

## Question 27

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**Q 27. Did Adam keep the covenant of works?**

**A 27. No; he sinned against God.**

*Scripture Base:* Gen 3:1-13, Rom 5:18-19

*Doctrine:* WCF 4:2, 5:4. SC13.

### Supplementary Questions.

1. Did Adam have the ability/power to keep the covenant of works?

2. Why did Adam choose to disobey God?

3. Are **you** able to keep the Covenant of Works?

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

### Teaching Notes.

Review Q 26. What did God threaten in the covenant of works? - To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed.

Reading: Gen 3: 1-13; (Also Matt 4: Jesus resists Satan, Adam did not)

#### The four states

- a) In the Garden      able to sin and able not to sin
- b) After the fall      not able not to sin
- c) *After faith in Christ*      *Sins paid for by in Christ's sacrifice.*  
*able not to sin (but imperfectly [with sin mixed in our works]; or, not able not to sin [because of the sin in our works], but with genuine love as part of our motive).*
- d) In heaven      unable to sin

### Questions

1) Yes. Adam was perfect, and he had the Holy Spirit living in his heart to help him choose what was right. (*Gen 1:31, Eccl 7:29*)

2) We don't know why Adam chose to disobey God, but we do know that Eve was deceived by Satan when she ate and that Adam ate the fruit when she gave it to him (1 Tim. 2:13-14).

Adam could have chosen not to eat the fruit, but he did.

3) If you have not repented and trusted in Jesus, you cannot. You are still spiritually dead. (*You can do what God says to do – e.g. obey your parents, not hurt others, not tell lies, etc. – but you can't do these things because you love God. If you don't obey God because you love Him, then you are not really obeying Him (1 Cor. 13:1-3).*)

If you've repented and trusted in Him, then you can obey Him. *Not perfectly: your best obedience still has sin mixed in it. But when you offer your obedience to God through Jesus, He accepts what you do: Jesus removes the sin in your works.*

**Gospel:** Have you repented of your sins and trusted in Jesus? If you haven't, nothing you do is pleasing to Him. If you ever want to be accepted by Him and have Him accept what you do, you must turn from your sins and believe in Jesus. He is the only One who can make us acceptable to God. (John 14:6).

Extras. States of Being Worksheet

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