

# The Garden

Scripture- (Mt. 26:36-38)

My Garden

Potato garden

## I. The Bible is the story of two gardens

A. Eden and Gethsemane

**First**

- Adam took a fall
- God sought Adam
- In Eden, Adam hid from God

**Second**

- Jesus took a stand
- Jesus sought God
- In Gethsemane Jesus emerged from the tomb

**Jn. 19:41**

- Satan led Adam to a tree that led to his death
- Jesus went to a tree that led to our life

B. Satan was never invited into the Garden of Eden

C. Hasn't he entered a few of your holy gardens?

1. Marriage was God's idea

a. The first wedding-- first garden

b. Doesn't make any difference to the devil-

c. He snakes his way in with one desire- to destroy- **1Pe 5:8**

**(The helpful alligator)**

2. Sexual intimacy is God's gift-- **(TV: Tempt. Island)**

3. We give sacred oaths and make solemn promises...

a. We vow to be a good parent

b. A true companion

c. A loyal friend

D. In God's eyes, a child is special- (Song- Every Time)

1. Jesus never turned away a child

2. Satan despises all children

3. Jesus said of Satan... He was a murderer from the beginning **Jn. 8:44**

## II. Satan, you and me

A. Is there a realm untouched by Satan?

1. The church

2. The government

3. Children

4. Purity

5. Promises

B. Who has not felt the foot of the intruder?

C. We are called to be holy

- What Satan did in Eden and what Jesus did in Gethsemane they do today

D. At the right moment, Jesus stands and speaks and Satan stumbles and is silent

## III. What happened in Gethsemane

A. Judas came with the soldiers **Jn. 18:1-9** (1/10 of a legion)

B. Jesus responds

C. **The best of Satan melts before Christ**

D. Then Jesus commands them

E. Satan dares to enter yet another garden, but God stands and Satan hasn't a prayer

**Eph. 6:12**

**1 John 3:8**

**Conclusion:**

A. Has Satan invaded a garden in your life?

1. A holy part of your world?
2. Your marriage?
3. Your purity?
4. Your honesty?

B. Has he taken away from you a rose God gave?

- Invite Jesus to reclaim it!

**C. If we open the gate of God, He will enter and do what He did at Gethsemane... He will protect and provide**

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