

## Free Will Partnership

### A. God's Sovereignty

1. Who is God?
  - a) God is the Creator, the Almighty, the All-sufficient One, the All-powerful.
  - b) His character is displayed in the His Names e.g., Jehovah Rapha.
  - c) God can do anything. He is sovereign i.e., He has supreme authority and dominion.
  - d) God and His Word
    - God and His Word are one.
    - God cannot break His Word. This limits His sovereignty.
    - God has exalted His Word above His Name.
    - God created Adam out of the dust; but, as He did with everything else, God spoke Jesus into being i.e, He is the Living Word.
  
2. God's Partnering with Man
  - a) God gave to man dominion over the Earth and all that moves on it. Gen 1:26, 28
  - b) God partnered with Noah to flood the Earth. Heb 11:7
  - c) God consulted with Abraham before destroying Sodom and Gomorrah. Gen 18:23-25
  - d) God consulted with Moses before destroying the rebellious Hebrews. Num 14:13-23

### B. Man's Free Will

1. What is Man?
  - a) Man is that which is born of a woman and he that enters into the earth by another way is a thief and a robber. Job 15:14  
John 10:1,2
  - b) Man has dominion and is made higher than angels except for death. Psalm 8:4-6  
Angels are spirits made to minister to man. Heb 1:13-14  
Man will judge angels. 1 Cor 6:3  
Thou made him a little lower than the angels; thou crowned him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Heb 2:7-9  
Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.  
But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
  - c) Lucifer and the angels have free will but they chose to rebel against God. Rev 12:9
  - d) It is the will of God that none should perish but man with his free will can choose to go to hell. 1 Tim 2:4
  
2. Individual Responsibility
  - a) Man is made in the image and likeness of God, so he is creative and has free will. Gen 1:26
  - b) With free will comes individual responsibility, which is the right to make good choices and bad choices. Deut 30:19
  - c) Man gets to choose life or death, blessings or curses; and man makes these choices by his choice of partners. Psalm 1  
Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: Jos 24:14-15  
and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.  
And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day

whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

- d) God consulted with Abraham for God said that He knew that Abraham and his household would keep the way of the Lord. Gen 18:17-19

### C. Choosing Your Partner

#### 1. Partnering with God

- a) For Eternity  
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16
- b) For Every Day  
This is the day of salvation. Ps 118:24-25  
For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom 10:13
- c) For Every Moment  
The Word of God shall not depart out of your mouth. Jos 1:8
- d) For His Blessings  
Chase God and the blessings have already been commanded to chase you. Deut 28:1-3

#### 2. Partnering with the devil.

- a) Through ignorance  
Many refuse salvation and choose hell e.g. Nathan (Deut 11:6), Korah. Num16:5  
God's people perish for lack of knowledge. Hos 4:6
- b) Through pride and lust  
Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15-16  
For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.  
But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. Jam 1:14-15
- c) Through Words and Curses Jam 3:8-10  
But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
- d) Through spirits of distraction and control Eph 6:16  
Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.