes is the one who possesses the victory and prevails in Christ Jesus. In other words, those who come into agreement and believe what the Word says shall overcome all things!

The Word is God and all things were made and came into existence through Him (John 1:1-3).

Because we are in Him and agree with what He has already done, we come into agreement with His Word. This faith creates and brings forth life, and supersedes any other level or dominion in the earth.

Rev 4:1 – After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future. (Amp.)

God is no respecter of persons. If He did it for John He will do it for us. The Bible is the inspired Word of God as a pattern and example for us to follow!

A door is open in heaven, come up here and I will show you!

Although John never physically left the Island of Patmos, Revelation 4:2 says that he came under the power of the Spirit. A people are being caught up, enlightened and apprehended by the environment, atmosphere that God created man to live in, to walk and talk with God as their creator, Lord and friend. They are being caught up in the presence of the Lord to hear what He is saying to bring it to the earth that it will manifest His glory. You are a trumpet, a voice of the Lord just like John the Baptist who was summoned by the Spirit to prepare a way in the wilderness. God is summoning His bride, who is being adorned and enveloped by the Spirit of God, to prepare the way of the Lord saying, “This is the way, walk ye in it”. We are to live in the heavenly realm, the spirit realm, and to walk in and manifest God’s character. This produces His environment, His atmosphere that produces Light and Life of Who He is!

There is a state of being in Christ, where your soul becomes betrothed to one Husband, the Lord of all. (2Cor. 11:2) Nothing should move us and nothing should control us but the very life and presence of the Almighty. For, He is King of kings and Lord of lords! When we are submitted to the Spirit, our soul and body will no longer control us and govern us. As the Spirit of God, the Tree of Life, the garden, the environment of God is established within us, we will live in the heavenlies and manifest His character and nature in the earth. **“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”!**

In this our state of being in Him, there is no separation between the heavens and the earth. Are we not the dwelling place, the abode of God, His sanctuary, the habitation of the Most High God in the earth? Doesn’t Revelation 21:3 say, **“The abode of God is with men”**? Doesn’t the word say we are the dwelling place, sanctuary and the temple of the Holy Spirit?

(I Co. 3:16, 6:19Amp.)

Pro. 23:7 - *A way a man thinketh so he is.* Don't misunderstand me. It is not just a thought; it is a lifestyle of total subjection to His Spirit. Believing the creative power of the Spirit and the Word produces His life within us.

We will have His power, dominion and authority ruling and reigning as His Royal Priesthood. We will stand in the fullness of Who He is and What He did on the cross. He overcame death, hell and the grave so that we can walk in full authority and dominion in Him in all things. It is a state of being in HIM - Christ in you the hope of glory! (Colossians 1:27)

The Lord's desire is that the knowledge of His glory cover the earth. Why would He say it if He didn't want it? 'To have knowledge' of it means we have to be living and moving in Him in order to receive it.

DOMINION OVER ALL THINGS

Ps 110:1 – *The Lord (God) says to my Lord (the Messiah), Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool.*

As we sit (dwell, abide, inhabit and remain) at His right hand (the authority of the government of God) in total subjection to the Spirit realm, our enemies become a stool for our feet. (Heb. 1:13)

Matt. 25:34- *Then the King will say to those at His right hand, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

A footstool implies complete subjection! When we sit (dwell, abide, remain) in His rest, in Him, and we are totally subject to Him, everything is subordinate to His authority, His dominion, His rule, and His power. Everything is under our feet! Our foundation is Him and Him alone!

Ps 8:6 - *You made him (man) to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet (Amp.)*

In other words, the earth is entirely under the subjection of our Lord and Savior and He has given it to man. This is God's plan. Until the foundation of the earth has become the abode, the dwelling place, the sanctuary and temple of God, I don't think we are going anywhere. His Word says He is coming for a church without spot or wrinkle. This sounds like a perfected, mature church to me. (Eph. 5:27, 2 Peter 3:14) God created the church to be a living expression of His character and nature to be joined together harmoniously as it rises into a holy temple in the Lord, a sanctuary, a dwelling place of the presence of the Lord established in His character and nature. He wants us to grow up in Him. Why? So that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of

the glory of God. (Is. 60:2; Hab. 2:14; Psa.57:5,11; 72:19; 108:5) Where was that hope of the glory? Yes, in you! (In Col. 1:27)

The Bible says that I have been regenerated of the incorruptible seed. Either it is true or it is not. I choose to believe I have been born of the incorruptible seed and expect to manifest it. ***That I may know Him in the power of His resurrection.*** (Phil 3:10) Why would His Word declare this, if we could not obtain it? Please stop and listen to these doctrines of men, then listen to the Word of the living God. The Anointed One will teach you all things.

