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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

Let's Make a Mental Shift

Good morning! Hebrews, Chapter 10, Verses 15 to 19 say...

/HEB 10:15-17

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM." He then says, "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."\

/HEB 10:18-19

*Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.//Therefore, brethren...we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus... *

The blood of our Lord is our admission ticket to heaven, and we come together today as a Royal Family to honor His sacrifice by studying His Word.

In preparation for the study of the Word of God, in self-evaluation you can ask yourself, "Do I have the same thinking in me, that was also in Christ Jesus?"

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Bible study is a time to lay aside the spiritual battles of daily life...the internal fight between two kingdoms for control of your soul. It's a time of RENEWING. Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 23 requests...

EPH 4:23

...that you be renewed (by God) in the spirit of your mind...

Now is the time to let your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the power of God the Holy Spirit, prepare you "in humility (to) receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls."

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Word of God Speak\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our God in song, while you let thoughts of the Lord Jesus Christ occupy your mind. The opening song is WORD OF GOD SPEAK.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...(0:30)

We're grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth...the Word of God...

Help us to keep in the forefront of our minds at all times the royal standard you created for us to live in...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

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Pastor Rory Clark\

Welcome to Barah Ministries. My name is Pastor Rory Clark. You're listening to lesson four hundred and thirty-three of the CREATOR versus CREATURE Conflict series. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/TODAY'S STUDY

THE CREATOR'S Will is That You Live Like Royalty

We continue our study of the CREATOR vs. CREATURE CONFLICT.

<CREATOR vs. CREATURE CONFLICT 21 C's SLIDE>

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We are studying our CREATOR...we are learning about God's Person and His Work, so that we can have a great relationship with Him. We use an encoding device called the CREATOR CLOCK to introduce ourselves to the various aspects of God's character and nature. Tick tock. What time is it on the CREATOR CLOCK? It's seven o'clock.

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE dial points to seven o'clock>

God is WILLING. We're studying God's Will. It is God's will that you live like royalty, because that is what you are...spiritual royalty.

As Christians, we must be clear about the two offers that lie before us in this life. From the beginning of your life you have been wooed by two suitors, the creature and the Creator. Some of you will choose to worship and serve the creature, Satan, the enemy of God...some of you will choose to worship and serve the Lord. Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 25 highlights this Creator versus Creature Conflict...

/ROM 1:25

For they (unbelievers) exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Even though you are believers in Christ, some of you will still choose, as believers in Christ, to worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator. Some of you genuinely believe that Satan is the one who offers the "fun," and you even describe sin as "fun..." you see it as a viable option...and then there is that other thing...Christianity. One of the reasons we began this year with an inventory of our spiritual closet and the doctrinal coat hangers in it is because we want to investigate the areas of our lives where we have let deception creep in to become our mindset. Joshua, Chapter 24, Verse 15 says...

/JSH 24:15

"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the (Euphrates) River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."\

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As Christians, we have announced where we stand by believing in Christ, and we must be constantly inspecting our lives to see if we are living the decision we have made.

The lifestyle that Satan offers is polar opposite from the lifestyle God offers. We are clear on this when we are unbelievers...we have the choice of black or white, of darkness or light. You remember the message of First John, Chapter 1, Verse 5...

/1JO 1:5

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

You know the warning to believers who are considering marrying unbelievers...Second Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verses 14 and 15 say...

/2CO 6:14

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

/2CO 6:15

Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

Once we become believers in Christ, we are no longer in darkness. We are in fellowship with God and we can't get out. We are indwelled by God the Holy Spirit. We are filled with God the Holy Spirit. Satan's only hope is to "gray out" the believer's life by pouring darkness into it. You can see the analogy. When black paint is poured into white paint, the resulting color is gray. The white paint is no longer pure. Second Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 3 says...

/2CO 11:3

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

Simplicity and purity involves the rejection of any attempt to gray out our lives. Simplicity and purity is black and white...it's absolute thinking. We are never to think that God is somehow gray in His thinking...He is not. He

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is crystal clear. He is a “do this, don’t do that” God. First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verses 33 and 34 say...

/1CO 15:33-34

“Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals.//Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning...”

There is bad company and there is good company. There is sinning and there is sober mindedness. There is disobedience and there is obedience. Believe me, obeying God is fun.

Let this message be clear. Darkness and light don’t mix. The *kosmos* way of living and the Christian Way of Living are enemies. Have you ever asked someone the question, “Who are your enemies?” Inevitably you will get a “gray” answer. We like to live in the deception that we don’t have any enemies. Your enemies are the people who are not on your side, and some of them are people you loosely describe as your best friends. Additionally sin is your enemy. Sin has no place in your life and it is not something designed to do you good. So you have some choices to make as you continue looking in your spiritual closets for the deceptions in them. Let’s not be deceived.

This is the challenge the apostle Paul faced with the churches of the Galatian region. In His first missionary journey, Paul established many churches throughout a Roman province in Asia Minor called Galatia. Paul preached a gospel message of grace, of salvation through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone, and the Galatians churches bought it! Yet the Emperor of Rome, Julius Caesar, described the Galatians as fickle...

/CAESAR DESCRIBES THE GALATIANS

“They are fickle in their resolves, fond of change, and they are not to be trusted. They are frank, impetuous, eminently intelligent, fond of show, but extremely inconstant, the fruit of excessive vanity.”

We’d probably describe them as “human” and excuse their vacillation between two opinions, much like we as Christians are comfortable with not taking a stand, with not being clear, with allowing the infiltration of darkness into the simplicity and purity of our spiritual lives.

