Exodus 20

The law of God
The law of Moses
The law of Christ

The uniqueness of the law of God
Divine in origin
Timeless in relevance
Universal in application

The nature of the law of God
Propositional
Spiritual
Moral
Communal
Ceremonial

"The truth is, of course, that the curtness of the Ten Commandments is an evidence, not of the gloom and narrowness of a religion, but, on the contrary, of its liberality and humanity. It is shorter to state the things forbidden than the things permitted: precisely because most things are permitted, and only a few things are forbidden."

--G. K. Chesterton
The 10 Commandments:

1. Express the mind of our Creator God on the norms of life for those who love God
2. Expose our inability to live up to God’s norms
3. Lead us to God’s grace in Christ

“Certain new theologians dispute original sin, which is the only part of Christian theology which can really be proved... which they can see in the street.”

--G. K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy

“Much that we take for granted in a ‘civilized’ society is based upon the assumption of human sin. Nearly all legislation has grown up because human beings cannot be trusted to settle their own disputes with justice and without self-interest. A promise is not enough; we need a contract. Doors are not enough; we have to lock and bolt them. The payment of fares is not enough; tickets have to be issued, inspected and collected. Law and order are not enough; we need the police to enforce them. All this is due to man’s sin. We cannot trust each other. We need protection against one another. It is a terrible indictment of human nature.”

--John Stott, Basic Christianity

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24
“The gospel is the good news that our relationship to God is not based on our performance for Jesus, but on Jesus’ performance for us.”

-- Tullian Tchividjian

“In many areas of life, freedom is not so much the absence of restrictions as finding the right ones, the liberating restrictions. Those that fit with the reality of our nature and the world produce greater power and scope for our abilities and a deeper joy and fulfillment.”

-- Tim Keller, *The Reason for God*