

THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT

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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 Second Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verses 16 to 18...

/2CO 4:16-18

*Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man (the old self and its sin nature) is decaying, yet our inner man (the new self) is being RENEWED day by day.//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 (eternity); for the things which are seen are temporal (fleeting), but the things which are not seen are eternal (lasting). *

Welcome to the place where the unseen solutions to your very real problems can be found.

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

I Surrender All\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of 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 for the study of His Word. 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...(0:30)

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

Show us how to clothe ourselves with you...remind us that you cover for our weaknesses...give us your calmness in our souls...help us to feel like the protected and cherished children that we are...show us how to give all of ourselves to you...

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 eighteen 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 that You Come All the Way with His Word

Faith. We receive it as a gift from God, and when we give it back to Him, placing our complete confidence in Him, we surrender all. We accept. We

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obey. We trust. We are curious. We learn. We open ourselves...to the truth...to the tribulations...to the hurts...to the trials...to the deceptions... and we enjoy. Knowing, in faith, that there is an orchestration of our lives by the Supreme Being of the Universe, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And it is the highlight of our week and the highlight of our lives to sit back and to relax and to take in the wonder of Him. 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.

I think I told you once, the story of a man evangelizing in Times Square in New York City. He was calling on people to repent...to have a change of mind about the Lord Jesus Christ. The street was crowded, bumper-to-bumper people, with everyone in such close proximity they were pushing and shoving each other as if they were cattle as they moved down the street. As I pushed by him, I made eye contact with him, and told him that I am a believer in Christ. When I was several steps past him, I looked back at him, and he turned and said to me, "Yeah but you've got to come all the way!" Immediately a verse came to mind... Hebrews, Chapter 13, Verse 2...

/HEB 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

I'm not superstitious, but I secretly wondered if he was an angel. Often, I think God puts people in our lives to send us subtle messages. I left that interaction asking myself, "Am I going all the way for God?" Turn in your Bibles to Mark, Chapter 12, Verse 30...are you going all the way for God?

/MAR 12:30

'AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

The CREATOR'S will is that you come ALL THE WAY with His Word.

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What exactly does that mean? To me, it means when you open a can of worms, you have to be prepared to use all of the worms in the can. As it relates to our biblical study, if you're going to question one biblical doctrine, you have to question them all. I used to think that no one wanted to question Colonel Thieme's doctrines because they didn't want to seem like they were putting him down. It's actually easy to question biblical doctrines without castigating the men who taught them. What I have discovered is that if someone did not want to take on the enormity of questioning doctrines taught by Colonel Thieme, it is because when you question one doctrine, every doctrine must be questioned.

For example, where in the Bible does it say there is an Angelic Conflict? Why is it that when I mention the angelic conflict, people look at me like I'm crazy? Don't get me wrong. I can certainly see that there is a CREATOR-CREATURE conflict...which by the way, is what we will call the Angelic Conflict from now on...I can easily see why this conflict is considered a court case. But as we move forward in biblical study in this ministry, we are going to strive to use the words that the Bible uses to describe things, and to focus our attention on the Word of God and not the words of men. That does not, of course, mean that we will not use analogies to make points, yet when we used them, you'll clearly know that it is an analogy.

When you question one doctrine, every doctrine must be questioned. If you were the victim of an IRS audit, and they found one irregularity in your current tax return, they have the right to go back seven years. Their assumption, and justifiably so, is that if there is one irregularity in your tax return, there are probably others. We must assume the same thing. If there is one irregularity in the doctrinal coat hangers that are in our spiritual closet, then we must look for other irregularities from this point forward.

/1PE 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

We opened the can of worms called the doctrine of rebound.

/Rebound and Keep Moving! – Page 4

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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.\

In the book Isolation of Sin, there is this comment...

/Isolation of Sin, Appendix A, Page 27

There is no spirituality or spiritual life without rebound.\

There were no verses associated with this assertion.

In the book Rebound Revisited, I found this comment...

