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Shorter Catechism

Q12: What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state in which he was created?

Answer: When God had created man, He entered into a covenant of life with him on condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil on penalty of death.

"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.'"

Genesis 2:16-17 (ESV)

"But the law is not of faith, rather 'The one who does them shall live by them.'"

Galatians 3:12 (ESV)

"For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it."

James 2:10 (ESV)