
Part One of this article lays a foundation for what will be presented here. If you have not as yet read part one you may find it helpful prior to reading the following.

Groupings of three in the natural world:

If there are three dimensions or realms in God and if the scripture contains abundant examples of threefold patterns, then we would expect to find numerous examples of such in the natural world as well and we do.

Consider the following:

The three aspects of the universe are: space, time and matter.

Three divisions of time are: past, present, and future.

Matter can be either: liquid, solid, or gas.

The main parts of a living cell are the cell membrane, nucleus, and the cytoplasm.

Rocks are classified as either, igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic.

Three parts of an atom are, protons, electrons, neutrons.

Three main parts of an egg are the shell, egg white and yoke.

The three primary colors are, red, yellow and blue.

The environment is contained in the land, sea and air.

Classification of the earth's contents is either animal, vegetable or mineral.

Men even use patterns of threes in organizing society. There are three branches of government, legislative, executive and judicial. There are three levels of education, primary, secondary, post secondary. Three groupings of maturity, children, adolescents and adults. Years are divided into days, weeks and months. Time is recorded on a clock in seconds, minutes and hours.

There of course are many more but these suffice to illustrate the significance of patterns of three in the natural world. God has placed such things in the natural

world as wisdom to be sought out by man and as sign leading to an understanding of the Holy One. *Psalm 19:1-3 (KJV) The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Genesis 1:14 (KJV) And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:* The natural world has been designed by God to give us spiritual understanding.

Groupings of three in the bible:

Groupings of three in scripture give understanding to the progressive work of the Lord in His body. He is calling us upward into higher realms of relationship, urging His people to grow in understanding and maturity. Many of these patterns are very recognizable but few have understood their significance in understanding God's purpose for His church.

Consider the following patterns of three:

When we talk about the nature of God we speak of *Father, Son and Holy Spirit*; Matthew 28:19.

When speaking about progressive salvation we speak of Him, *who delivered us, does deliver us, and will still deliver us*; 2 Co. 1:10

When speaking of Jesus' victory Paul writes, *Christ died and rose and lived again*; Romans 14:9

When speaking of the work of His ministry Jesus said, *I am the way the truth and the life*; John 14:6.

When speaking of the Kingdom it is, *righteousness, peace and joy*; Romans 14:17.

When speaking of bringing forth spiritual fruit, there is the *thirty* fold realm, the *sixty* fold realm and the *hundred* fold realm; Matthew 13:23

When speaking of the will of God it is *that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God*; Romans 12:2

Concerning life in God; *in Him we live and move and have our being*; Acts 17:28

The highest characteristics of the Christian nature are, *faith, hope and love*; 1Co. 13:13. The greatest of this group of three is love because it is found in the third or highest position.

In understanding prayer we realize there are three progressive levels, *ask, seek, knock*, see Luke 11:9-10. Each opens up one of three areas of reception in prayer. To those who ask, they *receive*, to those who seek, they *find*, and those who knock, have understanding *opened unto them*. There are levels in prayer

that take us into different dimensions. Most in prayer remain in the first dimension which is the dimension of asking. Some have added to their asking, *seeking*. This is second dimensional prayer built upon restoration and revelation which comes through biblical order. A few minister in *knocking* prayer. They have added to their asking and seeking a realm in which the highest realms of communication are opened. This is the third dimension of prayer that opens to us the heavens and comes through revelation built upon relationship.

The following are a random selection of a few additional groupings of threes to consider, from the books of Revelation, Jude and 1st Corinthians. There are hundreds of such groupings in the New Testament alone, each adding a unique understanding to the dimensions of God.

Called, chosen and faithful; Rev. 17:14
Every tribe, tongue and nation; Rev 13:7
The one who is and was and is to come; Rev. 11:17
Works, labor and patience; Rev. 2:2
Called, sanctified and preserved; Jude vs. 1
Mercy, peace and love; Jude 2
The Father the Word and the Holy Spirit; 1Jn. 5:7
Fathers, young men and children; 1Jn. 1:12
The Spirit, the water and the Blood; 1Jn. 5:8
Plants, waters, but God who gives the increase; 1Co. 3:7
Gold, silver, precious stones; 1Co. 3:12
Not many wise, mighty or noble are called; 1Co. 1:26
Eye has not seen, ear heard, neither entered the heart; 1Co. 2:9
Reviled, persecuted, defamed; 1Co. 4:12,13
You are washed, sanctified, justified; 1Co. 6:11
Who goes, who plants who tends; 1 Co. 9:7
To those under law, to those without law, to those who are weak; 1Co. 9:19-22
Jews, Greeks and the Church of God; 1Co. 10:32
Gifts, administrations and operations; 1Co. 12:4-6
Prophecies, tongues and knowledge; 1Co. 13:8
Edification, exhortation and comfort; 1Co. 14:3
Died, buried and rose again; 1Co. 15:3,4
Rule, authority and power; 1Co. 15:24
Glory of the sun, moon and stars; 1Co. 15:41
Steadfast, immovable, abounding; 1Co. 15:58

Negative groupings of threes:

The way of Cain, the error of Balaam, the rebellion of Korah; Jude vs. 11
Defile the flesh, reject authority, speak evil; Jude vs. 8
The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life; 1Jn. 2:16
Wood, hay, stubble; 1Co. 3:12

The Third Day:

The phrase “the third day” is used over forty times in scripture usually denoting in type or content the third dimension of God. This is the time in which the kingdom will be brought forth, it is the hundred fold realm of God. The number three or the ordinal number, third have great symbolism in scripture. Many times they are used to bring understanding of God’s coming kingdom.

