

The Serpent Was More Crafty

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Text: Genesis 3:1-21

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(or St. Flavian)

The serpent was more crafty than
All else that God had made;
He went to Eve to catch her in
The trap that he had laid.

“Did God thus say, ‘You may not eat
From any living tree?’
For God knows that the day you do
Your eyes will truly see.”

So when Eve saw the fruit was good,
And pleasing to the eye,
She ate some and ignored God’s word
That “She would surely die.”

She also gave her husband some,
From her, now sinful, hand,
And he, too, ate in that garden
From which they’d soon be banned.

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The eyes of both of them then saw
Things in a whole new way,
And hid when God came walking forth
In the cool of the day.

“Where are you Adam?” thus God called,
But Adam was afraid;
He knew that he had ruined all
The world that God had made.

And so death came to all the earth,
Because of just one sin,
But God conceived a plan to fix
The mess we all were in.

He promised to send forth a man
To crush the devil’s head,
Then, too, forgive all of our sin
And raise us from the dead.

And thus, through Jesus, God’s own son,
Who died upon a tree,
The curse of sin has been destroyed,
And God has set us free.

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Therefore to God, and to His son,
All glory now we give,
For though, we too, one day will die,
We, in the end, will live!

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