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After Paul's first missionary journey to the Galatian region, Satan sends in his agents, the Judaisers, to pervert and to distort Paul's gospel message. The Judaisers were legalists, perhaps Christian, who went in behind Paul to the churches in the Galatian region and undid his accurate gospel message for a distorted one. The Judaisers "agreed" that Jesus Christ is the Messiah...they agreed that salvation came from believing in the Lord Jesus Christ...BUT they also believed you had to add works to salvation to be saved.

There it is...white paint...white paint...oops black paint.

Jesus Christ IS the Messiah...salvation DOES come from believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, BUT...there's the black paint...in order for Gentiles to become Christians, the Judaisers claimed they first had to become Jews... that first, the Gentiles must submit themselves to the strictures of the law, especially to circumcision. The Judaisers added black paint to the white paint when the two just don't mix. The Judaisers were perverting and distorting the gospel of Christ. Look at Paul's reaction when he found out what was happening, in Galatians, Chapter 1, Verse 6...

/GAL 1:6

*I am amazed (astonished) that you are so quickly deserting Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who called you (invited you to the privilege of salvation) by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel... *

Look at Galatians, Chapter 3, Verses 1 to 3...

/GAL 3:1

*You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? *

/GAL 3:2

*This is the only thing I want to find out from you (Galatians): did you receive the (baptism by the agency of God the Holy) Spirit by (doing) the works of the (Mosaic) Law, or by hearing (the gospel) with faith (alone in Christ alone)? *

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/GAL 3:3

Are you so foolish? Having begun (the Christian Life) by the (baptism of God the Holy) Spirit, are you now being perfected by the (deeds you do in the) flesh?

Look at Galatians, Chapter 4, Verses 9 and 10...

/GAL 4:9

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

/GAL 4:10-11

You observe days and months and seasons and years.//I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

Shout to The Lord

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

So when you are thinking about how to conduct yourself in the matter of any decision, do you think of yourself as royalty, and hold yourself to the standard of royalty? As a Christian, you are spiritual royalty... First Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 9...

/1PE 2:9

But you (believers in Christ) are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

Like the Galatians, we modern day believers in Christ have choices...

/Do I live a rules based life or do I live a relationship based life?

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Do I live in the bankruptcy of the self-life or in the riches of Christ?\

/Do I atone for my own sins by obsessing with them or do I take advantage of the grace provisions of the Cross and realize that the sin problem has been taken out of the way?

Do I live in doubt about my status with God or do realize the established facts of my victory as a Christian?\

/Do I live in slavery or in freedom?

Do I live in the prison of legalism or do I realize that I am redeemed?

Do I live life “on my own” or do I depend on God for His divine solutions?\

These are the choices that lie before us. Turn in your bibles to Galatians Chapter 4...

<READ GALATIANS 4, Verses 1 to 11>

When you are feeling defeated, I wonder if you would ever turn to these verses for encouragement...let’s look specifically at a few of these verses... look at Galatians, Chapter 4, Verse 1...

/GAL 4:1

*Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything... *

When you are discouraged, do you think of yourself as an heir? Galatians, Chapter 4, Verse 5...

/GAL 4:5

*...so that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. *

When you are discouraged, do you think of yourself as adopted by God? Galatians, Chapter 4, Verse 7...

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/GAL 4:7

Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

When you are discouraged, do you think of yourself as a child of God, a son or daughter?

As heirs, and adopted children and sons and daughters we have privileges that stagger the imagination. Every day, we need to call to mind, to remind ourselves just who God thinks we are, and to live to that standard. Frankly? We don't. So this calls you to an opportunity.

When I reflect on the doctrine of rebound, and on all the other false doctrines I have believed over the years that now are being discarded from my spiritual closet...and when I reflect on all the assets God has given me...I feel like Johnny Nash...remember his song?

*I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright sunshiny day.*

As a Christian, I have the ability to take a stand against the schemes of the devil through the power that God keeps on pouring into me...I can play defense against him...

As a Christian, I can use prayer as an offensive weapon, to get God to intervene on my behalf in human circumstances...

As a Christian, I have the victory, and I can't lose...

But when the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ is perverted and distorted by Satanic infiltration, we believers don't see the clear difference between Christianity and its alternative...and over time we become blind...over time we become wishy washy...over time we become less definite...we forget the power that we have and the benefactor we have in God...and we are neutralized in our powerfully simple life...so much so that we can miss simple facts like this...PROPITIATION.

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/PROPITIATION

God the Father is completely satisfied, and ONLY satisfied with the Lord Jesus Christ's work on your behalf at the Cross, to handle the sin problem. Now that God the Father is totally satisfied, you are completely acceptable to Him.\

If that is true, how could we ever believe that we would need to do anything else to handle the sin problem other than to stop doing it? Second Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 3 says...

/2CO 11:3

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

We echo Paul's sentiments when we say...

/ROM 7:24

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

We cheer when we recall the answer...

/ROM 7:25

Thanks be to God (the Father) through Jesus Christ our Lord!

...for delivering us, but mostly for delivering us from our own choices.

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/CLOSING SONG

Sweet Nothings\

CLOSING VERSES

/PHI 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He (God the Father) who began a (divine) good work in (the creation of) you will (keep on) perfect(ing) it until the day of Christ Jesus.

/PSA 37:1-2

Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers.//For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb.

/PHI 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard (garrison) your hearts and your minds (for those of you) in (union with) Christ Jesus.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

THANKS
INTERCESSION
PETITION

And we pray that you continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of your person, your thinking, your work, your reputation and your essence..we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ's name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!

Thanks for watching!

Thanks for listening!

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