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Meditation

Spring Has Sprung

Every year we wait. We endure the days that are short and the nights that are long and cold. We look forward to the spring. We look forward to warmer weather. We look forward to the grass becoming green again, the rain falling, and the flowers blooming.

Many are looking forward to planting a spring and summer garden. They have been making plans during the dark dreary weather, waiting for just the right time to plant. They have researched, learned, and prepared.

Perennials have begun to show their leaves and bud. Many of these plants take very little interaction with humans to grow and spread. Yet, over time they become crowded, and must be weeded out to continue to bloom and grow into beautiful flowers. If a garden is unkept, weeds creep in and overtake the precious beloved plants. Insects run amuck eating the fruit, flowers, and stems, decreasing longevity and value.

Jesus spoke many times about agriculture. He would utilize plants in parables relating to the human condition and eternity. *He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 'He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn"'"* (Matthew 13:24–30).

Could you imagine your neighbor coming along and destroying your field? Destroying your livelihood! Jesus goes on to explain what this parable means. Children of the evil one are the weeds. We often think, "when will this dark time end?" or "Why doesn't God just take this difficult person out of my life? Why doesn't He relieve me of this major stress?" The weeds will be dealt with in God's timing.

Waiting is hard. God has promised the rich reward of heaven for those who believe in Christ as their Savior. As we wait for the beauty of spring, we would be wise to remember everything is made perfect in God's timing.

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