(2 John 2:27)

Ps 8:6. You made him(man) to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his (man's) feet. (Amp)

When we sit with Him in the heavenlies in the Spirit, we go beyond the natural realm of flesh and enter beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies into the very presence of God. We have total access to the Lord. Nothing is stopping us; except our lack of knowledge. When He died, we died. Our old nature, the law of sin and death, was destroyed on the cross and we also arose out of death into His marvelous life. We are the new creature in Christ Jesus, the old things have passed away and all things have become new. We have been completed and perfected in Him. Now we must believe and walk in our true identity.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any person is in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! (Amp.)

Again, the issue is: Is the Word true or not?

We become a new creation as we live by faith in what He has already done. He has completed us and prepared us and now we must believe and walk in it. Hebrews 4:3bAmp. We have overcome by the word of our testimony. ***No longer do I live, but the Christ lives within me. Gal. 2:20 (Amp.)***

2 Corinthians 12:4. Was caught up into paradise,(garden, environment of Spirit), and he heard utterances beyond the power of man to put into words, which man is not permitted to utter. (Amp)

Every time we are caught up in Him, we see and hear and understand!

It is by faith we understand, not by sight. Our problem is not believing, the real issue is what we believe. We must believe the Word of God, the Word is yes and amen, no opinion, no issues. The Word interprets Himself with His Word for He is the Word!!! The Lord had to take me overseas out of my familiar to reveal Truth to me that a lot of what I was taught, was man's doctrines of traditions that brought no life or manifestation.

Through crying out for Truth to know Him in the power of His resurrection, He revealed how to live and walk according to His Word. The WORD WILL INTERPRET HIMSELF and He will always bring life and resurrection where He is! Christ in me the hope of glory!! If He is there He will manifest! James 1:18Amp. Says, He gave us birth (as Sons) by (His) Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures, (to be consecrated to Him).

2 Cor 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory

When we behold Him we are continually being transformed into His character and nature!

Joel 2: 3 - A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns, the land is as the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; surely nothing shall escape them.

God is a consuming fire and we are made in His image and likeness, representing Him in the earth. Because the Word is like fire shut up in our bones (Jeremiah 20:9), it burns everything that is not of God and brings life and light wherever it goes. It produces life to those who pursue and seek His face and it produces death and destruction to anything that does not come into agreement with Him.(I Peter 1:7 Amp.) Remember Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? They were one with the Lord that the physical fire did not touch them. The Lord was with them in the fire because He was the fire that consumed them. That is why the natural fire couldn't touch them.

This is what man lost in the fall, in the garden:

1. Spiritual, physical and eternal life – Isaiah 59:2, Rom. 5:12,21
2. Communion with God – Isaiah 59:2
3. His full dominion over all things – Psalm 8:6
4. Freedom from Satan –2 Co. 4:4, Eph. 6:10-18;
5. Mind of God- I Co.2:16
6. Power and Authority- 2 Co. 12:9
7. Perfection- John 17:13, James 1:17
8. Right to Tree of Life- Gen.3:24
9. Garden – home - environment of GodGen. 3:23-24

10. God's glory- Rom. 3:23

11. Righteousness and true holiness 1 Peter 2:24

12. Perfect health, power over death Gen.3:3, Rev. 21:1-7

All these things were restored in Jesus Christ as He exchanged His life for ours on the cross. He became our mediator and gave us access beyond the veil into the very presence of the Lord. As we believe we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, our spirit is born again. We realize our true identity and now our soul and body are coming into total submission to the Spirit of the Lord and appropriating what He did on the cross. We have been born again of the same seed; the incorruptible seed of the life giving Spirit of the Last Adam Who now dwells in us. As we acknowledge that His death was our death and His burial was the burial of our old nature, (Romans 6:4-5) we overcome by the Word of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb. (Rev. 12:11)

Communion and dominion is restored! Satan is under our feet. We have the mind of Christ, we are perfected in Him and come into full maturity. We partake of the Tree of Life, which is the very character and nature of God. We live and move and have our being in Him which is the environment, the garden and the very atmosphere of God. We live in divine health and peace because our heart is stayed on and in Him.

Do we believe what the Word says? God's whole purpose for His sons and daughters is that they are His true offspring to reproduce after Him! He wants us to manifest His character and the nature of His abundant life. He gives freedom and liberty in the Spirit. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. (John 4:24) It is His original plan and it has not changed. God wants to be our provision, our protection and our pleasure!

Choose for yourselves this day who you will serve. (Joshua 24:15) Choose Life! Choose Him!

