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**Driven to Christ ...
Drawn back to the Law!**

Exodus 20:1-21

Theme: The 10 Commandments show us our helpless condition before God and so point us to Jesus for salvation.

1. The Importance of the 10 Commandments

- They reflect God's character.
- They are a summary of God's Moral Law.

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- They mention specific sins but govern all sins leading to the specific sins, e.g. anger and violence are included under the 6th Commandment, *cf.* Matthew 5:21-22.
- They are for all people in every generation.

2. The Impossibility of the 10 Commandments

Even if we kept all of the Law but stumbled at one point, God would see us as guilty of breaking it all, *cf.*

James 2:10.

We are sinners by nature.
(Romans 7:14-20)

The Law provokes sin.
(Romans 7:7-11)

Breaking God's Law merits
God's wrath.
(John 3:36)

3. The Instruction of the 10 Commandments

The 10 Commandments are our teacher/instructor.

- They show us how perfectly obedient Christ was.
- They show us how totally sinful we are.
- They point us towards the Saviour Jesus Christ, *cf.* Galatians 3:24.

The Law finds fault with us!

As a result it shows us our need of
salvation and points us to Jesus,
Who kept the Law perfectly for us,
yet died being punished because
we have broken it.

*The man who does not know the
nature of the Law cannot know
nature of sin. And he who does not
know the nature of sin cannot know
the nature of the saviour.*

John Bunyan

Conclusion—Driven to Christ ... Drawn back to the Law!

The 10 Commandments drive us to
Jesus...

...but Jesus then points us back to
the 10 Commandments.

*If you love me, you will obey what I
command. John 14:15.*

*The law sends us to the Gospel,
that we may be justified, and the
Gospel sends us to the law again
to enquire what is our duty in
being justified.*

Samuel Bolton