

Discussion of Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 19

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Q. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. 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.

Gen. 3:6-10.

Gen. 3:16-19.

Gen. 3:22-24.

Job 5:6, 7.

Eph. 2:1-3, 12.

Gal. 3:10.

Lam. 3:39.

Psalms 38:17-20.

Rom. 6:23.

1 Cor. 15:26.

Matt. 25:31, 32, 41-46.

Rev. 14:9-11.

Personal application:

Heidelberg Catechism
appended for comparison

Q. 8. But are we so depraved that we are completely incapable of any good and prone to all evil?

Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.

Q. 10. Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

Certainly not, but He is terribly displeased with our inborn as well as our actual sins, and will punish them in just judgment in time and eternity, as He has declared, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”