

...Then God Said!

Genesis 1:1-3 (NKJV)

1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2. The 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.
3. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Vs. 2 (ASV) - And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Vs. 2 (TLB) - "The earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors".

Vs. 2 (NIV) - Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Chaos and confusion always come from an absence of authority!

True authority is always rooted in God's Word!

That's why Ps. 19:1 says...

Ps. 19:1 - The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

The earth, like our life before knowing God, was empty and wasted!

As God hovered over it, He spoke into it and the earth was brought to order!

Gen. 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Vs. 2 says, "The earth was without form, and void"

Gen. 1:28 - God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Exodus 15:22-25a

22. Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water.

23. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.)

24. So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

25. Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

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God's first answer to any situation that we could ever face is the cross!

And the cross shouts in the loudest and most forceful way possible, from God to mankind... "I LOVE YOU!"

In Exodus 17 – Israel was again in a state of confusion and disorder.

Ex. 17:5a KJV – "And the Lord SAID unto Moses"...

Every time the Lord speaks He brings order out of chaos!

Sin will always bring about chaos in your life!

The only way to have any order is to repent and turn back to His Word!

Joshua 7:10 – "The LORD said to Joshua..."

Sin in our lives is always the result of not heeding to, "...Then God said"!

2 Kings 4:33 - He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD.

His Word can turn Emptiness into Expansiveness and Waste into worship!

Notice 2 Kings 19:6–7

6. Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, `This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard--those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7. Listen! I am going to put such a spirit in him that when he hears a certain report, he will return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword."

2 Kings 19:35-37

35. That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning--there were all the dead bodies!

36. So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.

37. One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer cut him down with the sword, and they escaped to the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son succeeded him as king.

Galatians 4:4 – "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law."

Mt. 8:3 – Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy

Mt.8:26 - He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

In Mark 8 the disciples found themselves in a state of confusion when Jesus wanted them to feed a whole bunch of people who had been listening to him teach.

In Luke 19 we meet a tax collector (Zacchaeus) who nobody liked.

Lk. 19:5 – When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

Lk. 19:8-9a

8. But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

9. Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house...

God has a Word for you!

Are you ready for whatever it takes to get you out of this chaotic state?

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