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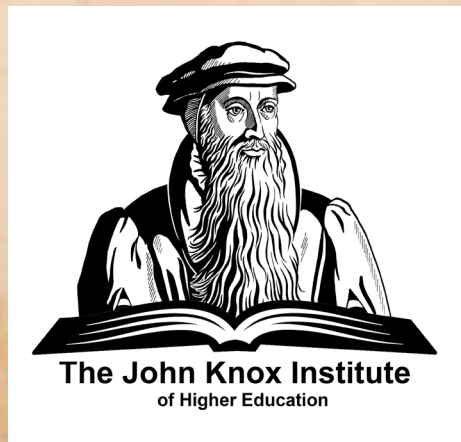
**Adult Study Guide**

for Lecture #13

**The Sinfulness and Misery of**

**Man's Fallen State**

*Catechism Questions 18 & 19*



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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #13

## The Sinfulness and Misery of Man's Fallen State

### Memorization

**Question 18:** *Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?*

**Answer:** *The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.*

**Question 19:** *What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?*

**Answer:** *All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.*

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: a closer look.
2. The sinfulness of our fallen state.
3. The misery of our fallen state.
4. Applications.

### Literal Study

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

- a) Original sin \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Actual sin \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Want \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Misery \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Communion \_\_\_\_\_

f) Wrath \_\_\_\_\_

g) Curse \_\_\_\_\_

h) Made liable \_\_\_\_\_

6. Paraphrase Answer #18, or put it into your own words.

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7. Paraphrase Answer #19, or put it into your own words.

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### *Lecture Checkup*

1. Rev. Mattull says that Adam was a righteous person when he was created. (see Question and Answer #10) So how is it that we are lacking that original righteousness now?

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2. What does original sin consist of?

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3. What are actual sins? Where do they come from?

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4. What was the communion that Adam had with God before the fall? Is the loss of that communion with God a great misery and loss to mankind?

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5. What does it mean to be under God's wrath and curse? Why is that a great misery?

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6. What is the punishment which man is liable to because of the fall?

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7. What are some of our earthly miseries that people suffer? Are they only outward?

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8. What is the biblical view of physical death in this world? How is it different for believers than for unbelievers?

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9. What does the Bible tell us about the pains of hell? Is it fair to punish sinners in such a place of torment forever?

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10. Is sin a little thing? Please explain your answer.

***Further Studies***

1. What is included in “the want of original righteousness”?



2. If God withholds this original righteousness, does that make him the author of sin?

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3. Have we reason to deny this original corruption, because we have not reason clearly to understand the way of its conveyance?

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4. Do not sanctified persons beget children without natural corruption?

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5. What are the external, internal, and spiritual miseries which men are liable to in this life by the fall?

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**Practical Application**

1. Some people think that sin and misery only belongs to other people and not themselves. What is the truth about this? Does it belong to all of us?

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2. People like to place their hope in many things that are partial remedies. What are some of those things that people put their hope in? What is the only real hope for lost sinners like you and me?

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**Project Ideas**

If someone (one of your friends) thinks he or she is very healthy, wealthy, without any troubles, how do you convict him or her of the reality of sin and misery? Please write down your thoughts.

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