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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

In preparation for our study of the Word of God, it is a time to make a voluntary shift in your mindset, if that is necessary. To prepare yourself for biblical study, you can ask yourself a very simple question, “Where is my soul tuned?” You can ask, “What thought pattern am I allowing to influence me right now?” <WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED? SLIDE>

Is your soul tuned to KCOS...the cosmic system of thought...or is your soul tuned to WGOD...the divine system of thought...your mental shift gives you an opportunity to tune your soul to biblical thought, which the bible refers to as RENEWING, as you prepare to listen to the teaching of the Word of God. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

Ephesians, Chapter 4, verse 23 says...

EPH 4:23

...be renewed in the spirit of your mind...

So right now is the time to let your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ prepare you to...“in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.” As it says in Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verses 8 to 16...

/EPH 5:8-12

...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light//(for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth)//trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.//Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;//for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

/EPH 5:13-16

But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.//For this reason it says, “Awake,

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sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”//Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,//making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Come See a Man\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING your mind, with your permission of course, you can take the next several minutes for reflection, letting the Lord Jesus Christ occupy your mind, as your God gets you ready to know His exact thinking. Let’s hear June Murphy prepare us for the study of the Word of God by worshipping our Lord in song.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\b(0:30)

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

Give us the courage to face our choices...help us to challenge the counterfeit purchases we have made with our faith...help us to place the blame for those purchases squarely where the blame lies...on our own shoulders...as we do, help us to allow ourselves the leniency to learn by mistakes...help us to remember that you are orchestrating our completeness...and help us to realize that brokenness and the end of self-sufficiency is part of the journey you allow us to walk as you make our paths straight...

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

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

The CREATOR'S Will is for You to Realize the Power of Your Will

It's a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to share another love letter that I get to write, three times a week, for your benefit...letters about the love of my life, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I take the responsibility seriously, more seriously than I realize consciously at times, to give you an accurate account of the Person, the thinking, the work, the reputation and the essence of the One and only Sovereign God of the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ. I resent those who misrepresent Him in any way with a passion that is akin to religious fervor. Yet His unconditional love tempers that fervor...as a result I can allow room in my soul for those who won't ever bother to really get to know Him. If you stick with this ministry you will not be among those Christians who engage in comatose Christianity, closet Christianity, and check the box Christianity. If the Word of God is indeed alive, and powerful and sharper than a two edged sword, then our lives must be a reflection of that aliveness, that power and that sharpness. Are your lives such a reflection? If not, maybe it's because there are so many false doctrine coat hangers in your spiritual closet, that there is no room for life.

We press on in our desire to know the character and nature of our God...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. Your will and God's will coexist in human history. You have a free will that lives under the dominion and authority of God. It's called liberty...the right of self-determination within the bounds of God's system. The Creator's permissive will is letting you learn through a series of tribulations, which include adversity, and prosperity, and impending physical death.

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God's will is that you recognize the power of your will, especially when you use your free will to obey Him. John, Chapter 15, verse 14 says...

/JOH 15:14

You are My friends if (3) you do what I command (request of) you.

Well the teen-age Cretans in the congregation are alive and well. I got a letter from one of those vermin this week, although this young lady wouldn't rank high on my vermin list if she were not a teen-ager and if it wasn't a favorite sport of mine to "bag on" teen-agers...in fact she is quite a thoughtful and articulate and beautiful young lady...and here's her take on the first nine lessons from Barah Ministries this year...

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MEMBER

I was just re-listening to your messages from last week, and to put it lightly I'm freaking out because you've pretty much just destroyed the main edifice of my spiritual knowledge that I've been holding onto for all 17 years of my life.\

Well said...and welcome to the real world girlfriend. If the Lord Jesus Christ Himself were responding to her note, He would say, as He said to His apostles...

/JOH 16:12

"I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have many more things to say to you (for your benefit), but you cannot bear (carry the weight of) them now."\

God has been saving this examination of the doctrine of rebound until right now...saving it for a moment when we can bear it...at a time when it is time to examine the doctrinal coat hangers that are hanging in our spiritual closets...this is God's perfect timing. God has placed enough about Himself in our souls, that when this alleged "spiritual edifice" called rebound is yanked from us, and placed in the garbage where it belongs...God has already given us, in advance, something to replace it with...a knowledge of CHRIST, the author and perfecter of our faith. Philippians, Chapter 1, Verse 21 says...

