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Lesson 422 – February 3, 2013

/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

Grace and mercy and peace to you from the members of the Triune Godhead.

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.” As it says in John, Chapter 7, Verses 37 to 39...we count on the Holy Spirit to do His job during biblical study...

/JOH 7:37-39

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If (3) anyone is thirsty (maybe you are and maybe you aren't...you have a choice), let him come to Me and drink.//He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living

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water.””//But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive (at Pentecost)...

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

How Great You Are\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's listen to June Murphy worshipping our Lord in song while you fix the eyes of your soul on the author and perfecter of your faith, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The opening song is, How Great You Are.

/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 understand what fellowship with you really is...

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-two 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 Be in Fellowship With Him

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

/CONGRATULATIONS

Lighthouse Bible Church
Pastor John Farley
Closed on the New Church Building\

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is February 10, 2013
That's next week!\

/Mark Your Calendars!

Barah Ministries Radio Program
KXXT, 1010 AM, Phoenix
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“God Cares for You”\

This week's lesson in our evangelistic radio ministry is... **God Knows You Won't Live a Sinless Life**. Be sure to give it a listen. The lessons and the notes are on our website.

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Temporary Change of Location

March 3
Hilton Chandler
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Chandler, AZ 85224
(480) 899-7400\

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HOMECOMING
for the
Non-Resident Congregation

June 15-16\

/Mark Your Calendars!

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
Bible Conference
Tentative Date
August 9\

/Happy Birthday
Heather Marie "James" Inman
January 28\

/Happy Birthday
Donna Chin
January 30\

/Happy Birthday
Julie Inman
February 3\

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/Happy Birthday
Mandi Palazzo
February 4\

Lake Ariel, PA is in the house!

/Happy Birthday
Keira Brumbach
February 7\

Why are we saying happy Birthday to a two year old...she can't even talk...

/Happy Birthday
Lisa Goldberg
February 8\

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Bible Study
March 10
April 21
June 30
December 8
December 29\

Next, let's take the offering. Let's welcome up Deacon Caleb Alburn.

/THE OFFERING
Deacon Caleb Alburn\

/Barah Ministries Financial Policy

No price appears on any material from Barah Ministries so that anyone who desires biblical teaching may have it free of charge.\

/OFFERING VERSE

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HEB 4:12

The word of God is alive and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of the soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is a critic of the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

/Remember to give with the motivation suggested in Scripture

2CO 9:7

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (grace oriented) giver.

/OFFERING SONG

Father I Adore You

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The CREATOR'S Will is that You Be in Fellowship With Him

Turn in your bibles to Genesis, Chapter 2...we'll begin at Verse 21...

/GEN 2:21

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He (the Lord God) took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

/GEN 2:22

The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

/GEN 2:23

*The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." *

/GEN 2:24

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

When a man and a woman get married, a complete change happens to them. They transition from a state of being two completely separate and distinct individuals to being supernaturally made by God into one flesh.

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The Living Bible translates Genesis, Chapter 2, Verse 24 this way...

/GEN 2:24 (The Living Bible Translation)

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife in such a way that the two become one person.\

The two people become one person. God creates a supernatural union between a man and a woman and it is called marriage.

When the supernatural union called marriage occurs, this unity is always threatened from the outside and from the inside. Adultery is an example of a breach of the marriage relationship from the outside. Adultery is voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than the lawful spouse.

Voyeurism is an example of a breach of the marriage relationship from the inside. Voyeurism is obtaining sexual pleasure from the observation of someone undressing or having sexual intercourse, often involving the use of pornographic material. Both adultery and voyeurism are often dismissed as “harmless” by the world system of thinking, yet they are designed by the kingdom of darkness to disrupt the unity of oneness that is marriage...and the oneness of soul we have with our Creator. They are designed to create a breach in the relationship. Breaches in a relationship always occur. And, of course, breaches in a relationship can be repaired. But breaches in a relationship are serious business.

In the United States of America, 6 of 10 first marriages end in divorce...7 of 10 second marriages end in divorce...8 of 10 third marriages end in divorce. Therefore many American adults are intimately familiar with breaches. The emotions that arise when there is a breach are so intense that the emotions take the focus off of the spiritual learning experience of a breach...the kingdom of darkness despises unity so much that it will go to any length to disrupt it, including the destruction of your soul, your marriage, your family and your nation.

Adultery is a breach from the outside...someone or something outside of the marriage attempts to break down the unity by inserting itself between the man and his wife. The enticement, of course, is some kind of false promise...a promise of happiness...a promise of intimacy...a promise of

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sex... a promise of money... a promise of “more.” It’s a false promise of some thing that is alleged to fill a deficiency that exists in the union.

I can remember that there were women, who before I got married would not even look at me or give me the time of day...and then as soon as I was married...suddenly they appeared singing a chorus of, “It had to be you!” Suddenly I was more attractive because I was married.

After my divorce, I became aware of something I was oblivious to during marriage...I continued to wear my wedding ring, yet now I was “on the prowl,” and getting dates was easy. When the mourning of the loss of my marriage began to hit my soul, and the wedding ring came off, I returned to “leper status” in the eyes of women. The moral of the story? I was much more attractive to the opposite sex when it appeared I was in a union, than I ever was when it appeared I was not. There is a spiritual lesson here for those of you who are married. Beware of the breach.

Voyeurism is a breach from within...it often leads to autoeroticism, the self-stimulation commonly referred to as masturbation. One or both members within the unity of marriage decide that it is more satisfactory and more expedient to engage in “do-it-yourself” sex, which could never be described as unity.

