

Place and Potential from God

Genesis 1:9-13

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Introduction: Day three is a very busy day. Seas. Dry land. Grasses. Vegetables. Trees. The first burst of life—and an extraordinary one at that. Why all of this together? What is God showing about Himself here?

1. Still chaotic and empty. The only difference so far is that we can see it.
2. Resolving the chaos: dry land
 - a. The gathering of waters to give order
 - b. The drying of the land as preparation
 - c. On the same day, i.e.: God is providing a *place* for the plant life
 - d. God has provided the place for you and all His creatures
3. Resolving the emptiness: plant life
 - a. Three kinds—all flourishing, all food
 - b. Instantaneous result this time
 - c. Each with potential to flourish within itself, but still needing God to bless it: God appoints and honors means
 - d. God has provided the potential for you and all His creatures

Conclusion: This isn't just the solution to the chaos and order of day 1, this is the revelation of the way of Your God with His creatures—and His focus is on *you*, dear Christian! Into all of the chaos of your life, bring the truth that the Lord has put you right where you belong. And into all of the emptiness of your life, bring the truth that the Lord has filled you with potential, and appointed the means of your fruitfulness. Trust Him and attend upon those means!