The number three is a number of divine completion. Patterns of threes, as we have seen earlier, form progressions leading to higher understanding in God. There is a time when death, the last enemy, will be conquered and eternal life in the kingdom will reign. The three compartments of the tabernacle, as we have seen, give us understanding to transform our image into His image. Three then becomes the number of divine completion of Jesus’ life and image in us.

Using the “like as” principal spoken of earlier we realize the significance of the comparison of a day with a thousand years. 2 *Peter 3:8 (KJV) But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.* You are probably aware from earlier articles and from Mark Hanby’s teachings, that the third dimension of grace is the seventh day of God. God created the world in seven days. The seventh day, like the third dimension, is a time of rest. There were four days until Jesus. The last three days are days of grace ushered in by Jesus Christ. *John 1:17 (KJV) For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.* Consider the following third day scriptures as they relate to the coming of the third dimension – the dimension of the Kingdom:

For the last two days or two thousand years, the people of God have been in preparation for the appearing of Jesus and His kingdom in the third day, which is the third dimension. He is coming to a body that has made itself ready. *Exodus 19:10 (KJV) Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.*

Abraham was leading his son Isaac, (see articles on father/son order), to a place of worship and communion with God on the third day. For two days they had been journeying and in preparation. Abraham saw the place of the third dimension from afar. It was father and son in perfect order and relationship that would be the first to visit God at this place and it would happen on the third day. *Genesis 22:3-6 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.” So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.*

Moses instructed the people to be ready for the third day. They needed to sanctify and prepare themselves. Something was going to happen on the mountain, (the highest point of spiritual visitation). Not all the people but only a prepared people could participate on the third day. God has His church in preparation for the coming kingdom, the third dimension. *Portions of Exodus 19:11-15 And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. You shall set bounds for the people all around...When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain.”...So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and*

sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day;

Leviticus also contains a type of this preparation process. The time of labor and sacrifice is in the first two days or dimensions of God. God forbids the eating of the sacrifice on the third day because it is the dimension of Christ's coming in His body. This third day is not a day of labor but a day of rest. If labor or if substitutions are offered on the third day they will not be accepted for this is the day of Christ's appearing, it is the seventh day of God a day of rest, which is the third day or dimension of His grace. *Lev. 7:16-18 But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten; the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire. And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be an abomination to him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear guilt.*

People are always looking for a sign that the Lord will do what He has spoken. King Hezekiah wanted a sign that his fleshly boils would be healed and his life spared and of going up into the house of the Lord on the third day. The church needs a healing from it's sickness in the flesh, it needs to turn away from its immaturity and toward God. God granted Hezekiah's request because he turn his face toward the wall, (away from his worldly possessions and toward the obstacle facing him. The sign that was given was the turning of the clock back ten degrees or twenty minutes. Ten is a powerful number denoting testing, order and maturity. Noah was the tenth from Adam, Abraham was the tenth from Noah. These men were tested and found mature and able to reestablish the order of God. A church of maturity, one that has been tried and gone back to a restored order is a great sign that we shall go up to the house of the Lord in the third day. *2 Kings 20:8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What is the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?"*

The prophet Hosea reaffirms this three dimensional pattern. After the two days of the Church age, the Lord will bring restoration and raise up His body in the third dimension.

Hosea 6:2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

As many of these scriptures indicate there is a death or a transformation that must take place for the body to be raised up into the third dimension. Jesus is our perfect pattern. In an earlier article we discussed how the word of God can be understood on three different levels. One level of understanding is that Jesus would rise again three days after His death. If we understand Jesus as a pattern, then we also realize that the three days is also speaking of the third dimension when the body of Christ will be raised up. *Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.*

The first of Jesus' miracles was a transforming miracle, changing water into wine. There is a transforming miracle that will happen in the third dimension as well as

our mortal bodies put on immortality. This transformation will involve the changing of the natural into the spiritual. The process will be one of the Spirit or new wine. It will happen on the third day or in the third dimension. *John 2:1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.*

We are the temple of God. Like this natural temple our spiritual temple will be finished on the third day or in the third dimension. *Ezra 16:15a Now the temple was finished on the third day.*

The book of Ester contains a powerful illustration of the deliverance of Gods people. They are being threatened. They are unable to do anything about it but there is someone in the Kings house who has position and the heart and ear of the King. Before Ester goes to the King, she needs to prepare herself. She cannot come into His presence unprepared. When the King sees her she is standing in the court and through her intercession the people are saved. Like Ester, the elect need to be prepared to stand before King Jesus. We have relationship with Him which allows us to be used to save His people. When He acknowledges us we will be standing in the court of the house, or the Holy Place, the second dimension and He will sovereignly bring us into the third dimension as symbolized by Esters touching of the Kings scepter. When will this happen? On the third day of course.

Est.5:1 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.

The men on the road to Emmaus, (warm wells), knew something was supposed to happen on the third day. They had heard about the witness of others. They were confused and trying to make sense out of it all. When Jesus spoke with them they didn't recognize that it was His voice. Jesus opened their understanding and then it all made sense. Today in Christianity many people are thinking many things about the return of Jesus. It is the third millennium, something is supposed to happen. But there is a great lack of understanding as to what the scriptures are saying. Many good people don't recognize the voice of Jesus speaking with them. But it is in this time that He will open the understanding. His appearing and revelation to the body will happen on the third day or in the third dispensation. *Luke 24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.*

Perfection comes in the third dimension. Jesus in Luke once again uses a pattern the three days and provides for us a type of the three dimensions of grace. *Luke 13:32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.'*

Obviously the subject of dimensions is vast and much more could be said. It is hoped that Parts one and two of this article offer the reader and introduction to further study.

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