/Rebound Revisited, Page 17

You can pray fervently for forgiveness of sins and you are not forgiven. God heeds no prayer offered in a state of carnality.\

There were no verses associated with this assertion.

Here are a couple of comments from Colonel Thieme's teacher...Lewis Sperry Chafer...

/Systematic Theology, Lewis Sperry Chafer, Volume 6, Page 233

Prayer for the Spirit's filling is an error of great proportion...the Spirit's filling does not await the influence of prayer.\

/Systematic Theology, Lewis Sperry Chafer, Volume 6, Page 240

Too often prayer for forgiveness is substituted; but prayer for forgiveness is not an adjustment to the Light which God is. Prayer for forgiveness really assumes that God Himself needs to be changed in His attitude toward the one who has sinned.\

Does God's attitude need to change toward us when we have committed post

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salvation sins? Or is our attitude the attitude that must change? There's an old saying...

/When you feel distant from God, who moved?\

Let me make something clear. It is not my job as a Pastor to point out the error of other Pastors. I hope it is perfectly clear to everyone this is not what I'm doing. What I am doing is asking you to search through the doctrinal coat hangers that you have hanging in your spiritual closet and to make sure that each of those coat hangers is accurate. I have talked to people this week who have been rebounding for years. Yet they have never read any of the books that Colonel Thieme wrote on Rebound. Their parents taught them rebound, and they never questioned it. I want you to ask questions about the things that you're learning. That's what great students do.

If you believe that Satan deceives the whole world, then you have to know that you can be deceived because you are a part of the whole world. Not only can we be deceived, we are deceived. Because we can be easily deceived, every biblical doctrine must now come under the scrutiny of the discernment God gives as a gift to your soul.

Turn in your Bibles to Second Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 3...for us now, this is more than just a bible verse. We're living it. Here's what Paul has to say...

/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.

Jenny always says to herself while I am teaching...“Okay...where is he going with this?” Last week you got your answer. I'm going all the way. There's another choice, but I don't like it. I could sell out my God and His Word in favor of the traditions of men. I easily could teach the company line of biblical doctrines, and phone in my Pastorate for the rest of my life. I refuse. If you open a can of worms, you have to go all the way.

/BREAK

*Awesome is the Lord Most High
When I Think About Home*

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Welcome back!

The Untouchables is an American crime drama film from 1987, directed by Brian De Palma. It stars Kevin Costner as Detective Eliot Ness...and Sean Connery as Irish-American Police Officer named Jim Malone. It concerns the war against Chicago mobster Al Capone. Here is some dialogue from the movie...

/The Untouchables

Jim Malone:

You said you wanted to get Capone. Do you really wanna get him? You see what I'm saying is, what are you prepared to do?

Eliot Ness:

Anything within the law.\

/The Untouchables

Jim Malone:

And THEN what are you prepared to do? If you open the can on these worms you must be prepared to go all the way. Because they're not gonna give up the fight, until one of you is dead.

Eliot Ness:

I want to get Capone! I don't know how to do it.\

/The Untouchables

Jim Malone:

You wanna know how to get Capone? They pull a knife...you pull a gun. He sends one of yours to the hospital, you send one of his to the morgue. That's the CHICAGO way! And that's how you get Capone. Now do you want to do that? Are you ready to do that? I'm offering you a deal. Do you want this deal?

Eliot Ness:

I have sworn to capture this man with all legal powers at my disposal and I will do so.\

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/The Untouchables

Jim Malone:

Well, the Lord hates a coward. Do you know what a blood oath is, Mr. Ness?

Eliot Ness:

Yes.

Jim Malone:

Good, because you just took one.\

On this day, I too am taking a blood oath, to be loyal to God and His Word. It's not a new oath for me. Nonetheless, I think it has to be said. Will you join me?

Ask yourselves a question...what is Satan's strategy against believers in the Lord Jesus Christ? What is he counting on for distinctive advantage against us?

