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6.1 The Fall of Mankind, and Sin and its Punishment

God created humanity upright and perfect. He gave them a righteous law that would have led to life if they had kept it but threatened death if they broke it.¹

Yet they did not remain for long in this position of honor. Satan used the craftiness of the serpent to overcome Eve, who then seduced Adam. Adam acted without any outside compulsion and deliberately transgressed the law of their creation and the command given to them by eating the forbidden fruit.²

God was pleased, in keeping with his wise and holy counsel, to permit this act, because he had purposed to direct it for his own glory.

¹Genesis 2:16, 17

²Genesis 3:12, 13; 2 Corinthians 11:3

Scripture Proofs

¹**Genesis 2:16-17** And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

²**Genesis 3:12-13** The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.