

## Pastor's Weekly Devotional- September 1, 2016

### **“The Gardens of God”**

Some years ago, I visited Colorado Springs. Among its magnificent relief and wonderful sights, is the “garden of the gods.” But the term “garden,” in this context, seems to be more like an oxymoron, since the “garden of gods” is more arid and dry, yet it is filled with its own beautiful colors comprised of exquisite, sculptured rock formations.

The world's first garden was planted by God Himself. It was called “the Garden of Eden.” Every known fruit tree was found in it along with flowing streams and rivers. Adam and Eve, the first inhabitants, enjoyed this garden. Unfortunately because of willful disobedience, sin entered the world and Adam and Eve were cast out, leaving God alone in the Garden (Genesis 3:23).

Many years later, God entered into another Garden through the form of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. It was the Garden of Gethsemane (John 18:1). There, Jesus “offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears” (Hebrews 5:7). Here, He faced the death that He had pronounced on the very first loved ones (Adam and Eve) in the first garden (Eden).

But there is still another garden. The place where Jesus was buried, there was a garden. It is in this garden, where His tomb was located. It is here Jesus rose from the dead.

So, here is what each of those gardens represents:

- In the first garden (Eden), God walked alone.
- In the second garden (Gethsemane), Jesus knelt and prayed for His own.
- In the third garden, Jesus rose from the dead, proclaiming the fact that you don't have to walk through life alone; you have a God who is praying for you; you can be comforted knowing that our living Lord, sees and cares for you.

Have a blessed week!  
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