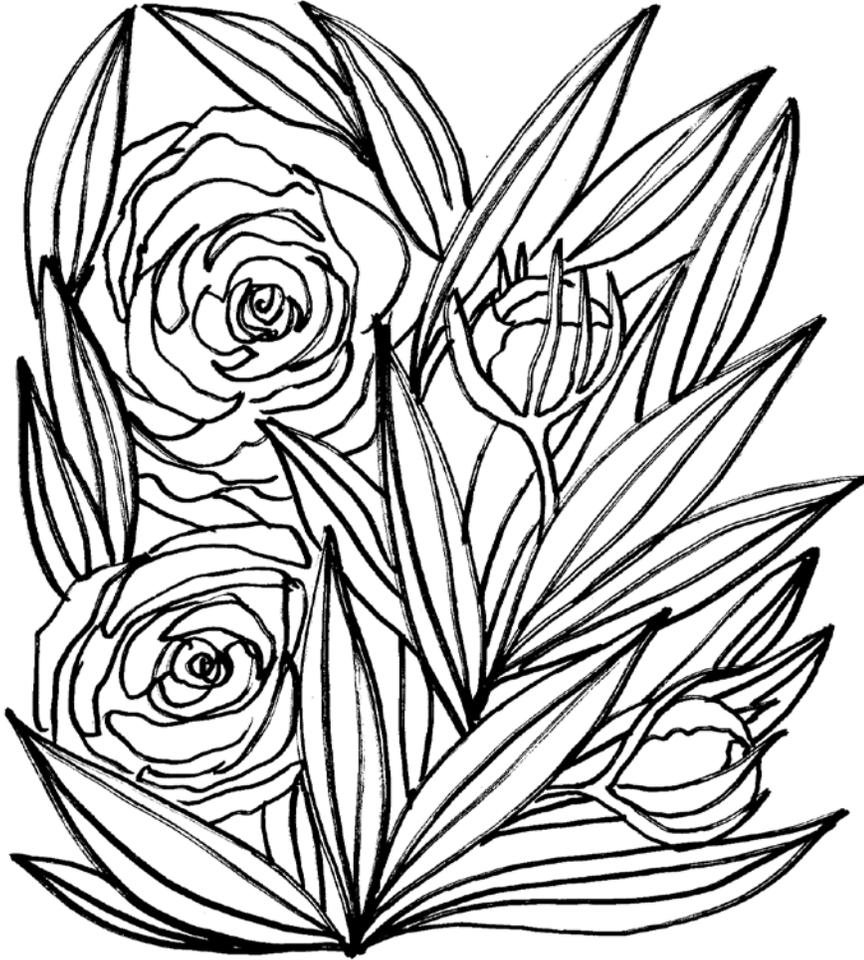


October 2021

Weekly Planner and Meditations
on Spiritual Gardening

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Flowers



In order to produce the fruit, there must first be flowers. Flowers are usually beautiful and fragrant and produce sweet nectar so that pollinating insects are attracted to them, although some only require the wind.

A lot of a plants energy goes into making flowers, but most flowers do not last long. They fade quickly once their purpose is fulfilled.

I think flowers are a bit like the sacrifices we make to serve others and do the will of God – our will given up to produce the character of God within us and make us holy. When we do God`s will, it is the glory of man, and it creates “an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God” (Philippians 4:18).

1. Psalm 103:13-16
2. Job 14:1-2
3. Isaiah 40:6-8
4. 1 Peter 1:24-25
5. James 1:9-11
6. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
7. 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20
8. 1 Peter 1:6-7
9. Psalm 89:15-17
10. Psalm 30:11-12
11. Psalm 3:2-3
12. Hosea 4:6-7
13. Isaiah 62:2-3
14. Isaiah 43:6-7
15. Luke 12:27-28
16. John 8:54-56
17. John 5:43-44
18. John 12:42-43
19. 2 Peter 1:3-4
20. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
21. 1 Peter 5:4-5
22. 1 Peter 5:10-11
23. 1 Corinthians 2:6-8
24. 1 Corinthians 15:42-44
25. Psalm 19:9-11
26. Exodus 28:2-3
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29. 2 Peter 1:5-8
30. Romans 9:22-24
31. Micah 6:8

