

and persuaded her—she being the weaker—that if they eat of the forbidden fruit, their eyes should be opened, and they should be as God, knowing good and evil.

Q. Did Eve eat of the fruit?

A. Yes, she eat of it, and persuaded Adam, her husband, to eat of it also, which he did, in order to please his wife.

Q. What followed this violation of God's commandment?

A. Their eyes were, indeed, opened, but in a different way from what they expected; they saw, when they ate, the good they had lost, and felt the shame of their transgression.

Q. How did God punish the disobedience of Adam and Eve?

A. God summoned the guilty pair to his presence; reproached them with their crime; cursed the serpent, whom he condemned ever after to creep on the earth, and condemned man to earn his bread, thenceforward, by the sweat of his brow, until he should return to the dust whence he had been taken. Thus was death introduced into the world as the punishment of sin.

Q. What else did God do in punishment of the sin of our first parents?

A. He cursed the earth for their sake, and declared that it should thenceforward bring forth but thorns and thistles; whereas it had before produced of itself all that was necessary for the sustenance of man.

Q. What then befel the unhappy pair?

A. God then drove them out of the terrestrial Para-