

FROM THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM

Study Lesson Number 11

THE PUNISHMENT:

What happened to Adam and Eve on account of their sin?

On account of their sin Adam and Eve lost sanctifying grace, the right to heaven, and their special gifts; they became subject to death, to suffering, and to a strong inclination to evil, and they were driven from the Garden of Paradise.

1. GOD'S COMMAND: - DO NOT EAT
of the tree of good and evil,
lest you die.

God loved Adam and Eve and
wanted to keep them from harm.

3. THE FALL: -
Adam and Eve disobeyed God
and did their own will.

2. THE DEVIL'S TEMPTATION -
If you eat this fruit, you shall
be as gods.

The devil, symbolized by the
serpent, said: "Don't love God,
love yourselves. Be your own
gods and do your own will.
What God says is too difficult."

4. THE PUNISHMENT: -
The gate to heaven was closed.
Adam and Eve lost the gifts which
God had given them, and they also
lost the friendship of God.

What has happened to us on account of the sin of Adam?

On account of the sin of Adam, we, his descendants, come into the world deprived of sanctifying grace and inherit his punishment, as we would have inherited his gifts had he been obedient to God.

What is this sin in us called?

This sin in us is called original sin.

Why is this sin called original?

This sin is called original because it comes down to us through our origin, or descent, from Adam.
It is the first sin.

What are the chief punishments of Adam which we inherit through original sin?

The chief punishments of Adam which we inherit through original sin are: death, suffering, ignorance, and a strong inclination to sin.

Is God unjust in punishment us on account of the sin of Adam?

God is not unjust to us on account of the sin of Adam, because original sin does not take away from us anything to which we have a strict right as human beings, but only the free gifts which God in His goodness would have bestowed on us if Adam had not sinned.

GOD' GIFTS TO US

1. Grace
2. Great knowledge
3. Control of passions by reason.
4. Freedom from sickness and death.

THE DEVIL'S GIFTS TO US

1. Original Sin
2. Ignorance
3. A strong inclination to sin.
4. Suffering and death.