

“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, ‘Where Art Thou?’ And he said, ‘I heard Thy Voice in the Garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’” Genesis 3:9-10 KJV



Some gardens are places of solitary reflection. You can ponder the garden, the gardener, or life. The point is, surroundings do not dictate thought; it is a choice. Where you are physically does not determine where you are mentally and spiritually, but location may tempt you to consider sinful thought. While we are at home in our earthly bodies, we are in a

place of temptation. *“Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust (bodily desire), and enticed.”* It requires diligent focus on God’s Word to overcome. *“Let this Mind (God’s Word) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”* The word “let” implies choice. You can’t prevent birds from flying over you, but you can stop them from building a nest in your hair. You may not stop every evil thought, but it’s your choice whether you dwell on it. You ignore one thought by thinking another. Other thoughts “slip our mind” depending on our focus. You may forget that you went into the kitchen for a fork if the dog knocks the garbage can over when you get there. Focusing on Truth allows you to not think of evil. I find good old hymns very conducive to right thinking. *“This Book of the Law (God’s Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”* Don’t let evil build its nest in your soul!

Do you seek and do you find,
Your God in ev’ry thought of mind?
Is your soul in harmony;
With the Lord who ransomed thee? –CGP

Adam was more comfortable in the trees than with his Creator, because he lost focus on God’s Command in favor of desire. Now, I believe he knew Eve had disobeyed, but he loved her so much he let his desire for her cloud his focus on what was right and chose knowingly to die with her instead of trusting God to make a way in the impossibilities of circumstance. It may seem the waves are capsizing your craft and God is seemingly unaware of your peril. It wasn’t the storm that sank Peter; it was his fear of it! *“Perfect Love casteth out fear.”* Nothing ever catches God unaware. He has planned every consequences from *“before the world began;”* and never is before *“His time,”* and never is behind! So, are you with God or not? Are you hiding in the shade of comfort or standing in the Light of faith? Where are you?

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15 KJV