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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

/PSA 37:4-5

Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

//Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.

Our blessings flow through the confidence we place in the Lord Jesus Christ through our use of the gift of faith that He has given us. Through obedience to the Lord's commands, we become His friend. Giving us what we desire most is no problem for the Lord...He wills to do it if only we place our trust in Him.

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 God prepares to be able to hear the teaching of the Word of God.

Through RENEWING, God transforms us...

Second Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verse 18 says...

/2CO 3:18

But we (believers in Christ) all, with unveiled face (given by God), beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from (the ultimate source of) glory to (reflected) glory, just as from the (agency of the) Lord, (God) the (Holy) Spirit.

So right now is the time to for the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit, who "leads us into all the truth," to prepare you to... "in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls."

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Proverbs, Chapter 8, Verse 1 says...

/PRO 8:1

Does not wisdom call, And understanding lift up her voice?

We choose to be receptive to wisdom's call, learning the Mind of Christ, the inerrant Canon of Scripture...the Word of God...through the direction of our Mentor and our Teacher, God the Holy Spirit.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Redeemer\

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song, as 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...REDEEMER.

/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 experience the peace you have given us, the contentment that surpasses comprehension, as an established fact in our souls, rather than as a fleeting reality...

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-five of the Creator versus

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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 Have Peace

PLEASE STAND

/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

/Prayers

Rick Kabrick

Grace Bible Church\

Our prayers go out to Rick Kabrick of Grace Bible Church, our brother in Christ who had a heart attack this week. Rich runs the internet ministry at Grace Bible Church and is a foundational member of that ministry. Rick is also one of the people that helped us get Barah Ministries off the ground and onto the internet when we were in our fledgling stages of organization. I love him, respect him, value him and I ask you to join me in prayer for him and for his family...his wife Nita...his children Jovin, Kevin, Susan, and Keith. Barah Ministries is behind you Rick.

/Prayers

Los Angeles Police Department\

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Our prayers go out for the protection and safety of the Los Angeles Police Department as the hunt of an ex-LAPD officer who is alleged to be murdering people continues. We pray especially for the safety of the members of Barah Ministries who are part of that police force.

/Prayers

Tony LoGrasso

Back to Work Part-Time!\

Our prayers continue to go out for Tony LoGrasso who is recovering from bone marrow cancer. His recovery is one foot in front of the other, but he had a couple of pieces of good news this week. He had the port removed from his chest and he has been given permission to work part time...great news for his psyche.

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is March 3, 2013\

/Mark Your Calendars!

Barah Ministries Radio Program

KXXT, 1010 AM, Phoenix

Fridays 4:30PM-5:00PM

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“God Cares for You”\

This week's lesson in our evangelistic radio ministry is...**God Wants You to Live an Obedient Life**. Be sure to give it a listen. The lessons and the notes are on our website.

/Mark Your Calendars!

Temporary Change of Location

March 3

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HOME COMING
for the
Non-Resident Congregation
June 15-16\

We need someone to step forward and to coordinate this event, and it would be great if it wasn't the usual suspects! Mandy?!

/Mark Your Calendars!

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
BIBLE CONFERENCE
Tentative Date
August 9\

We need someone to step forward and to coordinate this event, and it would be great if it wasn't the usual suspects!

/Happy Birthday
Ben Johnston
February 11\

/Happy Birthday
Jamie Mastrocola
February 14\

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Bible Study
March 10
April 21
June 30

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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

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.

/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

Shine Jesus Shine

/TODAY'S STUDY

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/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Preparation for the Celebration

The ritual of the Lord's Supper is a reenactment of a portion of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread ... the Passover Celebration. It is a table of fellowship designed by God for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ by choice...we are in union with

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Him by a single act of the gift of free will that is given to us by God...and the Lord's Supper is a chance for us to remember, if only for a moment, the wonderful, amazing, magnificent, and beyond belief things the Lord Jesus Christ did for all mankind at the Cross.

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we look back to the Cross.

