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Proverbs 22: 28 *“Do not remove a boundary stone
set up by your forefathers.”*

Proverbs 23:10, 11 *“Do not move a boundary stone
or encroach on the fields of the fatherless,
for their Defender is strong;
He will take up their case against you.”*

Boundary stones were used by Moses when they reached the Promised land. He wanted to mark out the limits of each tribe's territory. They were not to move them or use land out with their boundaries.

Even today disputes between neighbours over hedges, fences and walls are not uncommon. In a political context the alteration of the boundaries of a parliamentary constituency to benefit one party or another gave rise to the term 'gerrymandering'.

The current conflict in Ukraine is in part about moving boundaries. This 'cheating' is not the way of God. He needs an outbreak of humility, admission of guilt, compromise and good neighbourliness. We should pray for that.