

The Power of Biblical Order

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Genesis 1:1-3 (NKJV)

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

Reading Between the Lines

There is so much in the first chapter of Genesis. I have been told by many scholars, both Evangelical and Rabbinical, that one could spend their entire lives in study just to properly understand the first three chapters of this powerful book. To properly understand what God is revealing here, we will need to take a look at the Hebrew in verse two.

Most of us would overlook the word “was” in verse two. Yet the Hebrew reveals so much more:

Was: Strongs # **H961** hayah {haw-yaw}[[1](#)]

Meaning: 1) to be, become, come to pass, exist, happen, fall out 1 a) (Qal) 1a) to happen, fall out, occur, take place, come about, come to pass 1 a) b) to come about, come to pass 1 a2) to come into being, become 1a2a) to arise, appear, come 1 a2b) to become 1a2b1) to become 1 a2b2) to become like 1 a2b3) to be instituted, be established 1 a3) to be 1 a3a) to exist, be in existence 1 a3b) to abide, remain, continue (with word of place or time) 1 a3c) to stand, lie, be in, be at, be situated (with word of locality) 1 a3d) to accompany, be with 1 b) (Niphal) 1 b1) to occur, come to pass, be done, be brought about 1 b2) to be done, be finished, be gone Origin: a primitive root [compare 01933]; TWOT – 491; v

Usage: AV – was, come to pass, came, has been, were happened, become, pertained, better for thee; 74

Verse 2 could easily read “And the earth BECAME void.” When God creates something, He does not create something imperfect. Many Evangelical scholars believe that the fall of Lucifer occurred between verses 1 and 2 of Genesis Chapter 1. Sin and darkness bring chaos. The Word also tells us:

1 Corinthians 14:40 (NKJV)

⁴⁰Let all things be done decently and in order.

James 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

When sin takes a hold of the things of the earth, it produces confusion. Let’s look at the Greek word here that James used to properly understand what he was saying.

Confusion: Strongly # G81 akatastasia {ak-at-as-tah-see'-ah} [\[2\]](#)

Meaning: 1) instability, a state of disorder, disturbance, confusion

Origin: from 182; TDNT – 3:446,387; n f

Usage: AV – confusion 2, tumult 2, commotion 1; 5

Chaos, instability and a state of disorder are places that darkness can easily operate and manipulate people and circumstances. No wonder those in the occult promote anarchy. Biblical law and biblical principles bring stability and order to God's creation. Stability and order always live within light, thus darkness finds it extremely difficult to operate.

In tip # 5, we touched on “redeeming time.” It takes two elements to redeem time in your life:

1. You must be living life awake.
2. As a person that is sanctified and has a sanctified place in sanctified time, you can take control of your time and bring order to it.

Bringing Biblical Order to Creation

Whenever God begins to speak, light always comes. As God begins to bring light to your life, biblical order will always result. Our old nature will fight against biblical order, accountability, Holy Spirit breathed priorities and structure. Our old man prefers disorder. This way he can hide what he is really doing from your new man (i.e. new nature in Christ).

Everyone seems to be interested in bringing biblical order to the Church, to the home or even to society. We have not understood the fact that it must first start with us. As I taught in the Leader of One, you cannot properly lead in your home or ministry until you properly lead yourself! I believe one of the reasons the Church is no longer bringing order to homes or society in general is that believers are not walking in biblical order in their personal lives! We have made everything external, instead of internal. Remember, Jesus taught us:

Luke 17:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹ nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

What we are teaching in these Mentor's Tips is bigger than just you getting organized in your life, to completing your education and starting ministry. Once you bring biblical order to your personal life, you can bring it to your home. Once it is established in your home, you can bring it to your ministry. Once it is established in your ministry, you can begin bringing it to your community.

I am going to recommend two secular books that will help you clear away the clutter. Once the clutter has been taken care of, we can work more on biblical order in your life. As long as the clutter is in the way, it will fight any type of order you need to establish.

- “Getting Things Done” by David Allen
- “Time Management from the Inside Out” by Julie Morgenstern

You can get them both from Amazon.Com for \$19.20 or you can purchase them in audio format from Audible.Com. (I enjoy listening to books while I do other busy work or workout.)

When you decide to bring order to your personal life, God will begin speaking light into your life and aid you with setting things in order. Here is the important part to remember, as you mature, God wants to do things with you (not for you). Bringing order to your life is what happens when you grow up, so this is something God will not do for you; He will only do it with you.

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and work with the Holy Spirit? Let’s begin bringing order to our lives and see God work!

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Footnotes

[1] Strong’s Enhanced Lexicon. BibleWorks for Windows 7.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. Copyright © 2006

[2] Ibid.

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