

God is Detail-Oriented

Most large cities have parks dedicated to beautiful plant life. Pittsburgh excels at indoor and outdoor gardens; Youngstown, Ohio's Mill Creek Park has one of the best rose gardens I have ever seen; Mainz, Germany has the exotic Volkspark, an arboretum that takes hours to walk through. Millions of people travel hundreds of miles just to look at the brilliant fall colors in the north. Niagara, Canada near the Falls has the Floral Show House with this plaque near the entrance: "Enter, friends, and view God's pleasant handiwork, the embroidery of earth."

The "embroidery of earth" includes such far-ranging effects such as God's attention to detail in the verdant rainforests of Brazil, the frigid beauty of Arctic Circle glaciers, the wheat fields of the North American plains, and the spring green of the trees and brilliant colors of the flowers in the northeast.

I have seen some amazing pictures drawn in chalk by a sidewalk artist, and could not help but wonder why one would invest such effort and beauty in something that cannot last. On a grander scale, all of us have seen amazing sunsets where God painted the entire sky from horizon to horizon with brilliant colors and patterns only to see them vanish within minutes. God imbues this temporary world with foliage and vistas that cannot last much longer than the moment in which they are enjoyed. And yet He does it anyway.

It is testimony to God's attention to every detail; it shouts that He wants this world that is awash in sin to show us signs of His power, peace, wisdom, and hope. He colors the leaves gold to remind us that His glory will light heaven. He colors the flowers with pink and orange to remind us of the morning of joy. He colors the trees and grass green to remind us of the ever living nature of our true home in the sweet by and by.

God's attention to detail reminds you that you can trust Him to keep His promises. This world is filled with gardens that point toward God.

Isa. 41:18-20