

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM QUESTIONS

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23. **Q. What covenant did God make with Adam?**
A. The covenant of life.
24. **Q. What is a covenant?**
A. A relationship that God establishes with us and guarantees by His word.
25. **Q. In the covenant of life, what did God require Adam to do?**
A. To obey God perfectly.
26. **Q. What did God promise in the covenant of life?**
A. To reward Adam with life if he obeyed God perfectly.
27. **Q. What did God threaten in the covenant of life?**
A. To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed God.
28. **Q. Did Adam keep the covenant of life?**
A. No. He sinned against God.
29. **Q. What is sin?**
A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.
30. **Q. What is meant by lack of conformity?**
A. Not being or doing what God requires.
31. **Q. What is meant by transgression?**
A. Doing what God forbids.
32. **Q. What does every sin deserve?**
The wrath and curse of God.
33. **Q. What was the sin of our first parents?**
A. Eating the forbidden fruit.
34. **Q. Who tempted Adam and Eve to sin?**
A. Satan tempted Eve first, and then he used her to tempt Adam.
35. **Q. How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned?**
A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.
36. **Q. Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of life?**
A. No. He represented the whole human race.
37. **Q. What effect did the sin of Adam have on all people?**
A. We are all born guilty and sinful.
38. **Q. How sinful are you by nature?**
A. I am corrupt in every part of my being.
39. **Q. What is the sinful nature that we inherit from Adam called?**
A. Original sin.
40. **Q. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?**
A. No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.
41. **Q. What is this change of heart called?**
A. The new birth, or regeneration.
42. **Q. Who can change a sinner's heart?**
A. The Holy Spirit alone.