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Q. What made it so?

A. Because, in doing it, they disobeyed God, sinned against the clearest light, were unthankful to God, discontented with their condition, and believed the devil rather than God.

Q. Did our first parents and all their posterity hereby incur the penalty of the first covenant? A. Yes.

Q. Did they die that very day they ate the forbidden fruit?

A. They died spiritually that day, and also became liable to temporal and eternal death.

Q. Did they not lose great happiness by their fall? A. Yes.

Q. What lost they?

A. They lost the image of God, and communion with God.

Q. What mean you by the image of God which they lost?

A. That holiness and purity implanted in their nature by creation, which is also called original righteousness.

Q. What mean you by communion with God which they lost?

A. The sweet converse and fellowship which our first parents had with God before the fall.

Q. Is there not a way to recover these choice blessings?

A. Yes, by Jesus Christ.

Q. Are you liable to all these losses and miseries which Adam brought on himself by the fall?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you guilty of Adam's first sin? A. Yes.

Q. How can that be, seeing you were not then born?

A. Because Adam in the first covenant represented me, and stood bound for me, and all his posterity.

Q. In what estate is man born now? A. In an estate of sin and misery.

Q. Brought you any sin into the world with you? A. Yes.

Q. What do you call it?

A. Original sin.

Q. What is that sin?

A. The sin that is conveyed to me by my parents from Adam.

Q. Are you both guilty and filthy by this sin? A. Yes.

Q. Is your nature both corrupted and defiled by it? A. Yes.

Q. How know you that?

A. Because I feel my heart naturally backward to that which is good, and prone to that which is evil.

Q. Is original sin enough to damn you though you had no more? A. Yes.

Q. What more sin have you than original sin?

A. I have actual sin also.

Q. What is actual sin?

A. The sin I daily commit in thought, word, and deed.

Q. Is not original sin the spring of all actual sin? A. Yes.

Q. Are you not become miserable as well as sinful by the fall? A. Yes.

Q. What are the miseries which the fall brought upon us?

A. They are threefold: temporal, spiritual, and eternal.

Q. What are the temporal miseries?

A. They are the troubles and afflictions of the body.

Q. What are these?

A. Such as famine, wars, pestilence, poverty, reproach, sickness, and the pains of death at last.

Q. What are the spiritual miseries we are liable to by the fall?

A. They are the plagues and diseases of the soul.

Q. What are these?

A. Such as the loss of God's image and communion with him,