

THE ANGELIC CONFLICT
Lesson 410 – January 6, 2013

/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

In preparation for the study of the Word of God, your first shift is a mental shift. The Word of God illuminates. It cuts to the heart of every matter. It penetrates right down to your very thoughts.

/HEB 4:12

The Word of God is alive and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and the spirit, of the joints and marrow, and is a critic of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Word of God allows you to compare your thoughts to God's thoughts so you can live by God's ways and not by your own ways. It is as effective and as relevant today as when it was first in the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ in eternity past...as effective as it was as it was breathed into the pens of the human authors of Scripture by THE God Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ..

/INVITATION TO RESTORATION

Make a Spiritual Shift

The second shift, before you study the Word of God, is a spiritual shift. During this spiritual shift you offer control of your soul to God the Holy Spirit. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are commanded to allow the Holy Spirit to fill up our deficiencies in Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 18...

/EPH 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but (keep on) be(ing) filled with the Spirit...

Thus we have a choice...to be controlled by the thinking of the world, or to be controlled by the third member of the Triune Godhead...during this bible study. Now is the time to make your choice and to announce it to your God.

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/SILENT REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ\

Please take a few moments in silence, to reflect, to open your heart to the truth, and to fix the eyes of your soul on the author and perfecter of your faith, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

/OPENING SONG

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 be reflections of your will to a lost and dying world, and help us to keep foremost in our mind the importance of biblical study to our growth...

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

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Pastor Rory Clark\

My name is Pastor Rory Clark. You're listening to lesson four hundred and ten of the Angelic Conflict series. Welcome to a ministry designed for serious students of the Word of God.

/TODAY'S STUDY

The CREATOR'S Will is that You Live Christianity

PLEASE STAND

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/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In gratitude for all who defend our freedom, especially in gratitude for military victory from our front line military personnel and in honor of law enforcement officers all over the world, especially those in our own congregation, we recite the Pledge of Allegiance.\

/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands
One nation under God
Indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.\

/ANNOUNCEMENTS

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is January 13, 2013\

That's next week.

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“God Cares for You”\

Thanks very much for your financial support of the program. It costs \$400 a month. This year, the radio program will be evangelistic in nature. We'll be structuring the messages to invite people to study with us. Check out the lessons. This is a way for you to get an extra bible study each week and to help you learn how to evangelize to unbelievers. We're going to look for other radio show opportunities in the Phoenix area as well.

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A couple of belated wishes...

/Happy Birthday
Gabrielle Inman
December 13\

/Cody O'Donnell
Graduate
Marine Corp Basic Training
December 21\

/Happy Birthday
Deanna Lemmon
January 2\

She's 22...hmmm...that sneaked up on me...next thing you know she'll be graduating from college....arghhhh! College puke!

Next, let's take the offering. Let's welcome up Deacon Elliott Clark.

/THE OFFERING
Deacon Elliott Clark\

/Barah Ministries Financial Policy

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/OFFERING VERSE

MAT 4:18-19

Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.//And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."\

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/Remember to be in fellowship with God when you are giving

OFFERING SONG

Shine Jesus Shine

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Your soul is involved in the battle between two kingdoms...a battle between two sovereigns...a battle between two beings who function with authority... One who has genuine authority and one who has counterfeit authority. Your soul is the battleground on which these two kingdoms fight. The issue of this battle is not religious. The issue of this battle is not political. The issue of this battle is spiritual.

/EPH 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood (sin natures and souls), but against rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Your soul has been chosen by God to be a part of the resolution of the Angelic Conflict. The sovereign beings of each kingdom, the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God, are vying for control of your soul. In freedom, the right of self-determination, you get to choose whom you will serve.

If you are an unbeliever, you have two choices... one is SELF-WORSHIP... Second Timothy, Chapter 3, Beginning at Verse 1...

<CHOOSE SIDES SLIDE>

/2TI 3:1

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.

/2TI 3:2

*For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy... *

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/2TI 3:3

*...unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of (divine) good... *

/2TI 3:4

*...treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God... *

/2TI 3:5

*...holding to a (superficial) form of godliness, although they have (even) denied its power; Avoid such men as these. *

Can you see this SELF-WORSHIP lifestyle in operation every day?

We can look around in Satan's kingdom, here on planet earth, and see the manifestations of this self-focused lifestyle at every turn. We don't have to look any further than our mobile phones. The obsession with these electronic devices as our "friends," which in truth the reflection of a self-obsessed lifestyle, has crossed the line into pathetic.

<MIKE EMBREE TEXTING>

I have friends who are on the "dating scene" and hearing their frustrations about their encounters with this SELF-WORSHIP lifestyle stir the compassion in my soul.

<CHOOSE SIDES SLIDE>

Can you see the SATAN-WORSHIP lifestyle in operation every day?

/JOH 8:44

*"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies." *

You can see it. The indifference and antagonism toward God is everywhere. Ever ask the people around you this simple question, "What role does God play in your life?" The reaction is like a fart in a space suit. It's

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uncomfortable beyond belief. That's why so many of you don't evangelize. You've tried to sneak up on evangelism by approaching it indirectly, and you've had your fingers slammed in the car door too many times. Discomfort with evangelism is not an effective excuse, by the way, for not evangelizing.

