

# Foundational Principles

- God is sovereign over the nations
  - *Romans 11:36a; Psalm 47*
- God exercises his sovereignty through providence
  - *Romans 11:36b; Acts 4:27-28*
- God employs his providence for a purpose
  - *Romans 11:36c; Isaiah 46:9-10*

# Ways God Exercises Sovereignty over Nations

1. God designed government for good, but sin corrupts it.
2. God raises kings and removes kings.
3. God punishes evil leaders.
4. God punishes evil nations.
5. God uses good government to bless people and punish evildoers.
6. God uses evil governments to punish evildoers.

## **Ways God Exercises Sovereignty over Nations**

7. God punishes evil governments for their evil in how they punish evildoers.
8. God uses godly people to influence evil rulers.
9. God appoints women over nations in judgment.
10. God blesses nations that turn to him in repentance.
11. God uses his people as salt and light no matter what government does.
12. God builds his church apart from the government.

# How Then Shall We Live?

- Trust God (*1 Timothy 2:1-4*)
- Honor Government (*1 Peter 2:17*)
- Submit to Authority (*1 Peter 2:13-15, 20*)
- Give What is Due (*Romans 13:7*)
- Shine Your Light (*Matthew 5:14-16*)
- Remember the Judgment (*Romans 12:19-21*)