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Q41. Can any one be saved through the covenant of works?

A41. None can be saved through the covenant of works.

Scripture Base: Gen. 2:15-17; Rom. 10:1-13

Doctrine: WCF 6:1, 3, 6; 7:2. SC 15-17.

Supplementary Questions

1. What is a covenant?

2. What is the Covenant of Works?

3. What would you have to do to be saved by the Covenant of Works?

Song: "God Made a Covenant with Adam" & "Jesus Our Redeemer"- *Judy Rogers*

Teaching Notes

Review: Q40 Who can change a sinner's heart? *The Holy Spirit alone.*

Reading: Gen 2:15-17.

Questions:

1. Review Q22 A – "An agreement between two or more persons." In the Bible, covenants are the agreements God enters into with man (understanding that God may sovereignly impose whatever He desires on man whether he agrees to it or not).

The Abrahamic Covenant - God promised Abraham that He would make him the father of many nations, give him the land of Canaan, and give him a child through whom all the nations on earth would be blessed (*Gen. 12:1-3*). The Davidic Covenant - God promised David that He would raise up one of his sons to sit on his throne who would reign on that throne forever (*2 Sam. 7:12-13*).

2. The covenant God made with Adam in the Garden of Eden (Q23). God required Adam to obey perfectly (Q24), promising to reward him with eternal life if he obeyed (Q25), and threatening to punish him with death if he disobeyed (Q26). (*Gen 2:15-17*)

Adam was given the task of tending the Garden and of "keeping it" - to guard it against intruders. Satan was allowed by God to enter the Garden to see whether Adam would obey Him or not. If Adam had obeyed, all of us would have been perfect and born into a perfect world. Since he disobeyed, we were all born sinners into a sinful world.

3. You would have to do everything God tells you to do perfectly (*Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:12*). This means you would never be able to do anything wrong in order to make it to heaven.

Gospel: If you have never trusted savingly in Jesus, then you are still in the Covenant of Works. This means that God will look at everything you have done on the Day of Judgment to determine whether you will go to heaven or hell. Where would He send you if He examined you today? The Lord tells us that all of us have gone astray from Him like sheep (*Isa. 53:6*). Every one of us deserves nothing but hell. But God sent His Son to save all who will trust in Him. Are you trusting in Jesus Christ to save you?

Extras: Covenant of Works Worksheet.

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