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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

Let's Make a Mental Shift

Grace to you and peace, from God our Father, from the Lord Jesus Christ, and from the indwelling God the Holy Spirit.

In preparation for our study of the Word of God, it is a time to make a voluntary shift in your mindset. You can ask yourself a very simple question, “What thought pattern am I allowing to influence me right now?”

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Is your soul tuned to KCOS...the cosmic system of thought...or is your soul tuned to WGod...the divine system of thought? This request for a mental shift gives you the opportunity to make an evaluation, and to tune your soul to the reception of 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.” Romans. Chapter 1, Verse 17 reminds us that we can have faith in God and His Word. In fact our spiritual lives are to be guided by faith...

/ROM 1:17

For in it (the gospel) the righteousness of (from) God is revealed from faith (in God) to faith (in truth); as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

How Great Thou Art\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy prepare us for the study of the Word of God by worshipping our Lord in song, as you let thoughts of the Lord Jesus Christ occupy your mind. The opening song is How Great Thou Art.

/OPENING PRAYER

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

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

Open our hearts to taking a spiritual inventory with the questions your Holy Spirit is asking us to consider...

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 twenty-one 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 Ponder Spiritual Questions

Here's a thought from a member of our non-resident congregation.

/FROM A NON-RESIDENT CONGREGATION MEMBER

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I have studied and studied this year's lessons! They have hit my soul like sweet refreshing summer days after a long hard winter!!!!\

I hope that the questions that are surfacing in your soul, as a result of this year's study, continue to surface, and I hope the questions reinvigorate your spiritual life. In the last lesson, God the Holy Spirit asked you to ponder several spiritual questions that have surfaced in the lessons so far this year, and this lesson will complete list of questions.

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Do you know God's Word?

If you don't know God's word you won't know God's will. What is will?

/WILL

A faculty of consciousness that expresses deliberate action...the ability to choose...the freedom to select your actions...the decision to assert a choice, either actively or passively...obedience to a choice you make...to elect...to determine...to decide...to bring about...to influence...to exercise discretion in a matter...\

Notice the responsibility that will implies...John, Chapter 10, Verse 10 says...

/JOH 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (the Lord Jesus Christ) came that they may have (the Zoe) life, and have it abundantly."\

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Are you using the power of your will to live the New Self Life?

God the Holy Spirit is inviting you to live in the sphere of freedom, and to reject mental slavery...because freedom is precious! Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 1 says...

/GAL 5:1

It was for freedom that (the Lord Jesus) Christ set us (believers in Christ) free; therefore keep (on) standing firm (permanently in the freedom) and do not be subject again (by going back) to a yoke of slavery.

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Yet there are some who prefer slavery. What is slavery?

/SLAVERY

Bondage to practices...institutions...drudgery...severe toil.\

Exodus, Chapter 17, Verse 3 reminds us...

/EXO 17:3

But the people (the Exodus generation Jews) thirsted there (in the desert) for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, “Why, now, have you brought us up from (slavery in) Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

In the Christian Way of Life we often voluntarily subject ourselves to the bondage of religious practices just because they are familiar...to dead works...to meaningless rituals...to things that we have believed in the past, for whatever reason, and to things we have turned into rigid religious practices that we rigidly defend. Their familiarity gives us comfort. And when the real truth exposes these untruths, as the real truth inevitably will, it causes a reaction in your soul.

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Are you yoked to God and His Word?

As believers in Christ, this is where our loyalties must lie. What is a yoke?

/YOKE <INCLUDE YOKE PICTURE WITH THE DEFINITION>

A device for joining together a pair of draft animals\

First Timothy, Chapter 2, Verses 3 and 4 say...

/1TI 2:3-4

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, //who desires all men to be saved and (for all men) to come to the (epignosis) knowledge of the truth.\

Psalm 138, Verse 2 says...

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/PSA 138:2

I will bow down toward Your holy temple And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness (Your grace) and (for) Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.

John, Chapter 16, Verse 13 says...

/JOH 16:13

But when He, (God) the (Holy) Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

What doctrinal coat hangers have you discarded from your soul as a result of your studies this year?

God the Holy Spirit has asked you, so far this year, to look into the spiritual closet of your soul, to see if you have any false doctrines hanging like coat hangers in there...especially the most “sacred cow” doctrine coat hangers which keep you in a state of mental slavery. It’s time to move onward and upward in your spiritual life. Philippians, Chapter 3, Verse 13 to 15 say...

/PHI 3:13

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet (all the goals outlined in the previous verses); but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead...

