

# THE MEANING OF THE LAW

## God as LAW-GIVER

The Israelites stopped at Mount Sinai to enter covenant relationship with God. This includes reception of the Decalogue

### THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

- To show the heart of God (His values of holiness and righteousness)
- To show the grace of God to his people. (Providing a means to take care of sin).
- To provide practical needs. (Show how to live holy & pure lives).
- To point out need for Messiah

## Types of LAW

There are TWO types of law: apodictic and casuistic.

- **APODICTIC:** law given in personal address
- **CASUISTIC:** case law (applied law).

The ten commandments (Decalogue) are apodictic law, written by God to be the holiness code of Israel. This had two parts:

- 1st: The first part focused on worship of God (no other gods, no graven images, blasphemy, Sabbath).
- 2nd: The second part focused on man's duty to each other (honoring parents, murder, adultery, theft, covetousness).