

## Biblical Principles: The Foundation for America's Laws

PRINCIPLE	LEGAL DOCUMENT	BIBLE
<i>Sovereign authority of God</i> , not the sovereignty of the state, or the sovereignty of man	Mayflower Compact, Declaration, Constitution, currency, oaths, mention of God in all 50 state constitutions, Pledge of Allegiance	<b>Ex. 18:16, 20:3, Dt. 10:20, 2 Chron. 7:14, Ps. 83:18, 91:2, Isa. 9:6-7, Dan. 4:32, Jn. 19:11, Acts 5:29, Rom. 13:1, Col. 1:15-20, 1 Tim. 6:15</b>
The existence of <i>objective moral values</i> , Fixed standards, Absolute truth, Sanctity of life	Declaration ("unalienable" rights – life, etc., "self-evident" truths)	<b>Ex. 20:1-17, Dt. 30:19, Ps. 119: 142-152, Pr. 14:34, Isa. 5:20-21, Jn. 10:10, Rom. 2:15, Heb. 13:8</b>
Rule of law rather than authority of man	Declaration, Constitution	<b>Ex. 18-24, Dt. 17:20, Isa. 8:19-20, Mat. 5:17-18</b>
All men are sinners	Constitutional checks and balances	<b>Gen. 8:21, Jer. 17:9, Mk. 7: 20-23, Rom. 3:23, 1 Jn 1:8</b>
All men created equal	Declaration	<b>Gen. 1:26, Acts 10:34, 17:26, Gal. 3:28, 1 Pet. 2:17</b>
Judicial, legislative, and executive branches	Constitution	<b>Isa. 33:22</b>
Religious freedom	First Amendment	<b>1 Tim. 2:1-2</b>
Church protected from state control (& taxation), but church to influence the state	First Amendment	<b>Dt. 17:18-20, 1 Kgs. 3:28, Ezra 7:24, Neh. 8:2, 1 Sam. 7:15-10:27, 15:10-31, 2 Sam. 12:1-18, Mat. 14:3-4, Lk. 3:7-14, 11:52, Acts 4:26-29</b>
Democracy/Republic	Constitution	<b>Ex. 18:21, Dt. 1:13, Jud. 8:22, 9:6, 1 Sam. 8, 2 Sam. 16:18, 2 Kgs. 14:21, Pr. 11:14, 24:6</b>
Importance of governing self and family as first level of governance	First, Second, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments	<b>Mat. 18:15-18, Gal. 5:16-26, 1 Cor. 6:1-11, 1 Tim. 3:1-5, Tit. 2:1-8</b>

Establish justice	Declaration	<b>Ex. 23:1-9, Lev. 19:15, Dt. 1:17, 16:19-20, 24:17-19, 1 Sam. 8:3, 2 Sam. 8:15, 1 Kings 3:28, 10:9, Mic. 6:8, Rom. 13:4</b>
Fair trial with witnesses	Sixth Amendment	<b>Ex. 20:16, Dt. 19:15, Pr. 24:28, 25:18, Mat. 18:16</b>
Private property rights	Fifth Amendment	<b>Ex. 20:15,17</b>
Biblical liberty, Free enterprise	Declaration	<b>Lev. 25:10, Jn. 8:36, 2 Cor. 3:17, Gal. 5:1, James 1:25, 1 Pet. 2:16</b>
Creation not evolution	Declaration	<b>Gen. 1:1</b>
Biblical capitalism	Anti-trust laws	<b>Ex. 20:17, Mat. 20:26, 25:14-30, 2 Thes. 3:6-15, 1 Pet. 2:16</b>
Importance of the traditional family	State sodomy laws, few reasons for divorce	<b>Ex. 20:12,14, Mat. 19:1-12, Mk. 10:2-12, Rom. 1:18-2:16, 1 Cor. 7:1-40</b>
Religious education encouraged	Northwest Ordinance	<b>Dt. 6:4-7, Pr. 22:6, Mat. 18:6, Eph. 6:4</b>
Restitution	Restitution laws	<b>Lev. 6:1-5, Num. 5:5-7, Mat. 5:23-26</b>