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 *8Then the man & his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, & they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” 10He answered, “I heard you in the garden, & I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” 11& He said “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” 12The man said, “The woman you put here…* over

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 *14So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

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 *21The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam & his wife & clothed them. 22And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good & evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand & take also from the tree of life & eat, & live forever.” 23So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.*

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