Ever start playing a bible lesson in front of your friends just for the pleasure of seeing their souls go off like popcorn with irrelevant questions to mask their discomfort?

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

<CHOOSE SIDES SLIDE>

The issue in evangelism is simple...it can be adequately captured in five verses...

/ROM 5:8

But God (the Father) demonstrates His own (unconditional) love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners (spiritually dead unbelievers), Christ died (as a substitute) for us.

/ACT 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and (everyone in) your household (who also believes).

/JOH 14:6

*(The Lord) Jesus Christ said, "I am the way (to salvation), (I am) the truth (through the Word of God) and (I am) the (eternal) life; no one comes to the Father, but through (believing in) Me." *

/EPH 2:8-9

For by (efficacious) grace you have been saved through faith (alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone); and that (grace, faith, and salvation is) not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; //not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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/ACT 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved (except the Lord Jesus Christ).”

<CHOOSE SIDES SLIDE>

The issue for unbelievers is the Cross.

/JOH 3:36

“He (anyone) who believes in the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has eternal life...but he who does not obey (the command to believe in) the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) will not see (eternal) life (in heaven) but the wrath of God (everlasting life in the lake of fire) abides on him.”

If you are a believer in Christ, you have chosen sides.

/JOSHUA 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 River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me (Joshua) and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

For the believer in Christ, the course is clear, the choice has been made, freedom has been spent...we serve the One and only Sovereign Lord, the King of the Universe, the Ultimate Authority.

The challenge believers in Christ face, and indeed the reason we engage in biblical study, is not only to learn knowledge, but also to not let our learning stop there...we learn most when we are effective at executing the things we are learning. We do not come to biblical study to simply gather information.

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God’s will for believers in Christ is that first, we learn...we KNOW; second, that endure trials...we GROW; and finally, that we examine our own progress...we ask, “Does it SHOW?”

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When we choose a SOVEREIGN, we choose sides in the Angelic Conflict. For believers in Christ we choose the Kingdom of God over the kingdom of darkness. As choosers of the kingdom of God, believers in Christ are requested to learn their God's "game plan" ... to be in the KNOW!

/2PE 3:18

...but grow in the (sphere of) grace and (grow in the) knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (through biblical study). To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

By means of a choice to exercise genuine humility, we choose to sit under the spiritual chain of command (God...His Word...Pastor...Congregation...Biblical Knowledge) to hear God's predetermined approach to the Angelic Conflict. In the classroom of biblical study, God the Holy Spirit teaches us a lifestyle of divine thought...God the Holy Spirit teaches us how to live in our new nature.

<NEW SPIRITUAL SPECIES SLIDE>

/GAL 5:16

But I say, walk by (means of the enabling power of God) the (Holy) Spirit, and you will not (in fact, cannot) carry out the desire of the flesh.

Next, God wants us to endure trials to GROW.

<CHOOSE LIFESTYLE SLIDE>

James. Chapter 1, Verse 21 says...

/JAM 1:21

Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

/JAM 1:22

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

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/JAM 1:23

*For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror... *

/JAM 1:24

*...for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. *

/JAM 1:25

*But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does. *

We learn about the Kingdom of God in the classroom, but we execute God's plan in Satan's kingdom of darkness. We voluntarily obey the doctrines we learn from God in the classroom and we test their efficacy in Satan's kingdom.

/2CO 4:17-18

*For momentary, light (weight) affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, // while we look not at the things which are seen (the details of life), but at the things which are not seen (the doctrines in the Word of God); for the things which are seen are temporal (here today and gone tomorrow), but the things which are not seen (the doctrines in the Word of God) are eternal. *

<NIGHT VISION GOGGLES ANALOGY>

Knowledge is not enough. It is God's will that we learn by using our freedom to test the knowledge He gives us with experiences. We voluntarily agree to obey and to execute an eternal plan that has temporal power.

/JOH 15:14

"You (believers in Christ) are My friends if (3) you do what I command (request of) you (maybe you will and maybe you won't...you have freedom to choose)." \

We are not simply to learn the word by hearing...we are to do the word in the world...we are to learn the Christian Way of Life and to execute the

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Christian Way of Living. We have to know and execute the connection between knowing and doing.

<CHOOSE LIFESTYLE SLIDE>

Then we assess our effectiveness. Is what we are doing in Satan's kingdom working or not? We assess our use of divine power and its effectiveness. We ask simply, "Does it SHOW?"

/2CO 13:5

(Make it a habit to) Test yourselves to see if you are (living) in the (sphere) faith (the Word of God); examine (prove it to) yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves (in self-examination), that (the Lord) Jesus Christ is in(dwelling) you — unless indeed you fail the test (by proving that you are not in the sphere of the Word of God)?

We are not to use our freedom as a license to sin.

/1PE 2:16

Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil (a cloak of maliciousness), but use it as (if you are) bondslaves of God (because you are).

Instead, we are to use our freedom as a choice to serve our Sovereign authority. Our self-examination brings these things to the surface so that we can assess whether or not we are progressing in the Christian Way of Living.

<CHOOSE LIFESTYLE SLIDE>

As we continue our biblical study, and as we continue our examination of God's will, the importance of these three simple things... KNOW... GROW...and does it SHOW...will take on new meaning in your souls.