

**THE CREATOR-CREATURE CONFLICT**  
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**/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES**

**Good Morning!**

**Let's Make a Mental Shift \**

Good morning! Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verses 1 and 2 say...

/HEB 12:1-2

*...let us (believers in Christ) also lay aside every encumbrance (of weight) and the sin (nature) which so easily entangles (ensnares) us (with attacks from all sides), and let us run with endurance the race (of our lives) that is set before us, //fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith... \*

In preparation for the study of the Word of God, it's time for self-evaluation. You can ask yourself, "What thought pattern am I allowing to influence my life?" Or you can ask, "Do I have the same thinking in me, that was also in Christ Jesus?" <WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

As you go about your everyday life as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, at any moment in time, you can choose to tune your soul to the influence of KCOS, operating with the world system of thought, or you can choose to tune your soul to the influence of WGod, operating with the divine system of thought. Bible study is a time to lay aside the spiritual battle of daily life...the internal fight between two kingdoms for control of your soul...it's a time to allow the infiltration of your soul and spirit with the mind of Christ, the Word of God, so you can have a chance, when you return to the world, to operate with the same attitude that was also in Christ Jesus. The Word of God refers to bible study as a time of RENEWING, as you let God the Holy Spirit fill up your deficiency of thought, leading you into the truths of the Word of God, as He unveils the plan of God the Father for your life.

Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

ROM 12:2

*...(keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind...*

Now is the time to let your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the power of the Spirit, to prepare you "in humility (to) receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

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**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

*Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Whosoever\

As God prepares you for this RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...WHOSOEVER.

**/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 turn away from concentration on sin so that we can concentrate on you...

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-nine of the CREATOR versus CREATURE Conflict series. Welcome to a ministry designed for people who want to develop a deep, intimate and personal relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**/TODAY'S STUDY**

**The CREATOR'S Will is That You Are Free From Sin Obsessiveness\**

We continue our study of the CREATOR vs. CREATURE CONFLICT.

<CREATOR vs. CREATURE CONFLICT 21 C's SLIDE>

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We are studying our CREATOR...we are learning about God's Person and His Work, so that we can have a deep, intimate, and personal relationship with Him. It's pretty tough to love someone you don't know very well. We're getting to know our God. We use an encoding device called the CREATOR CLOCK to introduce ourselves to the various aspects of God's character and nature. 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. It is God's will that you...

This week I learned that I am not qualified to critique my teachers. At least that is what I was told by a long time student of Pastor R. B. Thieme, Jr. I took the news with my characteristic enthusiasm for feedback. I consider myself to be both a lifelong learner and a seeker of truth, so I have never been picky about whom the teacher is, as long as I am able to learn and to grow from his teachings. I have learned profound things from unlikely sources, so if you want to teach me something, I'm all ears.

I listened first to the subtle and then later to the overt messages that besmirched my credentials and my Pastoral ability, and without making too much of the interaction, an assessment of the situation lead me to some conclusions.

I have been clear to you from the beginning of indicting and dismissing the doctrine of rebound that I have the highest respect for my two Pastor – Teachers, Pastor Robert Thieme, Jr. and Pastor Robert McLaughlin. I defy anyone, including either of them, to say that I have ever, in any way, either publicly or privately, operated in a way that indicates anything different than the utmost reverence and respect for these men. I admire them both for all that they are, and for all that they are not. Their strengths are not in question in my soul. I love them more for their weaknesses. I love them most for their courage to “take the point” in a pulpit, and to teach the Word of God amidst the hostilities of Satan's kingdom.

I don't get angry much in my old age, but if you want to be challenged to a duel to the death, then questioning my loyalties to these men and my absolute respect for them would be a good way to get invited to lose your

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life. Often I talk tough, but believe me, in this matter I am serious. Turn to Philippians, Chapter 1, Verse 15...

Perhaps Paul captured my attitude best when he said...

/PHI 1:15

*Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will...\*

I don't care how Christ is preached...I am in favor of it...look at Philippians, Chapter 1, Verse 18...

/PHI 1:18

*What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, (I am happy when) Christ is proclaimed...\*

Whether it is in error or in truth, I salute these men who were my Pastors, simply because they bothered to dedicate their lives to preach about my best friend, the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet this is also true of me...when I see error in any teaching about Christ, especially in my own...when I see anything that is contradictory to what the Word of God has to say...I am obligated to speak up. Turn to Galatians, Chapter 1, Verses 8 and 9...Paul also reflects my attitude by saying...

