

Study Guide for *Systematic Theology*, vol. 2, by Charles Hodge

Extra Reading for the course:
"What is Man?"

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Read Charles Hodge, Systematic Theology, vol. 2, Chapters 5-8, pages 100-269.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Chapter 5

1. What does Hodge mean when he asserts that Adam and Eve were created in a state of “maturity and perfection”?
2. How did the Reformers understand the image of God in man?
3. According to Hodge, should man’s dominion over the creatures be considered an aspect of the image of God?
4. What is the Roman Catholic understanding of the image of God in man?
5. What is the Roman Catholic doctrine regarding the original state of man?
6. According to Roman Catholic doctrine, what did man lose after the Fall?
7. What is the Pelagian view of the original state of man?
8. Does Hodge agree with the principle that a person can only be held responsible for things that he has full power to do or avoid?

Chapter 6

1. According to Hodge, did God make a covenant of works with Adam?
2. Identify the content of each aspect of the covenant of works?

The Promise:
The Condition:
The Penalty:

9. Did the Pelagians believe that man was created mortal?

Chapter 7

1. What does Hodge assert regarding what knowledge Adam and Eve received from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil when they ate its fruit?
2. Does the biblical account indicate that Adam was present when Eve was tempted?

Chapter 8

1. What was the Gnostic view of sin?
2. What was Leibniz's view of sin?
3. What was Schleiermacher's view of sin?
4. What were the basic doctrines of sin held in general by the early church?
5. Explain the teachings of Pelagius regarding man's ability, inherited corruption, in what condition people are born, perfectionism, the need for grace, and the need for baptism.
6. What were the key teachings of Augustine regarding sin, grace, and man's ability?
7. What were the teachings of the Semi-Pelagians?
8. From the time of Augustine until the Council of Trent, how does Hodge describe the position of the Latin Church regarding sin, grace, and predestination?
9. What were the teachings of Thomas Aquinas regarding original righteousness and the effects of the Fall?
10. Which medieval theologian was closest to Augustine in his understanding of the doctrine of sin?
11. What were the teachings of the Council of Trent regarding the doctrine of sin?
12. What does Hodge say about the clarity of the Roman Catholic doctrine of sin?
13. What is the position of the Roman Catholic regarding the key elements of Pelagianism, Semi-Pelagianism, and Augustine's teaching?
14. According to Hodge, does the Roman Catholic Church clearly teach the doctrine of original sin?
15. What does Hodge say about the possibility of living without sin?
16. What does Hodge say about attributing merit to people for good works in this life?
17. What is the doctrine of "immediate imputation" of Adam's sin?
18. What is "original sin," as the term is commonly used in theology?
19. How does Hodge understand fallen man's inability with regard to sin?