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

If the Lord Jesus Christ were looking at you, a believer in Christ, from the Cross right now...if you were standing at the base of the Cross...if you were at His feet, looking up at Him...and if He were looking down at you... knowing who you are and all that you have done in your life...what do you think would be the expression on Lord's face as He looks at you?

I can tell you. He would be smiling!

No matter what you have done in the past...no matter what you are doing now...no matter what you do in the future...He has cared for it through His work at the Cross. And now, because you believe in Him, you have become His possession. He is totally pleased with you.

In John, Chapter 3, Verse 16, we learn that God the Father loved the *kosmos*!

/JOH 3:16

"For God (the Father) so loved the world (He loved the kosmos...so much), that He gave His only begotten (uniquely born) Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), that who(so)ever believes in Him shall not perish, but (shall) have (the) eternal (Zoe) life."

God the Father loves the *kosmos*... God the Father loves the world, even though the bible makes it clear that the *kosmos* is God's enemy... John, Chapter 15, Verses 18 and 19 say...

/JOH 15:18

"If (I) the world (kosmos) hates you (and it does), you know that it has hated Me (the Lord Jesus Christ) before it hated you."

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/JOH 15:19

“If (2) you were of the world (the kosmos...but you are not), the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but (because) I chose you (by means of election) out of the world, because of this the world hates you.”

You, too, as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ are an enemy of the *kosmos*.

God the Father loves His enemies...He loves the *kosmos*, and He asks us to be of the same mind as He is in this regard. Turn to Matthew, Chapter 5, Verse 43...and then take a five minute break...

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

Matthew, Chapter 5, Verse 43...

/MAT 5:43

“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’”

/MAT 5:44

“But I (the Lord Jesus Christ) say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”

/MAT 5:45

“...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He (God the Father, who loves the kosmos so much) causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous(believers in Christ) and (on) the unrighteous (unbelievers).”

We are reflecting the glory of God and the essence of biblical Christianity when we are able to agree with God in the matter of our enemies...

/MAT 5:46

“For if (1) you love those who love you (and of course you do), what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

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/MAT 5:47

“If (I) you greet only your brothers (and of course you do), what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles (unbelievers) do the same?”

/MAT 5:48

“Therefore you are to be perfect (an exact reflection of the attitude of your God), as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

I think we seldom think of God the Father when we think of the Cross, yet His initiative to send His Son to die for His enemies deserves every bit of consideration when we look back to the Cross. The love that God the Father displayed in sacrificing His Son is mind-boggling.

/THE LORD’S SUPPER

Enjoying the Elements

Following God’s request, we keep on celebrating CHRIST on a regular basis...we eat to remember who He is...His Person...we drink to remember the sacrifice He made on our behalf at the Cross...His Work...and we are thankful. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24 say...

/1CO 11:23-24

...the Lord Jesus (Christ) in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; //and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is (and keeps on being) My body, which is (broken) for you; (keep on) do(ing) this in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.”

When we eat the bread during the Lord’s Supper celebration, we remember the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the element.

First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 25 says...

/1CO 11:25

In the same way He (the Lord Jesus Christ) took the cup (representing His death on the Cross) also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant (testament) in (the sphere of) My blood (in substitutionary spiritual death);

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(keep on) do(ing) this, as often as you drink it, in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.”

When we drink the cup, we remember the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the element.

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Eucharisteo

The Eucharist

A Celebration of Gratitude

The Greek of the New Testament calls this celebration *eu-charis-teo*...the Eucharist...a celebration of gratitude. Let’s reflect on the Lord Jesus Christ, and on all that has been done by means of His Person and His Work, for our benefit. The Lord’s Supper song is...GIVE THANKS.

/LORD’S SUPPER SONG

Give Thanks

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Do you have peace with God?\

Look at Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 1...

/ROM 5:1

*Therefore, having been justified (having been declared absolutely righteous in the past) by (means of) faith (alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone), we (believers in Christ) have peace (eirene) with God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ... *

The answer is yes! The bible says that believers in Christ have peace with God. When we look back to the Cross...we must see God’s peace in the midst of suffering with the eyes of our souls.