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/PHI 1:21

*For to me, to live is (occupation with) Christ and to die is gain (profitable). *

Living is not occupation with rebound. Living is occupation with the Person, the Work and the Thinking of CHRIST. That's what we believers in Christ use to replace rebound, and any other false doctrines we may have hanging in our souls. Romans, Chapter 7, Verses 24 and 25 are not just words to us anymore...now we can LIVE them...we can ask, as Paul did...

/ROM 7:24-25

*Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?
//Thanks (for grace) be to God (the Father) through Jesus Christ our Lord
(for freeing me)! *

What death is Paul talking about? The death of the false doctrines that we purchase and place in our souls! The Lord Jesus Christ, in His perfect timing, delivers us from all that is false...from all that is impure...from all that is destructive to us His believers.

How do you think Martin Luther felt?

Martin Luther was a German professor of theology and a key figure in the Protestant Reformation. He strongly disputed the claim the Roman Catholic Church made that freedom from God's punishment for sin could be purchased with money. He confronted the selling of indulgences with his Ninety-Five Theses in 1517. His refusal to retract all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X in 1520, and at the demand of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, resulted in his excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church by the pope and in condemnation as an outlaw by the Emperor.

Martin Luther taught that salvation is not earned by good deeds but is received only as a free gift of God's grace through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone as Redeemer from sin. His theology challenged the authority of the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church by teaching that the Bible, not the Pope, is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge. He insisted that all baptized Christians are a holy priesthood.

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The next five words of our teen-age Cretan's written correspondence were the words that pleased my heart and made me know that the last nine lessons have been successful. She said...

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I decided to do research...\

The point of the last nine lessons EXACTLY. "I decided to do research." What a concept! Now listen...you don't have to do the research...you don't have the gift of Pastor-Teacher or the obsessiveness or the resources to research every single word in every single lesson...but you do have the ability to write down your questions....to pray, to ask God to answer your question, and then you get to watch as He does answer you through the diligent work of the Pastor with whom you choose to study.

"I decided to do research," too, and the journey started with a question from a trusted friend who prefers to be known as "deep throat"...

/QUESTION

Do you see any biblical connection between confessing your sins and the filling of the Spirit?\

I didn't.

I have received several letters from congregation members, mostly from the non-resident congregation of course, and they're asking some amazing questions. It's great to see you asking questions because it means that your spiritual life is off of autopilot, and that you are starting to do what great students do...great students ask great questions. When they do, God has the answers...Proverbs, Chapter 8, Verse 17 says...

/PRO 8:17

"I love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me will find me."\

Turn in your bibles to Luke, Chapter 11, Verse 9...the Lord Jesus Christ instructs us on the power of prayer...

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/LUK 11:9

So I (the Lord Jesus Christ) say to you, “(Keep on) Ask(ing), and it will be given to you; (keep on) seek(ing), and you will find; (keep on) knock(ing), and it will be opened to you.”

/LUK 11:10

“For everyone who (keeps on) ask(ing), receives; and he who(keeps on) seek(ing), finds; and to him who (keeps on) knock(ing), it will be opened.”

You are being told not to sit on your spiritual arses...

/LUK 11:11

“Now suppose one of you (human) fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?”

/LUK 11:12

“Or if he (the human father) is asked for an egg, he will not give him (his son) a scorpion, will he?”

/LUK 11:13

“If you (human fathers) then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give (the wisdom of God) the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

God wants you to know. God wants you to ask. So the question you have to ask yourselves is this...“When I want to know, do I ask?” Yes...many of you are joining my teen-age friend in freaking out in your soul because I have told you the bible indicates that the doctrine of rebound is false doctrine. You saw it with your own eyes. Now that you know, are you seeking? Are you researching? Or are you reacting? Are you saying to yourself, “I don’t agree because I don’t know what I will do now!” Are you asking God for His biblical recommendation for handling post salvation sinning for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ? God is clear. Turn in your bibles to John, Chapter 8...and then...take a five-minute break...

/BREAK

All the Words

When I Think About Home

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Welcome back! John, Chapter 8...beginning at Verse 1...

/JOH 8:1-2

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.//Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them.

