

# *UNDERSTANDING VERMEER'S VISION AS THE BORROWED LIGHT OF GOD*

*Take a few moments to answer the questions below.*

1.

When God rested on the seventh day, he did not rest from exhaustion, but as one "well-pleased" with the instances of his own goodness and the manifestations of his own glory. Talk about some of the activities or creative pursuits you enjoy doing in your free time that leave you feeling "well-pleased" – and why.

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2.

In Genesis II, we learn that God formed every plant and every herb *before* it grew in the earth. Thus grace in the soul grows not of itself in nature's soil, but is the work of God's own hands.

Think of someone you know who has "grace in the soul". Describe the qualities of this person.

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3.

In Genesis 2, God appoints a garden for Adam's residence, not a house nor a palace. It is a garden, furnished and decorated by nature-- the immediate work of God's wisdom and power. Every tree is not only visually interesting but useful to the body.

If you have a green corner or a garden space, describe how it brings you joy. What do you enjoy watching grow the most? How does nature nourish you?

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4. Take an afternoon walk after the rain and breathe in the fresh clean air, accented by the sweet aromas of the flowers, plants and trees. Borrow light from God and shine His light of love everywhere you go. Who knows you may even discover a rainbow!