Your sin nature, which was imputed to you at physical birth, made you an enemy of God. It’s not your fault, but at physical birth it is your genetic circumstance. Yet just because you have a sin nature does not mean that you

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HAVE TO sin...you ARE able not to sin...by choice...but we usually make a different choice. We sin.

At the moment of salvation God gives us something that He will never change His mind about...absolute righteousness...+R. When we accept His salvation, we have His righteousness...and when we have His righteousness, we have peace...there is no more war between us and God...we are no longer His enemy. God is not holding anything against us. Let me repeat that...if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, God does not EVER, no not NEVER, hold anything against you...from the moment of salvation forward. These facts deserve to have new meaning in your souls...hold your places in Romans, Chapter 5, to look at Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 31...

/ROM 8:31-32

What then shall we say (face) to (face with) these things? If (1) God is for us (and He is), who is against us?

You have peace with God...He is not holding anything against you. Do you get that? Here's the proof...

/ROM 8:32

He (God the Father...the one who loved you SOOOO much when you were His enemy) who did not spare His own Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), but delivered Him over (as a sin substitute) for us all (when we were His enemy), how will He not also (now that we believers are in union) with Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) freely give us (the) all things?

Is that your mental picture of God? When your soul thinks of your God...do you think of Him as the One who is always smiling at you in adoration? Do you think of Him as the One who is on your side no matter what? Do you think of Him as the One who is for you? Do you realize that because He is for you, no one can prevail against you? Do you have peace because of these facts?

Because of the Cross, your sins are judged, and thus your sins are forgiven...once, and for all time. According to the "law of double jeopardy"...you can't be tried for the same crime twice...so why do you keep retrying your sins over and over and over again, when God doesn't? Look at Romans, Chapter 6, Verses 1 and 2...

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/ROM 6:1

What shall we say then (face-to-face with these things)? Are we to continue (persisting) in (under the sovereignty of the) sin (nature) so that grace may increase?

/ROM 6:2

May it never be (absolutely not)! How shall we (believers in Christ) who died to (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature at the Cross) still live in (the sphere of) it?

When we obsess with our sins...when we continue sinning...we do not have peace in our souls...

God the Father is perfectly satisfied with you...because He is satisfied with the perfect sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on your behalf at the Cross. If interviewed, God the Father would say, "What pleases Me? My Son doing ALL my will."

Therefore, you have peace with God the Father and with the Lord Jesus Christ. You have fellowship with both. No matter how little we believers in Christ know about God...no matter how little we know about the truth of His Word...He still loves us, both unconditionally and personally, with all His heart, and with all His soul, and with all His mind, and with all His strength.

When we look back at the Cross we see the place where the peace was made.

We are content...we are at rest...when the facts of the Lord Jesus Christ's finished work are established, with our permission and our agreement, is an **established fact** in our souls. God's enemy wants us to think that the Lord is still making decisions about us...that the plan of God is in flux...that some matters in God's plan are not settled...that the outcome of divine history is still in doubt. Well it may be in doubt in the enemy's soul, but it is not in doubt in our souls. When the Lord Jesus Christ said at the Cross...in John, Chapter 19, Verse 30...

/JOH 19:30

"It is finished!"

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...He meant it! The work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross makes peace a past fact that is a present reality...for example...I am Dorothy Clark's son...a past fact and a present reality...you are your parent's child...a past fact and a present reality. You are God's perfect child... a past fact and a present reality. We rest in this beautiful fact.

/QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Do you have peace with God?\

Peace is a matter of realization...when we realize what has been done for us in the past, as an established fact in our souls, we can rest in it. When we are not at peace we are anxious. Anxiousness is unbelief...it is you rejecting the truth of God's Word. Philippians, Chapter 4, beginning at Verse 6 says...

/PHI 4:6

Be anxious for nothing (stop worrying about anything), but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

/PHI 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard (place a garrison around) your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

/PHI 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if (1) there is any excellence (and there is) and if (1 - there is) anything worthy of praise (and there is), (let your mind) dwell on these things.

/PHI 4:9

The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 1...

/ROM 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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/CLOSING SONG
When You Suffer\