# 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]](#footnote-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.

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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.)*

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1. “Law and Prophets” is a Jewish way of referring to the Bible. So: The whole Bible depends on these two commandments. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)