

- A. To see others enjoying happiness of which one is deprived, aggravates one's misery. Q&A 6 does this to us, regarding our spiritual misery.
- B. Although Q&A 6 does not state this explicitly, God created Adam in covenant relationship to God.

Jehovah's Covenant Secret: God's Covenant With Adam in Perfection

- I. Its Nature.
 - A. The covenant God made with Adam before the fall is essentially the same covenant as God makes with all the elect in Christ after the fall.
 - B. This covenant with Adam was a covenant of friendship.
 - C. This covenant with Adam was characterized by grace.

- II. Its Origin.
 - A. God's covenant with Adam originated in Adam's creation.
 - B. Scripture gives evidence that this is so.
 - C. For us, this means that we were created in Adam, in covenant fellowship with God.

- III. Its Antitype.
 - A. The creation of Adam in covenant relationship to God points us to God's covenant with His elect in Christ, both as we enjoy it now, and as we will enjoy it perfectly in glory.
 - B. To know we are in this covenant, gives us hope and comfort in the midst of misery.