/GAL 1:8

*But even if we (Paul), or (even if) an angel from heaven (which you think I am), should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to (keep on) be(ing) accursed!\*

/GAL 1:9

*As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to (keep on) be(ing) accursed!\*

If I am not qualified to critique Pastor R. B. Thieme, Jr.'s teaching, who is? Furthermore, who would dare? No one would dare, and that is a shame. What I am qualified to do, what my two Pastors taught me to do, is to critique any teaching that is not consistent with the Word of God, including my own. I know a lie when I see it, and when I see one concerning the Word of God, I will say so, no matter whom it offends, and no matter the

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personal consequences I endure as a result. My objective as a Pastor is stated clearly at the end of every lesson in our closing prayer...

### /OUR PRAYER FOR THIS MINISTRY

We pray that the messages from this pulpit are an accurate reflection of the Lord Jesus Christ's Person, His thinking, His work, His reputation and His essence\

In our studies this year, which indict and dismiss the doctrine of rebound, I have been more critical of myself than I have been of anyone else. I taught you the doctrine of rebound, and by indicting and dismissing this doctrine, after comparing it with what the Word of God has to say, I have indicted myself more than I have indicted anyone else. Even though I have been teaching and believing this doctrine for years, I am gladly admitting error and moving the eyes of our soul to the truth of the Word of God. I am not moving us to a different theology. I'm moving us away from theology. I am not moving us to a focus on me or to a puffing up of my limited intelligence. I'm not special. I'm simply stating that the Word of God doesn't need any help...not theology's help...not my help. The Word of God requires my non-interference. The Word of God needs only to be understood as if the Lord Jesus Christ were teaching it to us personally. By the way, He is teaching His mind to us personally, through the agency of God the Holy Spirit every time we come to biblical study.

Pastor R. B. Thieme Jr. taught the Word of God for over fifty years. Pastor Robert McLaughlin has taught the Word of God for over thirty years. If I have to wait until I have taught as long as they have to point out error in the teaching of the Word of God, I'll be face-to-face with the Lord by that time. Both of these teachers helped me to discern error, and I owe it to you, and to my Savior, to point out any situation where His Person or His Word is not being represented accurately. The doctrine of rebound does not represent the character and nature of God accurately. I will always be more concerned with what God and His Word have to say than I will be concerned with avoiding any criticism directed at me. In First John, Chapter 4, Verse 1 we receive a command from our God...

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/1JO 4:1

*Beloved, do not (God forbid) believe every spirit, but (it is imperative that you) test (examine) the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.\*

It is my job to examine everything, and to point out error wherever it exists, and especially in my own work. I will do my job. It is your job to do the same. If you see error in my work, and you don't approach me about it, but instead walk away for another Pastor, neither are you giving me, nor this congregation the benefit of your growth and your wisdom as a Christian. As far as I am concerned, that is a travesty. In our examination of First John, Chapter 1, we see the apostle John refuting three Gnostic Lies.

/GNOSTIC BELIEFS (ALL LIES)

The true humanity of Christ did not exist

There is no sin nature

There is no personal sinning\

In the first three verses of First John, Chapter 1, John uses His credentials to refute the first of three Gnostic lies, that the true humanity of Christ was merely an illusion, and that the true humanity of Christ did not exist. In First John, Chapter 1, Verse 1, John immediately rejects the Gnostic claim, guaranteeing that the true humanity of Christ did indeed exist. As an apostle, John had empirical knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. He **heard** Him, he **saw** Him, he **felt** Him, regularly he was close enough to **smell** Him, and indeed, John even **tasted** the Lord. Psalm 34, Verse 8 says...

/PSA 34:8

*O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!\*

Jeremiah, Chapter 15, Verse 16 says...

/JER 15:16

*Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart...\*

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John experienced the true humanity of the Lord with every empirical sense.

/BREAK

*In Your Presence*

*When I Think About Home\*

Welcome back! First John, Chapter 1, Verse 1...the NET Bible Translation...

/1JO 1:1 (The NET Bible Translation)

*(This is what we proclaim to you...we proclaim to you)...what was from the beginning (at the first advent...the Lord in true humanity...Jesus Christ)...(we proclaim to you) what we have heard...(we proclaim to you) what we have seen with our eyes...(we proclaim to you) what we have looked at (perceiving after observation)...and (we proclaim to you what we have) touched with our hands...(we have touched)...the Word (Logos) of (the Zoe) Life (the Resurrected Christ).\*

John is saying, “The Gnostics say the true humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ did not exist. I say they are lying.” First John, Chapter 1, Verse 2...

