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Job said that God is the one who's responsible for the water **cycle**.

- **Job 26:8:** "He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them."

Elihu said the water **cycle** operates based on the counsels of God. (In other words, God is the one who designed it and makes it function.)

- **Job 37:11-13:** "Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud: And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy."

The psalmist said the waters go up by the mountains. (This refers to the part of the water **cycle** that carries water vapor to the tops of the mountains, where it falls upon them.)

- **Psalm 104:8:** "They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them."

The psalmist said the waters go down by the valleys. (This refers to the part of the water **cycle** that causes rain to fall upon the mountains and go down into the valleys.)

- **Psalm 104:8:** "They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast

founded for them."

Generations are a **cycle**. They come and go, and are replaced by another one.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:4:** "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever."

The rising and setting of the sun is a **cycle**.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:5:** "The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose."

The wind travels in a **cycle**.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:6:** "The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits."

The water in rivers travels in a **cycle**.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:7:** "All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again."

This world is unsatisfying because everything repeats itself in an endless **cycle**. The things people did in the past will be done again. It's endless repetition of the same thing, with no progress or change. This is empty and unsatisfying.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:9-10:** "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us."

The only things we can do are the same sort of things that were done by those who came before us. This is empty and unsatisfying. Instead of making progress, mankind is trapped in a **cycle**.

- **Ecclesiastes 2:12:** "And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done."

The reason the life is grievous is because everything is empty and frustrating. This world is **cycle** that repeats over and over, with people doing what had already been done before.

- **Ecclesiastes 2:17:** "Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit."

This world runs in a **cycle**. The things that are happening now are the same sort of things that were done in the past. Likewise, the things which will exist in the future are the same sort of things that were done in the past. The world isn't making progress; instead it's repeating.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:15:** "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."

Each king is just one in a long **cycle** of kings who came before him. This is empty and unsatisfying.

- **Ecclesiastes 4:14-16:** "For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor. I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead. There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit."

God controls the water **cycle**.

- **Jeremiah 10:13:** "When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures."

PATTERN, PATTERNS, PATTERNED

God is the one who created the **pattern** of working six days and resting one day.

- **Genesis 2:3:** "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

Abraham had a **pattern** of obeying God immediately, without delay.

- **Genesis 17:23:** "And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him."

Abraham had a **pattern** of rising up early in the morning to obey God's commands.

- **Genesis 21:14:** "And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba."

The **pattern** we see in the Bible is that dead people are buried, not cremated.

- **Genesis 23:19:** "And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan."

God provided the Israelites with the **pattern** to build the tabernacle and its instruments. (In other words, He provided them with the design.)

- **Exodus 25:9:** "According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."

When Moses was on the mountain with God, He showed him the **pattern** of the tabernacle and the items that He wanted it to contain.

- **Exodus 25:40:** "And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount."

God commanded the Israelites to create the tabernacle and its items according to the **pattern** that He showed Moses on the mountain.

- **Exodus 26:30:** "And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount."
- **Exodus 27:8:** "Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it."
- **Numbers 8:4:** "And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick."
- **Acts 7:44:** "Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto

Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen."

- **Hebrews 8:5:** "Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount."

Naomi said that Boaz had a **pattern** of being kind. It seems he had been good to others in the past, and hadn't changed.

- **Ruth 2:20:** "And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen."

David didn't have a heart to punish the wicked, including people who were guilty of mass murder and genocide. (This was a consistent **pattern** throughout his entire life, and it led to terrible problems for him and his nation.) Saul murdered an entire city of priests (including women and children) and slaughtered the Gibeonites, and yet David felt guilty about *cutting off a piece of his clothing*.

- **1 Samuel 24:5:** "And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt."

Throughout David's life he had a **pattern** of finding reasons to not prosecute wicked people for the terrible things they did. When Shimei was *throwing rocks* at David's servants, David

refused to allow anyone to stop him. David chose to protect the criminal instead of the innocent victims who were being attacked. (David claimed that Shimei was doing the Lord's work, but in reality the Mosaic Law forbade people from cursing their king, let alone trying to stone them.)

- **2 Samuel 16:5-6, 11:** "And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. ... And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him."

David had a **pattern** of not wanting to punish wicked people. He didn't punish Amnon for raping Tamar, and he didn't want Absalom to be harmed even though Absalom was guilty of publicly raping ten women.

- **2 Samuel 18:5:** "And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom."

When Ahaz saw a pagan altar in Damascus, he sent its **pattern** to Urijah the priest (so that a copy could be made for his own idolatrous use).

- **2 Kings 16:10:** "And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet

Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof."

When David prepared for the construction of the temple, he made **patterns** for it and gave them to Solomon.

- **1 Chronicles 28:11:** "Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat,"

The Holy Spirit is the one who gave David the **patterns** for the temple complex and everything it contained.

- **1 Chronicles 28:12:** "And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:"

David gave Solomon the **pattern** for how the services in the temple would be managed.

- **1 Chronicles 28:13:** "Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD."

God gave David the **patterns** for the temple.

- **1 Chronicles 28:19:** "All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern."

In the millennial temple, the **pattern** of a cherub and palm trees is found throughout the temple.

- **Ezekiel 41:19-20:** "So that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: it was made through all the house round about. From the ground unto above the door were cherubims and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple."

God commanded Ezekiel to show the **pattern** of the millennial temple to the Jews. The Lord wanted them to see it and be ashamed of their sins.

- **Ezekiel 43:10:** "Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern."

In the parable of the leased vineyard, the husbandmen continued their **pattern** of violent and savage behavior from one servant to the next.

- **Luke 20:10-12:** "And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty. And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out."

It seems the **pattern** of Paul was to go to a city, preach the gospel to the Jews, and then preach it to the Gentiles once the Jews rejected it.

- **Acts 18:6:** "And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean; from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles."

The **pattern** that Christ has given us is obedience, not rebellion. It's one of submission to those who are in authority over us.

- **1 Corinthians 11:3:** "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

There's a consistent **pattern** in the New Testament of people showing great affection to fellow Christians. This wasn't seen as inappropriate.

- **Colossians 4:7:** "All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:"

The **pattern** the Bible gives us is of Christians meeting in people's homes, not in church buildings. There are no exceptions to this in the New Testament, and no hint that Christians should build dedicated buildings to meet in.

- **Colossians 4:15:** "Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his

house."

- **Philemon 1:2:** "And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:"

One of the reasons Jesus showed mercy to Paul was to demonstrate a **pattern** which would be followed by others who were saved after him.

- **1 Timothy 1:16:** "Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting."

Onesiphorous had a **pattern** of taking care of Paul's needs.

- **2 Timothy 1:16-18:** "The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me. The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well."

Christians must bear the fruits of the Spirit and demonstrate a **pattern** of good works.

- **Titus 2:7:** "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,"

The tabernacle and its instruments of service were made

according to a **pattern** that came from Heaven. They were fashioned after Heavenly things.

- **Hebrews 9:23:** "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these."

The earthly Holy of Holies in the tabernacle was **patterned** after the greater one which is in Heaven.

- **Hebrews 9:24:** "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:"