/JOH 8:3

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center of the court...

/JOH 8:4

...they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.”

/JOH 8:5

“Now in the (Mosaic) Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?”

/JOH 8:6

They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him (either of disobeying the Mosaic Law or of not being grace oriented). But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.

/JOH 8:7

But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

/JOH 8:8-9

Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.//When they heard it, they began to go out (and they kept on going) one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court.

/JOH 8:10

Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?”

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/JOH 8:11

She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”

God wants us to stop sinning. God wants us to obey His requests. God knows you will not live a sinless life, even though He would prefer that you do. Most of all, God wants you to live an obedient life. But you don't listen to God's requests...you don't obey God's requests...when faced with a temptation, most of the time you don't seek God's way out...First Corinthians, Chapter 10, Verse 13 says there is ALWAYS a way out...

/1CO 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to bear), but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

God is faithful to His creatures, especially to believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and He always provides the back door...do you look for it? No!

We think we have a better way...so we sin...we take the advice of the dead sin nature...even though we have been instructed to disobey the sin nature because it is no longer sovereign over us...turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 6, Verse 11...

/ROM 6:11

Even so consider yourselves to be dead to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature), but alive to God (the Father) in (union with) Christ Jesus.

/ROM 6:12

Therefore do not let (the) sin (nature's sovereignty) reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts...

/ROM 6:13

...and do not go on presenting the members of your body to (the) sin (nature) as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and (present) your members (of your body) as instruments of righteousness to God.

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/ROM 6:14

For (the) sin (nature) shall not be master over you, for you are not under (Mosaic) law but (you are) under (the liberty of) grace.

Instead of committing personal sins we can choose to follow God's advice...

/1JO 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...

/1JO 2:2

...and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

In any matter, you can be deceived. In the matter of the doctrine of rebound, you have been deceived...not by men, but by the use of our own will.

/Rebound and Keep Moving! – Page 4

If the sin problem was resolved at the Cross, why is sin still an issue? If all sins are already paid for, why must you rebound? To be forgiven! Sins were not forgiven at the Cross. Only the penalty of sin is removed once and for all at the Cross. Christ's substitutionary Spiritual death accomplishes redemption, but not forgiveness.\

To my way of thinking, this deception is not the issue. The question you REALLY need to ask is...

/“What makes deception successful?”

It's not what you learn...it's what you believe.\

Pastors can be wrong, and they are. Parents can be wrong, and they are. How many people are walking around with deceptions hanging in their souls, sold to them by their parents? And when they discover these deceptions, they cop out and say, “Hey...that's just the way I was raised!” How many times have you used that silly excuse to explain away your own lousy

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choices? We are all raised by imperfect people who are doing the best they can, yet many of our parents hold quite erroneous beliefs. How about the parents who are entangled in the slavery of religion, who ostracize a family members who try to break free from religion's deception? When our parents sell us a "doctrine," like, "We can't afford it," how many of us stop to ask, "Is that true?" When our parents tell us that the key to success in life is "la familia..." when they tell us that education is the way to the top...when they tell us that money is security...do we ever stop to ask, as children, "Is it true?" We don't. Even if the bible says that family, and education, and money are three of the eight failed human experiments of Solomon.

/ECC 1:1-2

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.// "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."\

/ECC 12:13

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear (respect) God and keep His commandments (requests), because this applies to every person.\

Obedience to God and His Word is the only way to avoid deception. Here's the point. **You can't blame anyone but yourself for the deceptions that you choose to purchase.** Yet you do. You blame. Nothing is your fault. You had no choice. You were just "raised that way." NO...not really.

The CREATOR'S will is for you to know the power of your will. When it comes to any biblical doctrine, the matter of your will is amazingly simple...

/CRITICAL THOUGHT FOR BIBLICAL STUDY

What does the bible have to say about the biblical doctrine from the Word of God that is under consideration?\

You can ask a question. You can do the research. Do you know why the Bereans were considered noble-minded?

/ACT 17:11

Now these (the believers at Berea) were...noble-minded...for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.\

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They were noble minded because they questioned the apostle Paul. You are noble minded when you question the doctrinal coat hangers you have hung in your spiritual closet to see if they are so. You can count on it, that in His grace, God is always going to provide the truth to those who are asking, and seeking and knocking.