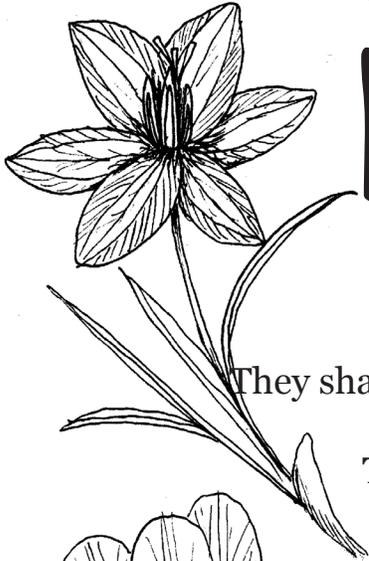
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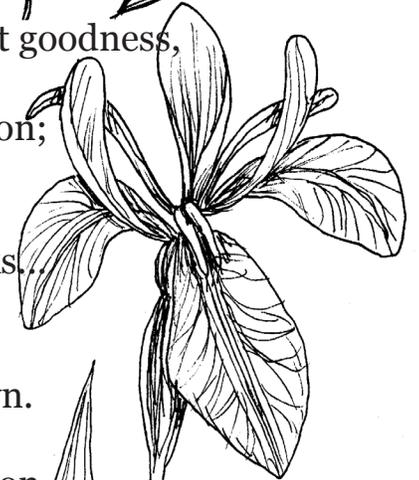
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Righteous

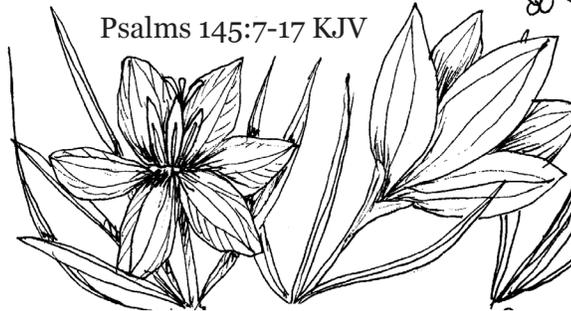


They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,
 and shall sing of thy righteousness.
 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion;
 slow to anger, and of great mercy.
 The LORD is good to all:
 and his tender mercies are over all his works.



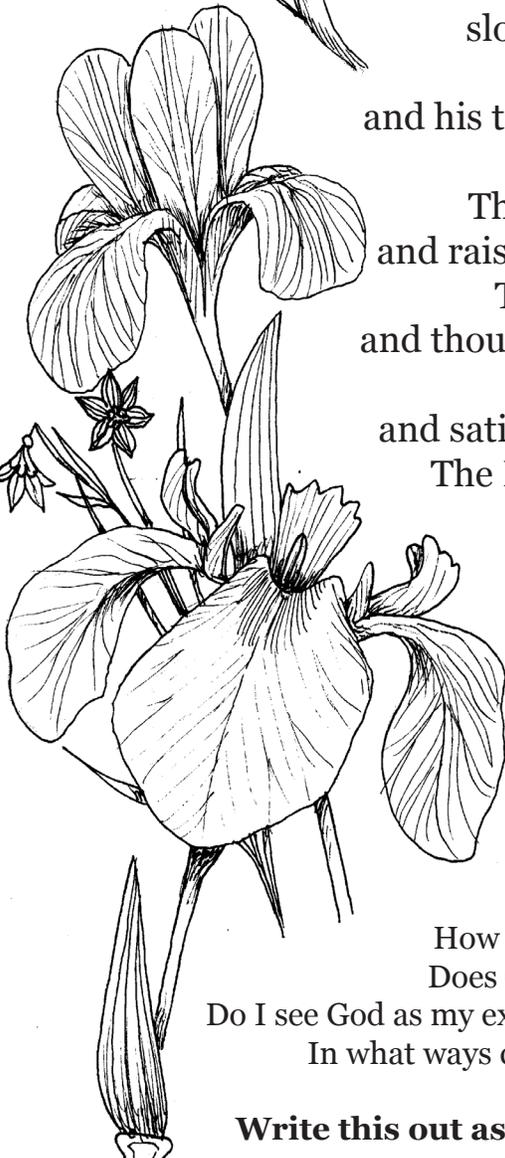
The LORD upholdeth all that fall,
 and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
 The eyes of all wait upon thee;
 and thou givest them their meat in due season.
 Thou openest thine hand,
 and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
 The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
 and holy in all his works.

Psalms 145:7-17 KJV



How can I praise God for His righteousness?
 Does God's righteousness make me thankful?
 Do I see God as my example of righteousness to follow or do I make my own?
 In what ways could God help me to live out His righteousness?

