

وَقُلْنَا أَهْبِطُوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمَتَاعٌ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٣٥﴾ (سورة
البقرة: ٣٥-٣٦)

- 2:35. We said: O Adam! Dwell, you and your wife in paradise; and eat freely from it wherever you may wish; but do not approach this tree, or else you will both become transgressors.
- 2:36. Then Shayṭān made them slip from the [garden] and brought them out of the state [of felicity] they had been in. We said: Go down from here [all of you] as enemies to each other. On earth you will have an abode and your means of livelihood for a while.

When Allah created Adam and honoured him, He completed His blessing towards him by creating from him his wife (Ḥawwa'), so that he might enjoy the pleasure of living with her and so that he might enjoy her companionship, and He commanded them to dwell in paradise and eat from it in abundance and freely «wherever you may wish», that is, they were to eat different kinds of fruit. Allah said to him:

«[But] here [in paradise] it is granted to you that you will not go hungry or be naked, nor will you be thirsty here [in paradise] or suffer from the sun's heat.» (Tā Hâ 20: 118-119)

«but do not approach this tree» which was one kind of the trees of paradise; Allah knows best what it was. He only forbade them to approach it as a test and trial, or for a reason that is not known to us. «or else you will both become transgressors». This indicates that the prohibition was in the sense of it being haram (forbidden), because it would result in transgression or wrongdoing.

But their enemy kept whispering to them and making attractive to them the idea of eating that which was forbidden to them, until he caused them to slip; in other words he made them slip by making it look good to them: