

## **St Francis Admonition Day 4.**

### **The Evil of Self-will.**

The Lord God said to Adam: "Of every tree of paradise you can eat. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you cannot eat." Adam could therefore eat of every tree of paradise. As long as he did not disobey, he did not sin.

The person who eats of the tree of knowledge of good, appropriates to themselves their own will. And they pride themselves upon the good which the Lord publishes and works in them. Thus, through the suggestion of the devil, and breaking of the commandment, they find the apple of the knowledge of evil. Therefore, it is fitting that they suffer punishment.