

# Isaiah 9:7 (ESV)

**7** Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

# 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40 (NIV)

**33** For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.

**40** But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

## 1 Corinthians 14:33 (ESV)

33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

Confusion: akatastasia

1. Instability, a state of disorder, disturbance, confusion, inconstant, irregular, restless

There is an epidemic "confusion" in the church, which leads to enemy manipulation and infiltration.

I believe that the church struggles more with "divine order" than with "divine manifestation."

She struggles more with anarchy against Order than with angst with Manifestations.

The enemy is not just battling against the life of the Spirit in the church - he is working overtime to get us out of Order of the Spirit.

Rebellion against heavenly Order is at the heart of Satan's motives:

## Isaiah 14:13-15 (NIV)

- **13** You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.
- **14** I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."
- **15** But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

#### **Arenas of Order**

#### 1. Pattern

### Hebrews 8:5 (NIV)

**5** They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

#### 2. Process

# 2 Samuel 6:3-7 (NIV)

- **3** They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart
- 4 with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it.
- **5** David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.
- **6** When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled.
- **7** The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.

## 1 Corinthians 14:29-32 (NIV)

- **29** Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.
- **30** And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop.
- **31** For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.
- **32** The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets.

#### 3. Position

### 1 Corinthians 12:28 (NIV)

**28** And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

#### Ephesians 5:32 (NIV)

**32** This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

### Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)

- **1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- **2** "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—
- **3** "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

### 4. Purpose – Acts 13:36

## Acts 13:36 (NIV)

**36** "Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.