

Question 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

Answer. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Question 16. Did all mankind fail in Adam's first transgression?

Answer. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Question 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

Answer. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

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 Man'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.

Questions 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 the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever."

B. Meanings of the Term "Sin"

1. In the English language

In *Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases*, many synonyms for sin are listed under six separate headings.

(1) Under "badness" there are such nouns as rottenness, imperfection, unsoundness, corruption, evil, uncleanness, depravity, wickedness, and guilt.

(2) Under "disobedience" there are such nouns as defiance, disregard, non-compliance, non-observance, violation of the law, infraction, crime, lawlessness, revolt, and rebellion.

(3) Under "wrong" there are such nouns as error, culpability, Immorality, transgression, trespass, and injustice.

(4) Under "wickedness" there are such nouns as unrighteousness, iniquity, sinfulness, lawbreaking, misbehavior, evil-doing, fault, shortcoming, failing, and defect.