

THE GOD OF ORDER

The Nature of God – 1 Corinthians 14:33 – "not characterized by disorder" (NET)

 akatastasia – "opposition to established authority, disorder, unruliness" (BDAG) (cf. James 3:16)

Our Responsibility – 1 Corinthians 14:20, 26-38 – "in understanding be mature"

The Effect – "peace" (v. 33) – the product of divine pattern.

THE PATTERN IN GREATION

Creation Issued from Wisdom – Psalm 104:24; 148:1-6

A product/reflection God's mind (cf. 1 Corinthians 14:33).

Creation Manifests Order and Pattern

- From chaos to order Genesis 1:1-5
- Order and pattern can be observed in creation.
- "And God saw that it was good" an exact product of eternal design.

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Creation is the Precedent for All Pattern (spiritual)

- Chaos Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 34:11 in opposition to God's word.
- Order issued forth from God's word Genesis 1:3;
 Psalm 119:105; John 1:4-5
- Chaos comes from rebellion against God's law/pattern Romans 5:12
- Salvation comes from God's pattern Genesis 3:15

THE PATTERN IN PRIESTHOOD

The Significance of the Priesthood

- Blood atonement and priesthood Leviticus 17:11;
 Hebrews 9:22; 7:27; 8:3; 9:6-7
- Pattern Hebrews 7:11 "for under [the Levitical priesthood] the people received the law"

The Superiority of Christ's Priesthood – Hebrews 7:11, 19-28; 10:11-14

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The Pattern of Christ's Priesthood

- Order of Melchizedek, not Aaron Hebrews 5:9-10; 7:11
- Christ's High Priesthood is superior to Aaron's because it is patterned after one superior to Aaron (7:1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10)
- Necessary change of law Hebrews 7:11-19 the very blessings of God's grace and mercy in Christ's service as High Priest are inseparable from His implementation of pattern.

THE PATTERN IN THE TABERNAGLE

God's Desire for Fellowship – Exodus 19:3-6;

Isaiah 65:2-5

God's Arrangement for Fellowship – Exodus 25:8;

29:43-46; Ezekiel 37:26-28

The Tabernacle Demonstrates Heavenly Communication and Fellowship Through Pattern –

Exodus 25:8-9; 39:32; 40:34

THE PERPETUATION OF PATTERN

The Tabernacle and Today

• Hebrews 8:4-6 — the pattern typified heavenly things.

To truly represent the heavenly, we must adhere to God's pattern – Hebrews 9:1, 6, 11, 23; 1 Peter 2:5

There is a Pattern, and We Must Hold it Fast – 2 Timothy 1:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; 2 John 9-11

