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#46 – The Weakness of God: The Lamb vs. the Beast

By looking at the beast of Revelation 13, his multiple horns, heads, mouths, crowns, etc, what conclusions do you draw about him? The beast appears to be immensely powerful. The beast arouses fear through threats and intimidation. He wants to vanquish all opposition to his ways. His main trait is raw, unadulterated POWER. He works by the love of power.

When you look at the inspired picture of the Lamb (Revelation 5:6) what do you see? A weak and defenseless lamb, a lamb in the very act of slaughter. Not exactly someone you would expect to win in a contest with the beast. And yet the Lamb wins over the beast. The apparent weakness of the *power of love* will ultimately win over the *love of power*.

God specializes in displays of weakness. The Bible says, *“Not by power and might, but by my Spirit”* (Zechariah 4:6). And Paul notes that the *“weakness of God is stronger than men”* (1 Cor. 1:25). You see that weakness in the slain Lamb. But when this Lamb enters heaven’s open courtroom instant jubilation, worship, adoration, praise and singing erupts among the assembled witnesses there. *“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor and glory and blessing”* (Rev. 5:12).

God takes special delight in displaying His strength through human weakness.

- To a childless senior citizen couple, Abraham and Sarah, well beyond child-bearing age, God announced that they would have a son. And to further add to the utter impossibility of this situation, God asked Abraham to cut (circumcise) the very part of his anatomy on which he depended for his procreative abilities. Talk about weakness!
- Take a look at Elijah constructing an altar in a confrontation with the prophets of Baal. And then he poured gallons and gallons of

water on the completed altar emphasizing his weakness and helplessness before the enemies of God. You know who won. Fire from heaven ignited the offering and consumed the altar.

- Consider Gideon's band of three-hundred men. It was not until the original number of thirty-thousand had been significantly reduced (Judges 7:3) that God ordered them into battle.
- Do you recall when a choir preceded the army in going out into battle? (2 Chronicles 20). Would it not have made more sense to send the cavalry out first? Yet *"no king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety; neither shall it deliver any by its great strength"* (Psalm 33:16,17).

What is the point? Don't work so hard to help God out in achieving His promises. Learn to trust...and rest. If your troubles are so overwhelming that you have difficulty sleeping as you scheme and plan on your own next brilliantly powerful moves to make your life work, then remember that God works the night shift (Psalm 121:4). God's purposes are far greater than the relief of our troubles. His greater concern is that He will receive the glory so others will also trust in Him. *"Nevertheless He saved them for his name's sake, that He might make his mighty power to be known"* (Psalm 106:8).

So don't despair in weakness. Weakness is not a sign that we are hopeless – but only helpless. Helplessness is God's opportunity. *"Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly on God"* (E.G. White, Prophets and Kings, pp. 174,175).

Let go of all the power playing strategies of the beast. Instead, trust the strength of the weak and wounded the Lamb!