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2. God is sovereign over _____.

3. Sometimes, God does elevate _____ leaders, to serve His _____.

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1. God is sovereign.
2. God is sovereign over history.
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4. God gives us the freedom to reject His will for us.
5. The government's authority comes from God.
6. The role of government is to restrain and punish evil.
7. Earthly rulers are accountable to God.
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