

LESSON 03: MISERY

Memory work

3. *Q. From where do you know your sins and misery?*

A. *From the law of God.*

4. *Q. What does God’s law require of us?*

A. *Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22:*

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.¹

5. *Q. Can you keep all this perfectly?*

A. *No, I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbour.*

Homework

1.(5) Every Sunday morning, during the worship service, the law of the Lord is read. Do you think this is necessary, or would once a month be fine too? Give reasons for your answer.

2.(5) Many Christians, also in our church, will say that they don’t feel inclined to hate God or their neighbour. And they are right! Nevertheless, answer 5 above is right too! Talk this over with your parents and figure out why answer 5 is right. Write down why. (*The middle class also has this question.*)

¹ “Law and Prophets” is a Jewish way of referring to the Bible. So: The whole Bible depends on these two commandments.