/Sun Tzu...The Art of War

Your strength will eventually become your weakness (because you get predictable)\

Our strength is the Word of God. Have we become familiar with it? Are we taking it lightly? Are we Comatose Christians, Closet Christians, and Check-the-Box Christians?

/Sun Tzu...The Art of War

The key to victory is not in defeating the enemy, but in defeating the enemy's strategy; therein lies their vulnerability.\

A smart opponent will attack your strategy, because your strategy is your strength...a smart opponent will not attack your weaknesses...it makes you better when you eliminate them...he will attack where you least expect it...Satan attacks your God, he attacks the Word of God (our strategy), he attacks through your family, he attacks through your friends, he attacks all the things near and dear to you...your strengths...it started happening in

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Genesis...look at Genesis, Chapter 3, Verse 1...and it keeps happening throughout the bible...

/GEN 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he (the serpent) said to the woman (Isha), “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”

This is an attack on God and an attack on His Word. Satan knew very well what God had said. Our Lord showed us very well how to handle the temptations of the tempter and the old self and the sin nature in Matthew, Chapter 4, Verses 3 and 4...

/MAT 4:3-4

And the tempter (Satan) came and said to Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), “If (1) You are the Son of God (and you are), command that these stones become bread.”//But He (the Lord Jesus Christ) answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD (physical food) ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”

The Lord Jesus Christ rejected the attack on His Father, He rejected the attack on the Word of God, and He neutralized the attack with the Word of God. Let us make it our aim to do the exact same thing. Let it be our aim, from this day forth, to live on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

/Sun Tzu...The Art of War

If you know yourself, and you know your enemy, you need not fear the result of one hundred battles.

If you know only yourself and not your enemy, for every victory gained you shall sustain defeat.

If you know neither yourself nor your enemy, you shall succumb in every battle.\

As believers in Christ we have won the war at the moment we believed in

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Christ and were placed into union with Him...let us press on to win every battle. When I examine Scripture...

I see no link between the confession of sin and losing or regaining the filling of God the Holy Spirit. I see an indwelling Spirit. I see the filling of the Spirit. I see grieving the Spirit. I see quenching the Spirit. I don't see rebound. I don't see anything regarding losing the filling of the Spirit.

Here is one thing I know about great teachers...when great teachers want you to learn something, they repeat it. God the Holy Spirit is a great teacher. If we could lose our salvation, I think God the Holy Spirit would be saying it all over the New Testament in such a way that we can't miss it. He doesn't. My conclusion is we can't lose our salvation. If confessing our sins was the key to losing and regaining the filling of the Spirit, I have got to believe God the Holy Spirit would be mentioning it all over the New Testament. He doesn't. My conclusion is there is no link between confessing sins and the filling of God the Holy Spirit.

You can ask yourself a very simple question at any moment in time, "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...is your soul tuned to that part of your spiritual life called RENEWING, when you are listening to and concentrating on the teaching of the Word of God? Now with these three things in mind, while hearing bible verses, see if God is clear in the matter of what a believer in Christ is to do about post salvation sinning...

/JOHN 5:14

...do not sin anymore\

/EPH 4:26

Be angry and yet do not sin\

/EPH 5:11

Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness\

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/1CO 15:34

Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning...\

Those verses were surfaced by Emily Capaldo...a college puke in our non-resident congregation...and I'm proud of her...how about James, Chapter 1, Verses 14 to 16...

/JAM 1:14-16

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. //Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.//Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

How about Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 22?

/EPH 4:22

...in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit...

/EPH 4:23

...and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind...

/EPH 4:24

...and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

<NEW SPECIES DIAGRAM>

We are in biblical study to learn how to pick up and put on the New Self life...and our journey begins with the discontinuation of and the discarding of the doctrine of rebound...the tearing down of a false doctrine...the removal of a coat hanger from your spiritual closet that is false...and instead we do what the bible instructs us to do, which is to always be aware of the place where we are choosing to tune your soul.

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You can count on a faithful God and a diligent Pastor to help you continue to grow **all the way** in the knowledge of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.