

**Introduction:**

**A. The Garden of Eden**

1. **Delight** in the Garden (Gen. 2:8-17)
2. **Disobedience** in the Garden (Gen. 3:1-6)
3. **Death** in the Garden (Gen. 3:17, 19, 23)

**Relevant Reflections**

1. Man was not created as a robot, but as a responsible free moral agent.
2. Man's autonomy or freedom for self-governance is not absolute.
  - a. Adam and Eve died when they chose to disobey God and they brought death to the whole human race (Gen. 3:17, 19; Rom. 5:12).
  - b. Free election has consequences.

**Transition:** From Adam's defeat by Satan in the Garden of Eden, let's move to Christ's victory over Satan in ...

**B. The Garden of Gethsemane** (Matt. 26:36-46)

1. Jesus' **supplication**
2. Jesus' **submission**
3. Jesus' salvific **victory**

**Relevant Reflections:**

1. Like Jesus, prayer is our first preparation before facing our crucial challenges.
2. Like Jesus, our submission to our heavenly Father's will is our main weapon for victory.
3. Like Jesus, the submission of our will to the Father's will enables us to do His will.

**Conclusion:**

1. **READ:** Genesis 2:8-17; 3:1-6, 17, 19, 23

a. Imagine Adam and Eve's delight in the Garden of Eden that turned into disobedience to God, and ended in their death.

b. Reflecting on these Scriptures, what life applications do you get from the delightful story that has a devastating ending?

Refer to the relevant reflections in the sermon outline, for help.

2. **READ:** Matthew 26:36-46

a. Imagine Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane that brought Him victory over Satan, for our benefit.

b. Reflecting on this text, what life applications do you get from Jesus' submission to the Father's will, to secure our salvation?

Refer to the relevant reflections in the sermon outline, for help.

**PRAY**