



THE
PRECEDENT
FOR THE PRESENT
PATTERN
II Timothy 1:13

THE GOD OF ORDER

The Nature of God – 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 – “for God is not (a God) of confusion”
“not characterized by disorder” (New English Translation)

- **akatastasia** – “opposition to established authority, disorder, unruliness” (BDAG)
(cf. James 3:16 – “... confusion and every vile deed.”)

Our Responsibility – 1 Corinthians 14:20 – “*in your thinking be mature*”

The Effect – “*peace*” (verse 33) – the product of the divine pattern.

THE PATTERN IN CREATION

Creation Came from Wisdom – Psalms 104:24; 148:1-6; Proverbs 8:22-31

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

Creation Shows Order and Pattern

- From chaos to order – Genesis 1:1-5, “In the beginning ...”
- Order and pattern can be observed in creation.
- “... *behold, it was very good*” (Genesis 1:31)
 - The exact product of His eternal design.

THE PATTERN IN CREATION

Creation is the Precedent for All Pattern (*spiritual*)

- Chaos – Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 34:8-11 – in opposition to God’s word.
- Order came forth from God’s word – Genesis 1:3; Psalms 119:105; John 1:1-5
- 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] hath the people received the law*”

The Superiority of Christ’s Priesthood – Hebrews 7:11, 18-28; 10:7-14

THE PATTERN IN PRIESTHOOD

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 (Hebrews 7:1-10)
- 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 establishment of the pattern.

THE PATTERN IN THE TABERNACLE

God's Desire for Fellowship – Exodus 19:3-6; Isaiah 65:1-10

God's Arrangement for Fellowship – Exodus 25:8-9; 29:43-46; Ezekiel 37:26-28 (cf. II Corinthians 6:16)

The Tabernacle Demonstrates Heavenly Communication and Fellowship Through Pattern – Exodus 25:8-9; 39:32; 40:34

THE CONTINUATION OF THE PATTERN OF THE TABERNACLE

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 8-11

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- **Hear the Word of God**
 - **Romans 10:8** – *“But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)”*
- **Believe that Jesus is the Savior**
 - **Romans 10:11** – *“For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’”*

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- **Repent of your sins**
 - **Acts 3:19** – *“Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”*
- **Confess that Jesus is the Son of God**
 - **I John 4:15** – *“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”*

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- **Be immersed in water (baptized)**
 - **Acts 2:38** – *“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”*
- **Remain faithful**
 - **Hebrews 3:14** – *“For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”*