

Question 31

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Q31 What was the sin of our first parents?

A31 Eating the forbidden fruit.

Scripture Base: Gen 3:1 - 24

Doctrine: WCF 6:1 SC 15

Supplementary Questions.

1. What was the one thing God told Adam and Eve not to do?

2. Why didn't God want them to eat from that tree?

3. Did they obey God's command not to eat from that tree?

Songs: "Jesus Our Redeemer" & "Adam & Eve"
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Teaching Notes

Review: Q30 What is meant by transgression? - *Doing what God forbids.*

Story: Gen 3 Review Adam & Eve's ability not to sin, but also their choice *to* sin.

Questions

1. They could eat from any of the trees of the garden (Gen. 2:16), but there was one tree that God told them not to eat from. What was the name of that tree? *The tree of the knowledge of good and evil (v. 17).*
2. The command was a test of their loyalty and obedience. Perhaps they couldn't tell why they weren't to eat of it – after all, it looked good like all the rest of the trees. The difference was that God told them not to eat of that tree. It was a question of obedience – would they listen to Him or to Satan?
3. No. Both Adam and Eve ate from the tree and disobeyed God (Gen. 3). When they did, they sinned, since they:
 - (i) Transgressed God's Law by doing something He had forbidden.
 - (ii) Did not conform to His holiness by obeying Him without question and remaining holy (*this reviews the former two questions*).

Gospel: Do you obey what God tells you to do without question? Even when you don't understand why He wants you to do what He tells you to do? The reason you don't is because Adam didn't either. He chose to disobey God and by his sin he made you a sinner (Rom. 5:12, 18-19). Even though it was Adam's fault, the choices you make are still your choices, and God will hold you accountable for them. But Jesus did obey without question and offers to give you His obedience, if you will trust in Him. Jesus also died to take away the guilt of our disobedience, if we will trust in Him. Trust in Jesus and be saved.

Extras. Collage picture of Adam, Eve, tree, serpent etc
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