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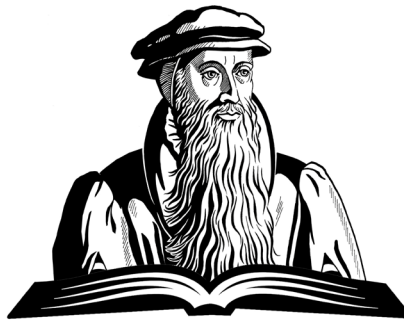
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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #12

## The Fall's Effect on All Mankind

### Memorization

**Question 16:** *Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?*

**Answer:** *The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.*

**Question 17:** *Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?*

**Answer:** *The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.*

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: the consequences.
2. Mankind's representative.
3. Mankind's sin.
4. Mankind's fall.
5. Applications.

### Literal Study

1. Define these key terms as they are used in this lecture:

a) Covenant \_\_\_\_\_

b) Posterity \_\_\_\_\_

c) Ordinary generation \_\_\_\_\_

d) Fall \_\_\_\_\_

e) Estate \_\_\_\_\_

2. Paraphrase Answer #16, or put it into your own words.

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3. Paraphrase Answer #17, or put it into your own words.

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**Lecture Checkup**

1. How is it that the Lord Jesus was born as a man, but he did not fall in sin with Adam?

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2. How does the Bible show us that Adam was a representative of his descendents? What is a representative?

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3. Is Adam the only representative of mankind? Who does the Lord Jesus represent?

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4. What happened to all of mankind because of Adam's sin?

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5. How is it that we have the guilt of Adam's first sin?

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6. Is it reasonable for God to appoint Adam to represent all mankind?

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7. Into what estate have we all fallen? What is our standing before God?

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8. How should we be affected as we learn the truth about our fallen condition?

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9. Is it necessary for each person to recognize this truth for themselves? Why is that important?

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10. What is our only hope of being brought out of terrible truth of our sin and misery?

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***Further Studies***

1. How were all of Adam's posterity in him when he first sinned?

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2. How could Adam be the representative of all his posterity, when there was none of them in being to make choice of him for their representative?

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**Practical Application**

1. Are you able to accept this difficult truth that you have sinned in Adam and fell with him? Is there any help from our own efforts? Is there hope outside of ourselves?

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2. Please read and meditate on Matthew 5, verse 4. How do the truths that we've learned in this lecture affect you spiritually?

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**Project Idea**

Write a short essay or article to answer this objection: "We have nothing to do with Adam's fall, therefore we are still innocent and have free will to choose right and wrong."

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