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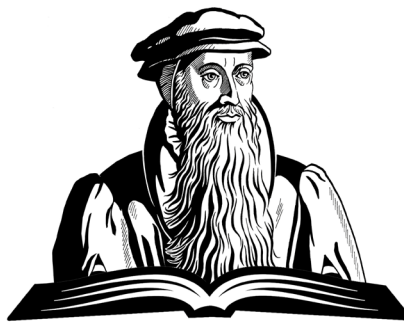
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Memorization

Question 12: *What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?*

Answer: *When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. When this covenant was made..
3. What this covenant established
4. What this covenant required.
5. Conclusion

Basic Questions About Question 12

1. What does the word "covenant" mean in this lecture?
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2. What does the word "condition" mean in this lecture?
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4. Paraphrase Question and Answer #12, or put it into your own words.

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. God gave a commandment after he placed Adam in the garden, and established a way for Adam to have access to life.

Genesis 2:15–17

Lecture Checkup

1. When was this covenant made?

2. Does the word “covenant” appear in Genesis chapters 1 through 3 What is there in these chapters which implies that God made a covenant with Adam and Eve?

3. What was the promise in this covenant? What was the consequence of disobedience to this covenant?

4. In the Bible, “life and death” sometimes refers to physical life and physical death. But what other kind of “life and death” is revealed in the Bible ?

5. In this first covenant, what did Adam have to do in order to maintain and secure the life that was promised to him?

6. Was it unfair of God to require perfect obedience from Adam? What four things show that God was very fair and reasonable to make such a demand?

7. What is “the covenant of works”? What is another name for it? Why are these two names used for the same covenant?

8. What was forbidden in this covenant? What was the consequence for not obeying?

9. What was God’s intent in making a covenant with Adam?.

10. Did Adam's disobedience affect himself only? Who else did it affect?

11. By God's great kindness, what encouragements and benefits did the covenant give to Adam?

Practical Application

1. The world today is in a terrible state. How does the fact of Adam's fall into sin explain why the world is as it is today?

2. When Adam and Eve broke the covenant of works, did God cast mankind away? What is the story afterwards?
