The Divine Pattern of Obedience and Blessing, Part 1 $from \; Genesis \, 1-2 \\ Pastor \; Greg \; Stiekes$

In the beginning, the Lord God established the pattern of our unique relationship to him. This three-part sermon explores the nature of that pattern, its violation in the fall, and its implications for our walk with the Lord as his church. The Scriptures exhort us to believe that joyful harmony between us and God—as well as one another—comes only as we yield our hearts to God's pattern of obedience.

- 1. The Establishment of the Pattern (Gen 1) The Word of God: "And God said . . . " b. The Response to God's Word: "And it was so." The Blessed Consequence: "And God saw that it was good" (cf. Gen 2:25) 2. The Testimony of the Pattern What do we proclaim with our lives when we follow God's divine pattern of obedience? a. God is in control (Psa 135:5–7). b. God is the object of glory (Psa 19:1–6). c. God is to be feared (Psa 33:8–9). d. God is to be trusted (Psa 104:21, 27–28). e. God is to be loved (Psa 33:5–6).
- *Next Lord's Day:*
- 3. The Violation of the Pattern (Gen 3)

f. God is to be worshiped (Psa 104:1–2; 33–34; Psalm 148).