The enticement, of course, is some kind of false promise...a promise of satisfaction...a promise of ‘a good feeling’... a promise of something “more” or something better...a promise of some thing that is alleged to fill a deficiency that exists in the union.

The payoff for voyeurism and masturbation is much greater than the guilt feelings that it is wrong. The payoff is the purchase of another false promise. Obviously, self-stimulation does not make us happy. It makes us miserable. What is not so obvious is that it completely distorts our ability to experience reality. How can a normal human being ever live up to the vivid fantasies you construct in your mind when using voyeurism and pornography and masturbation as happiness tools? Simply stated...human beings can’t measure up to your fantasies. If we engage in these distortions in the soul for prolonged periods of time, without resorting to the restoring power of God to heal us, we doom ourselves to an unhappiness of soul that is insatiable...it’s called lust...an insatiable desire.

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/ROM 6:12

*Therefore do not let (the) sin (nature) reign (as sovereign) 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 sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. *

Why is this important? It can be said in a word. FELLOWSHIP.

Take a five minute break.

/BREAK

*When I Think About Home *

Welcome back! FELLOWSHIP.

When we are unbelievers, we were separate from God...without fellowship...turn to Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 1...

/EPH 2:1

*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins... *

/EPH 2:2

*...in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. *

Look at Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 12...

/EPH 2:12

*...at that time (you were) separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. *

At the moment of salvation, a complete change happens to us. Before salvation, God is a being and we are a being...He is the CREATOR and we are His CREATURES. At the moment of salvation we were changed from

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two completely separate and distinct beings into one supernatural and unified being because we are placed by the love of God the Father into union with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ through the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit. After salvation, we believers in Christ are of one flesh with God...we are in union with the Lord Jesus Christ...Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 17 says...

/2CO 5:17

Therefore if (1) anyone is in (union with) Christ (and all believers are), he is a new creature (spiritual species); the old (self) things passed away; behold, new (spiritual species) things have come.

The two have become one person. First Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verse 19 says...

/1CO 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

First Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 9 says...

/1PE 2:9

But you 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...

He is the Groom and we, as Church Age believers, are the bride. Just as a human male takes for himself a bride, so it is that God takes for Himself a bride...the Church...with each of us becoming a part of the bride at the moment of salvation...Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verses 31 and 32 say...

/EPH 5:31

FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

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/EPH 5:32

This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Revelation, Chapter 19, Verse 7 says...

/REV 19:7

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him (the Lord Jesus Christ...the Groom), for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.”

When our union with Christ occurs, this unity is always threatened from the outside and from the inside. False teachers and false doctrine threaten to breach our union with Christ from the outside. Second Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 1...

/2PE 2:1

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

“The Flesh” is our internal enemy, and it threatens to breach our union with Christ from within. First Timothy, Chapter 4, Verses 1 and 2 say...

/1TI 4:1

But (God) the (Holy) Spirit explicitly says that in later times (in every generation) some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons...

/1TI 4:2

...by means of the hypocrisy of liars (who are) seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron...

False teachers, false doctrines, and “the flesh” are weapons formed against us...they are designed by the kingdom of darkness to disrupt the unity of oneness that is our union with Christ...they are designed by the kingdom of darkness to create a breach in the relationship between believers in Christ and the Risen Christ.

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We can easily see that unity always has breaches from without and breaches from within. First John, Chapter 2, Verse 19...

/1JO 2:19

They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

I often find myself lamenting the fact that we can't keep everyone who comes to Barah Ministries. Yet the matter of an individual's will must always be respected. No matter what is done to a person from the outside, their real will always becomes apparent. Breaches in relationships always occur. And, of course, breaches in relationships can be repaired. Sometimes they are not.

As believers in Christ have hope,, even when we allow a breach in our relationship with God. We share in the strategic victory of the Cross...and now that we are in fellowship with God...we have the possibility of restoration when there is a breach in our post salvation relationship. Isaiah, Chapter 54, Verse 17 says...

/ISA 54:17

"No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord.

First John, Chapter 4, Verse 4 says...

/1JO 4:4

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

The confession of our personal sins to God, as believers in Christ, is a legitimate function in the Christian Way of Life. It does not allow us to control the entrance and the exit of God the Holy Spirit from our lives as the doctrine of rebound falsely claims. It does not affect our fellowship with God. After self-examination, confession is a normal function in a healthy relationship, when we realize that we have thought, said, or done something that is the cause of a breach in our union.

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So it is with our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. When we breach the relationship through personal sinning, our union with the Lord Jesus Christ is not removed.

/JOH 10:27

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me...”

/JOH 10:28

“...and I (the Lord Jesus Christ) give (the) eternal (Zoe) life to them (believers in Christ), and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”

/JOH 10:29

“My (God the) Father, who has given them (believers in Christ) to Me (the Lord Jesus Christ), is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them (believers in Christ) out of the Father’s hand (either).”

/JOH 10:30

“I and the Father are one.”

Our union with the Lord Jesus Christ is an irrevocable, one time gift, given to every believer at the moment of salvation.

/ROM 11:29

...for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

We, like Israel, and like the Jews before us, as Church Age believers, are grafted into the vine, the Lord Jesus Christ, as His branches. We do not lose the filling of the Spirit when we commit personal sins after salvation...we can, however, quench and grieve God the Holy Spirit. It’s important for us to know what those terms mean, and we will study them in God’s timing.

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/CLOSING SONG
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