

## Question 33

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**Q. 33 What befell our first parents when they had sinned?**

**A. 33 Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.**

*Scripture Base:* Gen 3: 7-24; Matt. 21:28-32

*Doctrine:* WCF 6 SC 17-19

### Supplementary Questions.

1. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?
2. What happened when Adam and Eve sinned?
3. Why does being holy make you happy, and being sinful make you miserable?

Songs: "Adam & Eve" & "Jesus Our Redeemer" – Judy Rogers

### Teaching Notes.

**Review** Q32 Who tempted them to this sin? - *The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.*

**Story** Gen 3:7-24 & Matt. 21:28-32

### Questions

1. He made them *holy* (Gen. 1:31; Ecc. 7:29) - having a love for what was right and good (no corruption of soul), and they were innocent (no guilt). This made them *happy* – they had peace with themselves (in their consciences), and they had peace with God (communion with Him; Q. 21).
2. *They became sinful* – no longer loving what was right and good (corrupt), they were guilty enough to die (both physically and spiritually in hell; Gen. 2:17). *They became miserable* - their consciences made them feel guilty (Gen. 3:8), their fellowship with God was over (the only thing that can truly make us happy, satisfying our souls continuously), and they were under the sentence of death (they had nothing to look forward to but hell).
3. When you do what's right because you want to, you feel good because your conscience doesn't accuse and condemn you (you don't feel guilty).  
When you do what's wrong, you feel miserable because your conscience accuses and condemns you (you feel guilty). [Don't you feel better when your parents ask you to do something and you do it, rather than when you don't do it and have to face the consequences?]  
*It always feels better to have a clear conscience than a guilty one.*  
God gave us a conscience to help us learn the difference between right and wrong. When we do what's right, it helps us to feel happy. But when we do what's wrong (sin), it helps us to feel guilty, so that we'll turn from our sins and do what's right again.

**Gospel:** Our consciences tell us that we have sinned, that we are guilty and that we deserve punishment (hell). What can we do about this? There's really nothing we can do by ourselves. Even if we started to obey God perfectly today (which we can't), it still wouldn't make up for all the bad things we've done. That's why God sent His Son into the world to obey perfectly and to die on the cross. If we believe/trust in Jesus, He will take away our sins/guilt, and give us His perfect obedience. He will also help us to do what's right by making us want to do what's right.

*Emphasize SC19 Lost communion with God - Under His wrath & curse - Made liable to all miseries in this life - Death - Pains of hell forever.*

**Extras:** Worksheets - Results of Adam's Sin & The Two Sons  
**Songs:** "Adam & Eve" & "Jesus Our Redeemer" – Judy Rogers