

Biblical Principles: Basis for America's Laws

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| Sovereign authority of God, not sovereignty of the state, or sovereignty of man | Mayflower Compact, Declaration, Constitution, currency, oaths, All 50 state constitutions, Pledge of Allegiance | 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 |
| Existence of objective moral values, fixed standards, absolute truth, sanctity of life | Declaration ("unalienable" rights—life, etc., "self-evident" truths) | Ex. 20:1-17, Dt. 30:19, Ps. 119:142-152, Pr. 14:34, Isa. 5:20-21, Jn. 10:10, Rom. 2:15 |
| Rule of law rather than authority of man. | Declaration, Constitution | Ex. 18-24, Dt. 17:20, Isa. 8:19-20, Mat. 5:17-18 |
| All men are sinners. | Constitutional checks and balances, separation of powers | Gen. 8:21, Jer. 17:9, Mk. 7: 20-23, Rom. 3:23, 1 Jn 1:8 |
| All men created equal. | Declaration | Acts 10:34, 17:26, Gal. 3:28 |
| Judicial, legislative, and executive branches | Constitution | Isa. 33:22 |
| Religious freedom | First Amendment | 1 Tim. 2:1-2 |
| Church protected from state control (& taxation), but church to influence the state. | First Amendment | Dt. 17:18-20, 1 Kgs. 3:28, Ezra 7:24, Neh. 8:2, 1 Sam. 7:15-10:27, 15:10-31, Mat. 14:3-4, Lk. 3:7-14 |
| Republic – Electing leaders | Constitution (Art. 4, Sec 4) | Ex. 18:21, Dt. 1:13, Jud. 8:22, 9:6 |
| Importance of governing self and family as first level of governance | First, Second, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments | Mat. 18:15-18, Gal. 5:16-26, 1 Cor. 6:1-11, 1 Tim. 3:1-5, Tit. 2:1-8, 1 Tim 5:8 |
| Establish justice. | Declaration | Ex. 23:1-9, Lev. 19:15, Dt. 1:17 |
| Fair trial with witnesses | Sixth Amendment | Ex. 20:16, Dt. 19:15, Pr. 24:28 |
| Private property rights | Fifth Amendment | Ex. 20:15, 17, Jer. 32:9-15 |
| Biblical liberty, Free enterprise | Declaration | Lev. 25:10, Jn. 8:36, 2 Cor. 3:17 |
| Creation not evolution | Declaration | Gen. 1:1 |
| Biblical capitalism not Darwinian capitalism (service and fair play over strict survival of the fittest) | Anti-trust laws | Ex. 20:17, Mat. 20:26, 25:14-30, 2 Thes. 3:6-15, 1 Pet. 2:16 |

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| Importance of the traditional family | State sodomy laws, few reasons for divorce | Ex. 20:12, 14, Mat. 19:1-12, Mk. 10:2-12, Rom. 1:18-2:16 |
| Religious education encouraged | Northwest Ordinance | Dt. 6:4-7, Pr. 22:6, Mat. 18:6, Eph. 6:4 |
| Servanthood not political power | Concept of public servant | Ex. 18:21, Rom. 13:4, Php. 2:7 |
| Sabbath day holy | "Blue laws" | Ex. 20:8 |
| Restitution | Restitution laws | Lev. 6:1-5, Num. 5:5-7, Mat. 5:23-26 |
| Uniform Immigration Laws | Constitution (Art. 1, Sec. 8) | Lev. 19:34 |
| President Natural Born Citizen | Constitution (Art. 2, Sec. 1) | Dt. 17:15 |
| Witnesses and Capital Punishment | Constitution (Art. 3, Sec. 3) | Dt. 17:6 |
| Provision Against Attainder | Constitution (Art. 3, Sec. 3) | Ez. 18:20 |
| Instructions for Judges | | 2 Chr. 19:6-7, Ezra 7:25 |