

Biblical Principles: Basis for America's Laws

PRINCIPLE	LEGAL DOCUMENT	BIBLE
Sovereign authority of God, not sovereignty of the state, or sovereignty of man	Mayflower Compact, Declaration, Constitution, currency, oaths, mention of God in 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, Heb. 13:8
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	Gen. 8:21, Jer. 17:9, Mk. 7:20-23, Rom. 3:23, 1 Jn 1:8
All men created equal	Declaration	Gen. 1:26, Acts 10:34, 17:26, Gal. 3:28, 1 Pet. 2:17
Judicial, legislative, and executive branches	Constitution	Isa. 33:22 (See Madison)
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, 2 Sam. 12:1-18, Mat. 14:3-4, Lk. 3:7-14, 11:52, Acts 4:26-29
Democracy/Republic	Constitution	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
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
Establish justice	Declaration	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
Fair trial with witnesses	Sixth Amendment	Ex. 20:16, Dt. 19:15, Pr. 24:28, 25:18, Mat. 18:16
Private property rights	Fifth Amendment	Ex. 20:15, 17
Biblical liberty, Free enterprise Declaration		Lev. 25:10, Jn. 8:36, 2 Cor. 3:17, Gal. 5:1, James 1:25,