

"So Jonathan said to David, 'Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it for you.' And David said to Jonathan, 'Indeed tomorrow *is* the New Moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king to eat. But let me go, that I may hide in the field until the **third** day at evening.'" (1st Samuel 20:4-5)

"'On the **third** day' means that which has been completed, and the beginning of sanctification.... When Saul wished to kill David, David hid in the field until the **third** evening. Jonathan told David, I will sound out my father on the **third** day from now. Jonathan said that he would shoot **three** arrows to the side of the stone. And David fell face to the ground, before Jonathan and bowed down **three** times. Sam. 20: 5, 12, 19, 20, 35, 36, 41." (Secrets of Heaven 2788:1,7)

"'It happened on the **third** day' means that which is continuous even to the end. This is clear from the meaning of 'the third day' as that which is complete from beginning to end, dealt with in 2788, and so also as that which is continuous. ... Anyone who looks carefully into the interior contents of the Word comes to see that the number three, like the number seven, and also the number twelve, holds some secret. And if these numbers hold such it follows that every other number in the Word holds the same, for the Word is holy in every part. Sometimes, when I have been talking to angels, I have seen in front of me what looked like numbers written, as if on a sheet of paper, in broad daylight, and I have realized that the spiritual entities about which the angels spoke pass into numbers like these. From this experience I have also been given to know that each number in the Word contains some secret. This may be seen plainly from the following.... Jonathan told David to hide in the field until the **third** evening. And Jonathan sent to him on the **third** day from then, and revealed his father's intention. Jonathan at that point fired **three** arrows to the side of the stone. And after that David bowed down to the ground **three** times before Jonathan. Sam. 20:5, 12, 19, 20, 35, 36, 41." (Secrets of Heaven 4495:1-4; see also AR 505:2; AE 532:5)

"Before being reduced to order, it is very common for everything to fall into confusion or seeming chaos. This allows things that cling together poorly to separate, and when they have separated, the Lord arranges them in their place." (Secrets of Heaven 842.3)

"Divine providence is universal because it attends to the slightest details, and it is an infinite and eternal creation that the Lord has provided for himself by creating the universe. We see nothing of this universal providence, and if we did see it, it would look to our sight like the scattered piles and random heaps that passers-by see when a house is being built. The Lord, though, sees a magnificent palace constantly under construction and constantly being enlarged." (Divine Providence 203)

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." (Psalm 37:3-5)

"Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings." (Psalm 61:1-4)

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Discussion
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Please join us on Zoom at 11:00 am Sunday
for a discussion.
(Please help clean everything up for Scout Camp)

Musicians: Leader- Lori Odhner, Keyboard- Shawn Rose,
Vocals- Lori & John Odhner, Graham Bier, Amanda Rogers,
Livestreaming: Katie Odhner

"In every work of God there is something first, something intermediate, and something last; and what is first works through what is intermediate to what is last and in this way becomes manifest and persists, so what is last is a foundation. The first is also in the intermediate, and through the intermediate is in what is last, so what is last is a container; and since what is last is a container and a foundation, it is also a support. The learned world understands that this series of three can be called the purpose, the means, and the result, as well as being, becoming, and achieving full manifestation. Being is the purpose, becoming is the means, and achieving full manifestation is the result. This means that there is a series of three in everything that is complete - a series called first, intermediate, and last; or purpose, means, and result; or being, becoming, and achieving full manifestation. Once this is understood we can also understand that every work of God is complete and perfect in its final stage and also that the whole, which is a series of three, is in the final stage, because the prior stages are together in it. This is why three in the Word spiritually understood means complete, perfect, and all together; and since this is its meaning it is used in the Word whenever anything is so described, as in the following instances:... David told Jonathan that he would hide in the field for three days; later Jonathan shot three arrows beside the rock; and after that David bowed down to Jonathan three times (1 Samuel 20:5, 12-41)... There are many other passages where threes are mentioned, and they are mentioned when it is a matter of something finished and completed, because that is what this number means."

(Doctrine of Sacred Scripture 27-29; see also TCR 210-211)