Write this out as a prayer and pray it several times this month.



praise

give thanks

recognize sin

ask for help

Wednesday Jeremiah 17:7-8

29 Daily Tasks

Thursday Romans 8:24-25

30 Daily Tasks

Friday Psalm 103:13-16

1 Daily Tasks

Saturday Job 14:1-2

2 Daily Tasks

serve

Greek “douleo”: to be a slave to

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
(Galatians 5:13 KJV)

**Take some time to ponder these facts
and how they may relate to our spiritual life.**

-  Plants devote a lot of resources and energy into making flowers, scent, and nectar.
-  Scent is an organic molecule known as a volatile. It vaporizes into a gas when released by a plant. Flowers produce at least 1700 different fragrances.
-  Smelling a fragrant flower can make us happy and reduce anxiety.
-  Some flowers only live for a day, and some last for weeks.
-  The primary purpose of a flower is to make seeds so that new plants can grow.
-  Flowers come in a huge variety of shape, colours, and sizes.
-  The colours of flowers are dependent on pigments: the main ones are anthocyanins (red, pink, blue, purple), and carotenoids (yellow, red, orange). Some flowers have colours (ultraviolet) that humans cannot see although bees can.
-  Flowers consist of petals, the pistil (stigma, style, ovary where the seed grows) and the stamen (the filament and anther which produces the pollen).
-  Some plants have two types of flowers: one has the male parts (stamen), and the other has the female parts (pistil).
-  There are approximately 369,000 species of flowering plants known to science. There are over 300 different species of Rose and thousands of varieties and cultivars.

meditation

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Friday 1 Peter 1:6-7

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God might have clothed the apple trees
In scentless brown or gray—
Such frail and fleeting blossoming,
So soon to pass away—

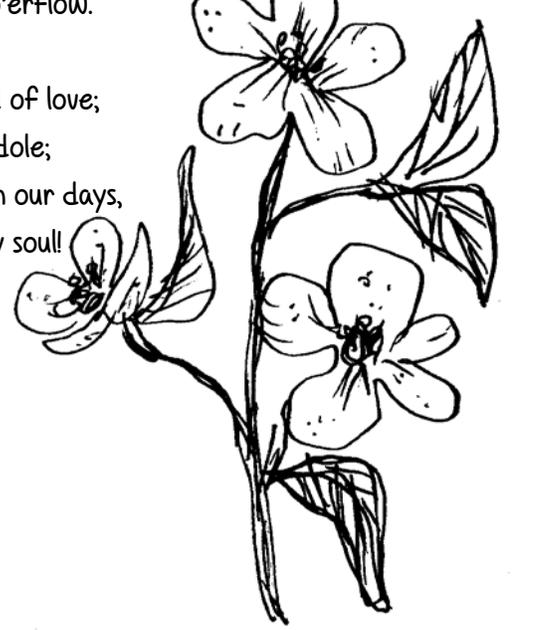
Instead of this fair springtime garb
Of fragrant pink and pearl
That flutters down like rosy snow
On every breeze a whirl.

His goodness gives the pleasant fruit
On laden boughs down-bent;
His loving kindness adds the bloom,
Its beauty and its scent.

He loads us with His benefits
Until no want we know,
And then He sends a little more
That makes our cups o'erflow.

He opens wide His hand of love;
He gives no stingy dole;
His tender mercies crown our days,
O bless the Lord, my soul!

ANNIE FLINT
(1866-1932)



experience

Try to find an example for each flower type below and sketch it.

Coronate (crown-like)

Crateriform (bowl-like)

Cruciform (cross-like)

Campanulate (bell-shaped)

Calceolate (shoe or slipper-like)

Funnelform (trumpet-like)

Galeate (hooded)

Labiate (lipped)

Ligulate (strap-like petals)

Stellate (star shaped)

Papilionaceous (butterfly-like)

Tubulate (tube-like)

Love

Understand this: Christ's love was not superficial; it was sacrificial. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Without dispute this is what he did...

Therefore the new commandment, interpreted by his life, is saying to us a very challenging thing. Love—though it may cost you dear. Love—though it may never be repaid. Love—though men rend your heart. Love—and keep your spirit from being hardened and embittered. The love of Jesus was a trusting love. Although his disciples were weak and afraid and unworthy, he clung tenaciously to the belief that in the end they would respond and be all he intended—and so they were. This reveals the intensity of the new commandment: it is sacrificial. This revelation was new.

Finally, think of this. Love and hate have one thing in common—they both increase at compound interest. If you try doing good to someone, ere long you will come to regard them differently. The spirit of love will ennoble your relationship. Act lovingly and you will come to love, even the most unlikely people. The unloved, the forgotten, the introverted—those whom Jesus called the least of these his brethren.

Here is a solemn thought. How you love the least may at last decide your final reward. Love and hate are cumulative in their effect. Every act of hatred makes you more harsh, more suspicious, more selfish. Every act of love makes you more compassionate, more selfless, more loving: in the sight of God, more lovely. Just as one act of submission to the Father makes you more a son or a daughter, so one act of love makes you more like Christ.

The important thing to remember is that what we believe about love has in the end to be made incarnate, if love is to be real. It is no good having warm thoughts and cold spirits. Love, in the final reality, is a practical thing.

—from *The Genius of Discipleship* by D. Gillett

What is love?

Why a person who is loving attractive like a beautiful flower?

Go through 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and think about how you can show love in your life.

love is...

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