/PHI 3:14

...I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

/PHI 3:15

Let us therefore, as many as are perfect (mature), have this attitude (a lack of self-sufficiency); and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you...

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

In what ways are you deceived?

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You can be deceived...you are deceived...God permits deception. Matthew, Chapter 24, Verse 24 and 25 say...

/MAT 24:24-25

“For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect (believers in Christ).//Behold, I have told you in advance.”

Satan, the enemy of God, has deceived some of the best of us. He got the apostle Peter! Why not you? Why not me? In Luke, Chapter 22, Verses 31 and 32...Wuest Translation, the Lord Jesus Christ says...

/LUK 22:31-32 Wuest Translation

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan by asking obtained you and your fellow disciples for himself and from my power to his, in order that he may shake you in a sieve as grain is sifted, by an inward agitation, trying your faith to the verge of overthrow.//But as for myself, I made petition concerning you that your faith should not be totally eclipsed. And as for you, when you have returned to your original position with respect to your faith, stabilize your brethren.

What you do after a deception illuminates your character. Are you spiritually alive?

/Shawshank Redemption Movie Quote

“Life comes down to a simple choice Red...you either get busy living or you get busy dying.”\

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

In what ways does your life reflect the attitude of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Philippians, Chapter 2, Verse 5 says...

/PHI 2:5

*Have this attitude in yourselves (be of the same mind), which was also in Christ Jesus... *

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God is the One who shakes your spiritual closet to reveal your attitude, not me. What did you learn about yourself as a result of the lessons so far? Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 11 says...

/HEB 12:11

All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

John, Chapter 15, Verse 2 says...

/JOH 15:2

...and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 27 says...

/HEB 12:27

This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

/HEB 12:28

*Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe... *

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

Hallelujah

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

What is your level of alertness in the matter of spiritual deception?

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Be mentally alert in the matter of the doctrines you believe. You can ask yourself questions about the doctrines you learn...for example, the questions we asked about the doctrine of rebound.

/THE DOCTRINE OF REBOUND TEST

What does this doctrine of rebound teach us in light of the Creator-Creature Conflict?

How consistent is the doctrine of rebound with the Person, the thinking, the work, the reputation and the essence of God?

What does the bible have to say about the doctrine of rebound?\

We questioned rebound by challenging a deeply held belief...

/CRITICAL QUESTION

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

We examined the teaching...

/Rebound and Keep Moving! – Page 4

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.\

/Isolation of Sin, Appendix A, Page 27

There is no spirituality or spiritual life without rebound.\

/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.\

But the bible paints a different picture.

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/PSA 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. \

The Cross separated the sinner from sin. John, Chapter 1, Verse 29 says...

/JOH 1:29

The next day he (John the Baptist) saw (the Lord) Jesus (Christ) coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” \

Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 13 and 14 say...

/COL 1:13-14

For He (God the Father) rescued us (believers in Christ) from the domain of darkness (when we were unbelievers), and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son//in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. \

First John, Chapter 2, Verse 1 says...

/1JO 2:1

My little children (believers in Christ), I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if (3) anyone sins (maybe you will and maybe you won't, you have a choice), we have an Advocate (paraclete) with (God) the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous... \

/1JO 2:2

...and He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours (as believers) only, but also for those of the whole world (unbelievers as well). \

First John, Chapter 2, Verse 12 says...

/1JO 2:12

I am writing to you, little children (believers in Christ), because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. \

God wants us to know the truth about Him. Luke, Chapter 11, Verse 9 says...

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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.”

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Are you obedient to God and His Word?

Obedience to God and His Word is the only way to avoid deception. You can't blame anyone but yourself for the deceptions that you choose to purchase.

/ACT 5:29

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”\

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Are you giving all of yourself to God?

God wants us to give Him all of ourselves.

/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.’

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

As a result of your learning, how are you handling post salvation sinning?

God wants you to handle post salvation sinning with repentance...to completely move in a different direction from it...to change your mind. Second Corinthians, Chapter 7, Verse 9 says...

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/2CO 7:9

I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful (by God), but that you were made sorrowful (by God) to the point of repentance (metanoia...a change of mind...a complete reversal of your position); for you were made sorrowful (by God) according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

John, Chapter 5, Verse 14 says...

/JOHN 5:14

...do not sin anymore

Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 11 says...

/EPH 5:11

Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness

First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 34 says...

/1CO 15:34

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

We are not to strive for sinless perfection...those with a sin nature will not achieve it...yet on a moment by moment, decision by decision basis we can reject temptation.

When you encounter the temptation to sin, it's a good idea to agree to consider the temptation at a later time.

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/CLOSING SONG
Destiny\