

Question 22

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Q22. What is a covenant?

A22. An agreement between two or more persons

Scripture Base: Gen 2:16-17; Ex 20, Gal. 3:15;
Ps. 105:8-11; Heb 8: 6 -13

Doctrine: WCF 7, LC 20, SC 12

Supplementary Questions

1. What is a covenant?

2. What are the different parts of a covenant between God and man?

3. Does God keep His covenants?

Song: "God made a covenant with Adam" – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review Q21. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

- *He made them holy and happy.*

Reading: Gen 2 – God's covenant with Adam / Ex 20 - The Law

Questions:

1a. An agreement or contract between two or more persons-

Synonyms: "bond," "promise," or "pledge"

1b. There are at least two kinds of covenants.

(i) Between people - Both agree to enter into this kind of covenant (Ex. Jacob's covenant with Laban; Gen. 31).

Egs: (a) A home loan (b) A marriage covenant

(ii) Between God and man - God tells us this is what He wants, and we must obey Him.

Egs (a) Covenant of Works (made with Adam and his children)

(b) Covenant of Grace (worked out through Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New Covenant);

2a. God tells us who He is and what gracious thing He has done,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex. 20:2)

2b. God tells what He wants us to do: Ten Commandments v3-17

2c. God tells us what He will do for us if we obey, "Honor your father and your mother, *that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you*" (v. 12)

2d. God tells us what He will do to us if we disobey. "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, *visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me*, but showing loving kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." (vv. 5-6; Both blessings and curses)

2e. God tells us where to keep the covenant record and when to review it. (Ex 25:21; I Ki. 8:9; Dt. 17:18-20, 31:10-13)

3. Yes, He will never lie or change His mind. (Numbers 23:19)

Gospel: In the covenant He made with us, God requires that we keep His Ten Commandments to receive His blessing of life. Have you kept those commandments? (No) How many have you broken? (All of them -- to break one is to be guilty of all James 2:10). What is the penalty for breaking God's commandments? (God's judgment, death Rom. 6:23). What should you do to escape judgment? (Trust in Christ who obeyed God's commandments, died on the cross, and, if you will trust in Him, promises to forgive you, and give you His perfect record of obedience).

Worksheet: The Parts of a Covenant

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