



## Today's Lesson

1. Worship in Song
2. Study The Will
  - Observation
  - Interpretation
  - Application
3. Review Reading/Next Lesson

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## Psalm 1

God grows His church, God grows His children.  
God's Word is life, It flows all day and night.

Plant me by the streams of Living Water  
Take root below, bear fruit above,  
Love one another, reach out to others,

That's how God grows His church  
God grows His children.

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## Assignment 2

Question: How can Ellen White say that the exercise of the will is "powerless" in SC 18 and "everything" depends on the will in SC 46?

- Observation
- Interpretation
- Application

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## Lamb/Will/Beast Introduction



Understanding the Critical Role of the Will  
at the End Times

Pastor Jim Park, Ph.D.

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## Lamb/Will/Beast Introduction

*Review and Herald, March 24, 1896*

"It is in the surrender of the will that the line of demarcation between a child of God, an heir of heaven, and the rebellious, who refuse the great salvation, is distinctly drawn."

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## Lamb/Will/Beast Introduction

The Lamb	The Beast
Sabbath	Sunday
Seal of God	Mark of the Beast
Lamb on Outside	Lamb on Outside
Lamb on Inside	Dragon on Inside
Surrender	Force

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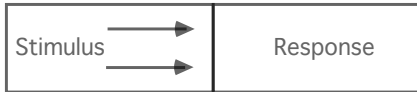
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## **Lamb/Will/Beast**

### **1. The Deterministic Model**



Stephen Covey  
*The Seven Habits  
 of Highly Effective People*

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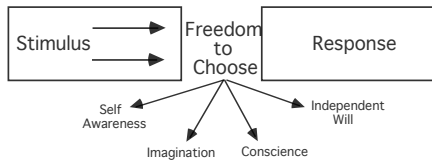
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## **Lamb/Will/Beast**

### **2. The "Response-Ability" Model**




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## **Lamb/Will/Beast**

### **The Biblical Model**

Although Paul could say that "in my inmost being I delight in God's law" (Romans 7:22); he also constantly felt "another law [principle] at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members" (Romans 7:24).

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## **Lamb/Will/Beast**

### **The Biblical Model**

**Steps to Christ, 18:** "Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. They may produce an outward correctness of behavior, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life."

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## **Lamb/Will/Beast**

### **Observation**

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## **Lamb/Will/Beast**

### **Observation**

**Steps to Christ, 46:** "Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure."

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## **Lamb/Will/Beast** **Observation**

**Steps to Christ, 46:** "The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought. The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness."

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## **Lamb/Will/Beast** **Observation**

**Education 253:** "Faith is trusting God—believing that He loves us and knows best what is for our good. Thus, instead of our own, it leads us to choose His way. In place of our ignorance, His wisdom; in place of our weakness, His strength, in place of our sinfulness, His righteousness."

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## **Abraham** **Interpretation**

**The Non-Intuitive Nature of Faith  
and the Will**

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## **Spiritual Disciplines** **Application**

### **Daily**

Study of God's Word--Table of Showbread  
Prayer--Altar of Incense  
Ministry to Others--Candlestick

### **Weekly**

Small Group  
Worship Service

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## **Using our own Effort** **Observation**

**Steps to Christ, 44:** There are those who profess to serve God, while they rely upon their own efforts to obey His law, to form a right character, and secure salvation. Their hearts are not moved by any deep sense of the love of Christ, but they seek to perform the duties of the Christian life as that which God requires of them in order to gain heaven. Such religion is worth nothing.

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## **The Beast uses Force** **Observation**

**Revelation 13:16-17:** He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17 so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

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## **The Beast uses Force** **Observation**

**The Kress Collection, 148:** God will punish those who attempt to compel their fellow men to keep the first day of the week. They tempt them to deny their allegiance to God. They accept the fruit of the forbidden tree, and try to force others to eat it. They will try to compel their fellowmen to work on the seventh day of the week and rest on the first.

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## **God does not Force** **Observation**

**Steps to Christ, 44:** The government of God is not, as Satan would make it appear, founded upon a blind submission, an unreasoning control. It appeals to the intellect and the conscience. "Come now, and let us reason together" is the Creator's invitation to the beings He has made. Isaiah 1:18. God does not force the will of His creatures. He cannot accept an homage that is not willingly and intelligently given.

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## **God does not Force** **Observation**

**Desire of Ages, 466:** In the work of redemption there is no compulsion. No external force is employed. Under the influence of the Spirit of God, man is left free to choose whom he will serve. In the change that takes place when the soul surrenders to Christ, there is the highest sense of freedom.

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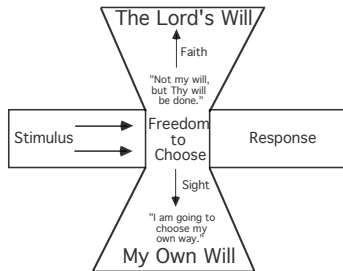
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## Model of the Will Application




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## Uniqueness of Christ Introduction

Many of us would agree with Clark Pinnock when he says, "By all accounts the meaning of Christ's lordship in a religiously plural world is one of the hottest topics on the agenda of theology in the nineties."

Gives a brief historical overview of the increasing attention to the topic.

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## Uniqueness of Christ The Three Models

Pluralist—A Creation Paradigm

- ✧ Begins with the commonality of creation
- Concerned about human relationship
- Predominantly horizontalist
- Weak theology of fall and sin
- No faith in Christ or conversion
- Mission is unnecessary, disrespectful

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## **Uniqueness of Christ** **The Three Models**

Inclusivist—Paradigm of Universal Soteriology

- ✧ Begins with unique Christ event
- Weak in personal relationship
- Prior choice of salvation for all
- Strong vertical but weak horizontal
- Little faith in Christ or conversion
- Mission: You are already saved

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## **Uniqueness of Christ** **The Three Models**

Exclusivist—An Ecclesiocentric Paradigm

- ✧ Begins with Church as ark of salvation
- Relationship with Christ in Church
- Prior choice: salvation only in my Church
- Very optimistic about the Church
- Strong faith in Christ and conversion
- Highly missional in people joining Church

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## **Uniqueness of Christ** **A Fourth Model**

Evangelist—A Fourth Paradigm

- ✧ Begins with "Jesus Christ is Lord"
- Absolute—faith . . . Relativist—shape
- Prior choice: Personal faith relationship
- Calls church to confess, "Jesus is Lord"
- Strong faith in Christ and conversion
- Mission is calling people to conversion

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## **Uniqueness of Christ**

### **Two Presuppositions**

Relation of Faith and Culture

✧ Faith is distinct from culture

Acts: Faith takes many shapes

“As the evangelical community has become more culture affirming, the distinction between faith and culture has become harder to maintain, and its impact on our missiology more pervasive.”

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## **Uniqueness of Christ**

### **Jesus Christ is Lord**

Three Elements of New Paradigm

✧ JESUS Christ is Lord: Faith Particularist  
Lord above all cultures and churches.

Jesus CHRIST is Lord: Culturally Pluralist  
Christ is the creator, Lord of all

Jesus Christ is LORD: Ecclesiologically  
Inclusivist

Jesus is Lord of the church and mission

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## **Next Lesson**

1. Review Reading

2. Study Gen. 11:1-9; 12:1-3

Observation

Interpretation

Application

3. Read Abraham & the Nations

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