

Harvest—Genesis 2:4-23

Welcome

Whose or where is your favourite garden?
And if you have a garden—is it more work than pleasure, or pleasure than work?



Worship

If you can watch the following Harvest song from Big Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXuvUHCmYI0>



Spend some time thanking God for the place where you live.

Word

1. Read Genesis 2:4-23
2. On a first reading what strikes you most about the passage?
3. Vs 8—when you think of God planting a garden, what picture comes into your mind?
4. Vs 8-17—what do these vs tell us about the kind of garden which God planted?
5. Vs 15— 'The reaction against human exploitation of creation which suggests that human beings have no right to be managers of the natural world has no warrant with the Christian faith.' (Prof David Wilkinson Durham Uni). What do you think of this statement?
6. Vs 15—how do we balance our God given responsibility given to work the earth, make it productive, AND care for it, protect it? Can you think of examples where we see the two thing kept in balance?
7. Vs 9—the garden was both pleasing to the eye AND good for food—what does this tell us about the character of God?
8. God made the world fruitful AND beautiful—what impact does this have on the way we live and work?



Witness

The world which God made is one of colour, diversity and wonder and God invites us to join with him in filling his world with beautiful things.

What can you do this week to make the world around you 'pleasing to the eye' (vs 9)?

