

# ANCIENT ANSWERS

## modern questions

### The Heidelberg Catechism in the 21st Century

## LORD'S DAY TWO

**3 Q. How do you come to know your misery?**

A. The law of God tells me.<sup>1</sup>

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

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22—;

Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart  
and with all your soul  
and with all your mind  
and with all your strength.<sup>2\*</sup>  
This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:  
Love your neighbor as yourself.<sup>3</sup>

All the Law and the Prophets hang  
on these two commandments.

\*Earlier and better manuscripts of Matthew 22 omit the words "and with all your strength." They are found in Mark 12:30.

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<sup>1</sup> Romans 3:20; 7:7-25

<sup>2</sup> Deuteronomy 6:5

<sup>3</sup> Leviticus 19:18

5 Q. Can you live up to all this perfectly?

A. No.<sup>4</sup>

I have a natural tendency  
to hate God and my neighbor.<sup>5</sup>

## Sermon Notes

What is \_\_\_\_\_?

What is \_\_\_\_\_ misery?

God's \_\_\_\_\_ of our misery.

The good news of \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>4</sup> Romans 3:9-20, 23; 1 John 1:8, 10

<sup>5</sup> Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 7:23-24; 8:7; Ephesians 2:1-3; Titus 3:3