

## 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.<sup>1</sup>*

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

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

### Homework

1.(3) What is meant by the “threefold use of the law”; what are the three uses? (see “Ligonier Ministries” first or second hit when you Google “threefold use of the law”)

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2.(2) Of these three, which use of the law is the subject matter of LD 2-4?

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3.(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 junior class also has this question.)

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