

Question 26

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Q 26. What did God threaten in the covenant of works?

A 26. To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed.

Scripture Base: Gen 2:15-17, Rom 3:23, 5:12

Doctrine: WCF 7, SC12

Supplementary Questions.

1. With what kind of death did God threaten Adam?

2. What is eternal/everlasting death?

3. Why did God threaten Adam with everlasting death for this “small” sin?

4. How important is it that we avoid eternal death?

Song: “God made a covenant with Adam” - *Judy Rogers*

Teaching Notes

Review: Q25. What did God promise in the covenant of works?
- *To reward Adam with life if he obeyed Him.*

Story Gen 2, emphasizing the warning not to eat of the tree and the punishment for so doing.

Questions

- 1) He threatened him with physical death (explain, focusing on eternal death) and eternal or everlasting death. (Gen 2:16-17)
- 2) It is death that *never ends* - lasting forever (Rev.14:11).
It is a *quality* of death: unimaginable suffering in a place that burns with fire (Mark 9:43-48).
It is a *loss of relationship*: to be cut off from God and His blessings forever (2 Thes. 1:9-10).
- 3) There are no small sins against God: every sin is infinite (immeasurably huge) because God is infinitely holy.
Since God is just, He must punish us with a punishment that is equal to our crime.
Since we can't suffer that much all at once, we must suffer forever in hell.
- 4) It should be the most important thing in the world to us.
Nothing we'll ever face in this world comes close to this danger. If we don't receive eternal life before we die, then we will spend an eternity in hell – where our suffering will never end; where there is no joy, love or peace; and where we will hate God and be hated by Him forever (Rev. 20:10, 15; *this is a repeat from last week*).

Gospel: Adam broke that covenant and was condemned to everlasting death. When he sinned, we all sinned in him and fell under the same judgment/curse (Rom. 5:12, 18). The only way we will ever escape this death/hell is by trusting in Jesus. Paul writes, “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed’” (Rom. 10:9-11). We will still die someday, but if we trust in Jesus, our souls will go to be with Him and our bodies will be raised again to life at the last day (2 Cor. 5:8; 1 Thes. 4:14).

Extra: charts: a) wall = Q26 W/St A b) for children; matching
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