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Numbering

What is the first word?

vv2-3 sets the historical context

sets the theological context

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John Calvin's Three Uses of the Law

1) Convicts us of our sin (Rom 7:7)

"exhibiting the righteousness of God, — in other words, the righteousness which alone is acceptable to God, it admonishes every one of his own unrighteousness, certiorates, convicts, and finally condemns him." *Inst.* 2.7.6

2) Protects Society (Gal 3:19)

It acts "by means of its fearful denunciations and the consequent dread of punishment, to curb those who, unless forced, have no regard for rectitude and justice." *Inst.* 2.7.10

3) Teaches us how to live ((Mark 2:27)

"The third use of the Law. . .has respect to believers in whose hearts the Spirit of God already flourishes and reigns. . . For it is the best instrument for enabling them daily to learn with greater truth and certainty what that will of the Lord is which they aspire to follow, and to confirm them in this knowledge..." *Inst.* 2.7.12

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The First Word

less about knowledge (Isa 44:6-8) more about allegiance

“before me” = in my presence

Why does the Lord give this commandment?

“O God, Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in Thee.” - Augustine

What happens when we disobey this commandment?

How do we keep this commandment?

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Discerning False-Gods

what makes me feel most secure?

what do I delight in the most?

what do I fear the most?

what do I resist in Scripture?

what, if God were to take it away, would make me walk away from him?

Liturgy

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.