

Baptist Catechism Question 15:

Text **Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3**

Review:

How did God create man?

Answer: God created man, male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

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What are the works of providence?

Answer: God's works of providence are His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures, and all their actions.

Baptist Catechism Question 14

What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?

Answer When God had created man, He entered into a covenant of life with him upon condition of perfect obedience: forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

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Did God make man perfectly holy? Yes. God made man upright (**Ecclesiastes 7:29**).

And perfectly happy? Yes. For he blessed him (**Genesis 1:28**).

Did He give him a law? Yes. The Lord God commanded the man (**Genesis 2:16**).

And was man as God's creature obliged to obey that law? Yes. Remember, O Israel, for thou art my servant, I have formed thee (**Isaiah 44:21**).

Was the covenant which God entered into with Adam, a covenant of life? Yes. For the law is not of faith; but the man that doth them shall live in them. (**Galatians 3:12**)

Was there a special command given by way of trial? Yes. Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat. (**Genesis 3:17**)

And was death threatened in case of disobedience? Yes In the day you eat you will surely die (**Genesis 2:17**)

Was he under natural necessity to break this law? No. For of every other tree of the garden he had liberty to eat (**Genesis 2:16**)

Was this covenant made with Adam as a public head? Yes For he was the figure of Him that was to come (**Romans 5:14**)

Was Eve included in it? Yes. For God said to the woman, what have you done? (**Genesis 3:13**)

Was this law worthy of God? Yes. Shall not the Judge of all the Earth do right? (**Genesis 18:25**)

Is the second covenant better than the first? Yes. For Christ is the mediator of a better covenant (**Hebrews 8:6**)