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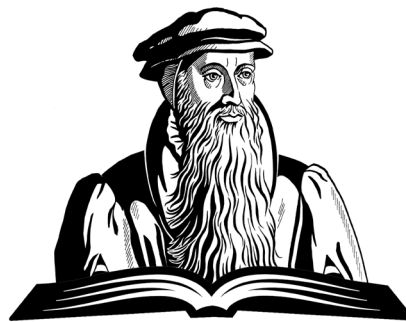
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**The Sinfulness and Misery
of Man's Fallen State**

Catechism Questions 18 & 19



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YOUTH STUDY GUIDE

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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.

Basic Questions About Questions 18 & 19

1. What do the words "original sin" mean in this lecture?

2. What do the words "actual sin" mean in this lecture?

3. What does the word "want" mean in this lecture?

4. What does the word “misery” mean in this lecture?

5. What does the word “communion” mean in this lecture?

6. What does the word “wrath” mean in this lecture?

7. What does the word “curse” mean in this lecture?

8. What do the words “made liable” mean in this lecture?

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

7. Paraphrase Answer #19, 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. *The sinfulness of our fallen state includes four parts: the guilt of Adam’s sin; the lack of original righteousness; the corruption of our whole nature; and our actual transgressions.*

Psalm 51:5 _____

Romans 3:10–18 _____

Romans 3:23 _____

Matthew 15:19 _____

2. Our misery is seen in three things: our lost communion; our relationship to God; and the legal judgments upon us.

Deuteronomy 27:26 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

Hebrews 9:27 _____

Revelation 14:10–11 _____

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?

2. What does original sin consist of?

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

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?

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

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

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

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

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?

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

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?

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?
