

Series: Chaos to Order

Genesis 1-11

Title: Order and Discipline

Genesis 1:1-3

Introduction

Genesis sets the stage for the redemptive story of the Bible. Genesis opens with God confronting chaos and disorder and bringing order and beauty in a new work of Creation.

1. God creates the first human and _____ them to rule over the Earth.
2. These first humans choose to define good and evil on their own _____.
3. The first eleven chapters of Genesis reveal this repeated theme of _____.
4. God promises that a savior will come to defeat and eliminate _____ from the Earth.
5. God creates a good world and _____ humans to rule it, but we choose rebellion again and again.
6. When God first looks at the world he made, he declares it _____.
7. Humans choose to do things their way, which ultimately leads to their _____.
8. From the very beginning, God places humans in the middle of Creation and _____ us above all the other creatures.
9. God gives us spiritual _____ the moment He breathes life into Adam.

10. Scientific speculation doesn't even begin to address our deepest _____ about the origins of human nature.

I. God's Standard of Order

11. The believer has a direct spiritual connection to the _____, our Heavenly Father.

12. It is our spiritual _____ that causes us to reach our human potential.

13. Genesis details the Creation of the entire _____.

II. God's Blueprint or Order

14. The Bible states the existence of God as _____.

15. And that is what serves as the basis for all spiritual _____.

16. We see God at work preparing the world for humanity's _____.

17. He begins by building a secure _____.

18. We need to know the parameters to give our life definition and _____.

19. We find balance when we can trust the rules to be reliable and _____.

20. Consistency is demonstrating order and _____ over time.

III. God's Plan for Balance

21. Without a few fixed points in a child's daily life, a child can't _____ and learn and grow.
22. God can still create order in your life and help you to get your _____ in life.
23. He creates time by establishing a predictable _____ from darkness to light and from evening to morning.
24. Every child frightened of the dark _____ to the predictable truth that Light will come again in the morning!
25. There is a God who _____ His Creation every day.
26. _____ is what encourages and inspires the human spirit.
27. Our world is an act of one awesome God who conceived and created a good place for us to live in and who finds joy and _____ in the fact that we live here!
28. The Creation of human life is God's most deliberate and " _____ " act.

IV. Conclusion

29. God created everything perfectly in the universe and has _____ in perfect order for millenniums.
30. Anything in science that is truly a proven *scientific* _____ fully agrees with the Bible.

31. The whole scientific world exhibits overwhelming _____ of a Creator.

God is real. He's alive and well and is orchestrating the events of the universe. God is a God of order. From the magnificence of outer space to the incredible detail of the smallest things in nature, all creation flows as God intended.

The magnificent Creative God can take the chaos and confusion in your life and create a life of order and discipline that leaves you incredibly fulfilled and full of hope and joy for your eternal future. All you have to do is say yes to God's creative work within you!

Answers

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| 1. appoints | 12. birth | 23. progression |
| 2. terms | 13. universe | 24. clings |
| 3. rebellion | 14. self-evident | 25. renews |
| 4. evil | 15. faith | 26. Light |
| 5. commissions | 16. arrival | 27. satisfaction |
| 6. good | 17. infrastructure | 28. hands-on |
| 7. death | 18. direction | 29. remained |
| 8. elevates | 19. unchanging | 30. fact |
| 9. identity | 20. predictability | 31. evidence |
| 10. questions | 21. trust | |
| 11. Creator | 22. balance | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Who am I? Why am I here? What makes me special as a human being? What are the Bible's answers to these questions? How do those answers affect your life?
2. Why does order and predictability help to give our lives meaning? What aspects of God's laws and predictability do you often rebel against? How does this turn out to eventually hurt you?
3. What are your natural and spiritual disciplines for each day? What disciplines do you need to add to your routine or institute further in your life each day?

