

# The Misery of Man

Based on *Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord's Day 2, Q. 3-5

1. God's law re-veals my mis-er - y, For by the law I know my sin;  
2. Christ teach-es us the law of love: With all my heart and soul and mind,  
3. To love my neigh-bour as I should—I can-not keep this law so broad;  
4. This is the mis - er - y of man: Un - der the law we stand condemned.

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I can-not keep it per-fect - ly, A heart de-keit - ful lives with - in.  
With strength must I love God a - bove—Such love in me I can - not find.  
I self-ish - ly do what I would; By na-ture, prone to hate my God.  
But God re-veals His gra-cious plan—Im - man - u - el— the heav-ens rend!

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