

A Garden Enclosed

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After the creation of the universe and of man, God planted a garden. A garden is neither common ground nor ground for the planting of just any old thing, but for the production of something for beauty and pleasure. He is looking for flowers and blossoms which are to be gathered as something beautiful and exotic.

She does not exist for herself but for the pleasure and satisfaction of her bridegroom. She is not merely a common garden but a "garden enclosed" which includes a "spring shut up, a fountain sealed." It is not a public garden for any passerby. The seal showed someone owned it.

Every open vessel (or well) which has no covering on it is unclean (polluted, contaminated) and is unfit for drinking. An open vessel is for public usage and is exposed to everykind of disease and adverse influence. What is not wholly set apart for the Lord Jesus alone is open to almost anything. If only believers would be enclosed more than they are, if their coverings were a little more fitting—the Lord's work would be much easier. An enclosed garden or spring ~~is~~ clean and pure and set aside to be refreshment for our Lord and His people.