

Question 34

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Q34. Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of works?

A34. No; he represented all his posterity.

Scripture Base: Gen. 1:26-27, 31; 2:17; 3:6; 2 Sam. 24:1-25; Rom. 5:12, 18-19; 1 Cor. 15:21-22

Doctrine: WCF 6:3 SC 16-19

Supplementary Questions

1. What did God require of Adam in the Covenant of Works?

2. When Adam ate from the forbidden fruit, did he do this only for himself?

3. What does it mean that Adam was our representative?

Songs: "God Made a Covenant with Adam"
"Jesus Our Redeemer" – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review: Q33. What befell our first parents when they had sinned? - *Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.*

Story: 2 Sam 24:1-17 - Emphasize David as representative, yet all people suffered.

Questions

1. a. God required that he obey Him perfectly (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23).
 - b. Was it right for God to require this? Could Adam obey perfectly? Yes, because God made him holy (Gen. 1:26-27, 31).
 - c. Did Adam obey God perfectly? No; he ate from the forbidden fruit (Gen. 3:6).
2. a. No, not just for himself, but for all his children, for all of us (Rom. 5:12, 18-19).
 - b. What do we call the relationship that we have with Adam? Adam was our representative (1 Cor. 15:21-22).
3. a. It means that he took our place in the garden and that God looks at each of us as though we did what Adam did.
 - b. Is there anyone that Adam didn't represent?
 - (i) There is only one: the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (ii) Adam was not His father; God is His Father.

Gospel. Adam was our representative. He disobeyed God and fell under the sentence of death. God looks at us as though we did what Adam did. That means we also are under the sentence of death. How then can we be saved? The only way we can be saved is by trusting in the other representative God sent into the world: the Lord Jesus Christ. If we believe in Him, then God will look at us as though we obeyed as He obeyed. If we trust in Him, then His sacrifice on the cross will take away our sins, and we will be able to go to heaven when we die.

Extras "Whole world affected by sin" worksheet - Rom 8: 22. Draw stick figures to show Adam & his posterity. (*Print in color*)

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