

(Audio Book) An Hour In The Garden

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Scripture: Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35, Psalm 46:10, Luke 5:16, James 4:8

Topics: "Solitude", "Deepening Fellowship with God"

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Transcript

He went up into a mountain apart to pray, and when evening was come, he was there alone Matthew 14.23. The man Christ Jesus felt the need of perfect solitude himself alone, entirely by himself, alone with himself. We know how much intercourse with men draws us away from ourselves and exhausts our powers. The man Christ Jesus knew this, too, and felt the need of being by himself again, of gathering all his powers, of realising fully his high destiny, his human weakness, his entire dependence on the Father.

How much more does the child of God need for himself alone with spiritual realities, himself alone with God the Father? If ever there were one who could dispense with special seasons for solitude and fellowship, it was our Lord. But he could not do his work or maintain his fellowship in full power without his quiet time. Would God that every servant of his understood and practised this blessed art, and that the Church knew how to train its children into some sense of this high and holy privilege, that every believer may and must have his time when he is indeed himself alone with God! Oh, the thought to have God all alone to myself, and to know that God has me all alone to himself! Andrew Murray Lamartine speaks in one of his books of a secluded walk in his garden where his mother always spent a certain hour of the day, upon which nobody ever dreamed for a moment of intruding.

It was the holy garden of the Lord to her. Poor souls that have no such beulah land, seek thy private chamber, Jesus says. It is in the solitude that we catch the mystic notes that issue from the soul of things.

A meditation, my soul, practise being alone with Christ. It is written that when they were alone he expounded all things to his disciples. Do not wonder at the saying, it is true to thine experience.

If thou wouldst understand thyself send the multitude away. Let them go out one by one till thou art left alone with Jesus. Has thou ever pictured thyself the one remaining creature in the earth, the one remaining creature in all the starry worlds? In such a universe thine every thought would be God and I, God and I, and yet he is as near to thee as that is near as if in the boundless spaces there throbbed no heart but his and thine.

Practise that solitude, oh my soul, practise the expulsion of the crowd, practise the stillness of thine own heart, practise the solemn refrain God and I, God and I, let none interpose between thee and thy wrestling angel, thou shalt be both condemned and pardoned when thou shalt meet Jesus alone, George Matheson.

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