

The explorers emerged from the dense forest and found themselves overlooking a beautiful valley. They had been charting this territory for weeks now, and had finally finished their work. The land was a good land, fertile and filled with much fruit. The rivers were pure and unpolluted, the clusters of grapes were huge, and the air was clear and clean. It was a "land of milk and honey". They were now ready to report back.

When the leader of this group found me, he commented that this area was so much more wonderful than any other land that they had seen.

"It was so much more beautiful than we expected. We've seen some pretty rough country before this," he said.

"We didn't find anything bad. Everywhere we went we enjoyed the sound of songbirds, rustling leaves, and gurgling streams. We were awed by the vivid colors, too, the green pastures, flowering blooms of all kinds, brilliant sunsets, and full-spectrum rainbows. And the fruit trees were so overburdened with fruit that their limbs drooped down to the ground.

"We were also there long enough to see the effect of trouble on this land. There were mighty tremors at times, and great storms sometimes passed through, but we did not see any change in the country's good nature. The streams did not become polluted or filled with trash such that the surrounding regions were adversely affected. Any damage within was quickly repaired. It was clear that some areas that had once been barren were now being taken over by various types of lush vegetation.

"The worst thing we saw was that there were others sowing weeds and poisonous plants in the land, obviously to try to make it suffer loss. But these were choked out by the heartier forms, until the effect of the tares was minimized and controllable.

"To a man our group has mentioned the desire to live the rest of their lives here. I know that it is not possible, but that shows what an outstanding place it is."

And I replied, "Oh, yes, I certainly feel the same way. Thank you for doing such a fine job. It is truly like Beulah land, and I am so glad that I married her. She indeed has the purest heart of anyone that I know, and I thank God for that."