

## Question 23

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### Q23. What covenant did God make with Adam?

#### A23. The covenant of works

*Scripture Base:* Gen 2 (esp.16-17); Rom. 10:5;  
Gal. 3:12; 1 Cor. 15:21-22

*Doctrine:* WCF 7:2, SC 12

#### Supplementary Questions

1. What is the Covenant of Works?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why do we call it the Covenant of Works?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What does the Covenant of Works have to do with us?

Song: "God Made a Covenant with Adam" – Judy Rogers

#### Teaching Notes

Review Q22. What is a covenant? - *An agreement between two or more persons*

**Story:** Gen 2 (esp. vv 16-17)

#### **Questions**

- 1a. The covenant God made with Adam after He made him and put him in the garden.
- b. This is the way God related to Adam:
  - (i) God told Adam what to do.
  - (ii) Adam obeyed; therefore, he was happy.
  
- 2a. In order to stay in this relationship with God, Adam had to obey/work perfectly.
- b. Adam also had to obey perfectly to receive eternal life.
  
- 3a. Adam represented us in this covenant: when he broke it, we became guilty.
- b. If we have not received Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are still guilty and under the curse of this covenant.

**Gospel:** Are you still under the Covenant of Works? If so, you are guilty of Adam's sin, as well as all your own. You cannot be good enough to earn your own salvation. Even if you could obey God perfectly from now on, you would not be able to get rid of your sins. You must trust in Jesus to save you. If you do, He will take away your sins and give you His perfect obedience. This is what God has provided in the Covenant of Grace.

**Extra:** W/s: Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

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