/1JO 1:2

*...and the (Zoe) life (of the Resurrected Christ) was manifested (and we apostles beheld His glory), and we have seen and (we) testify and (we) proclaim to you the (existence of the living) eternal (Zoe) life (of Him with no beginning and no ending, the Lord Jesus Christ), who was with (God) the Father (in the beginning not a beginning) and (who) was manifested to us (John and the other apostles) —\*

The Lord Jesus Christ is the uniquely born one from God, 100% undiminished Deity and 100% true humanity in one person forever. The Lord did indeed come to the earth in the form of true humanity. Turn to Philippians, Chapter 2, Verse 5...

/PHI 2:5

*Have this attitude in yourselves, (the same attitude) which was also (resident) in Christ Jesus... \*



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/PHI 2:6

*...who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God (the Father) a thing to be grasped (seized and held)...\*

/PHI 2:7

*...but emptied Himself (depriving Himself of the rightful function of Deity), taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.\*

/PHI 2:8

*Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled (tapeinos...degraded...humiliated) Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross.\*

One Gnostic lie down...two to go...in First John, Chapter 1, Verse 3...John invites the Gnostics to fellowship with God...he invites them to be saved...

/1JO 1:3

*...what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also (Gnostics), so that you too may have fellowship with us (as believers in Christ); and indeed our fellowship (as believers) is with (God) the Father, and with His Son (the Lord) Jesus Christ.\*

In First John, Chapter 1, Verse 4 John states one of his purposes in writing this epistle...

/1JO 1:4 (Wuest)

*And these things, as for us, we are writing in order that our joy, having been filled completely full in times past may persist in that state of fullness through present time.\*

First John, Chapter 1, Verse 5...

/1JO 1:5

*This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.\*



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If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are in fellowship with Him. You are in the light. If you are an unbeliever, you are not in fellowship with God. You are in the darkness. Once you are in fellowship with God, you can't get out. At the moment of salvation, God the Holy Spirit places every believer into union with Christ, through the Baptism by the agency of the Spirit, and all things become new for you...Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 17...

/2CO 5:17

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

God's gifts are irrevocable...He will not let you out of His plan once you're in it...He will not let you lose fellowship with Him...He will not take away the Holy Spirit from you...He will not revoke your salvation under any circumstance. There is nothing you can do to undo what God has done on your behalf. First John, Chapter 1, Verse 6...

/1JO 1:6

*If (3) we say (assert) that we have fellowship with Him (that we are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ) and yet walk in the darkness (of unbelief... living the Gnostic lies...rejecting His true humanity, rejecting the Word of God concerning the sin nature and personal sinning), we lie and do not practice (agree with) the truth...\*

The Gnostics claimed to be believers, yet they reject the true Person of the Lord Jesus Christ by saying that His true humanity was an illusion. First John, Chapter 1, Verse 7...

/1JO 1:7

*...but if (3) we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light (maybe you will and maybe you won't...you have a choice), (but if we do) we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son (is what) cleanses us from all sin.\*

For the Gnostics to become believers in Christ, they would have to choose to change their views about all three of their beliefs, and instead choose to

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believe the Word of God...with faith alone in Christ alone as the way to eternal life. First John, Chapter 1, Verse 8...

/1JO 1:8

*If (1) we say that we have no sin (nature and Gnostics do), we are deceiving ourselves and the truth (of God's Word) is not in us.\*

First John, Chapter 1, Verse 9...

/1JO 1:9

*If (3) we confess our sins (maybe you will and maybe you won't you unbelievers have a choice), He (God the Father) is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins (hina and a subjunctive in Greek indicates at a moment in time, with an ongoing result) and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness.\*

Believers in Christ have the righteousness of God...Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 21 says...

/2CO 5:21

*He (God the Father) made Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who knew no sin (nature) to be (a) sin (substitute) on our behalf, so that we might become the (absolute) righteousness of God in (union with) Him.\*

Someone who owns the gift of absolute righteousness once and for all time does not ever again need to be cleansed from unrighteousness...when God says ALL in this verse, He means ALL unrighteousness. If believers in Christ need to confess their sins to be forgiven, why didn't Paul mention the confession of sins for forgiveness, not even once, in his two letters to the most carnal group on his watch, the Corinthians? Why didn't Paul mention the need for confession of sins for forgiveness in any of His other letters? Paul did mention this however...in Colossians, Chapter 2, Verse 13...

/COL 2:13

*When you were (unbelievers, spiritually) dead in your transgressions and (spiritually dead in) the uncircumcision of your flesh, He (God the Father)*

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*made you (spiritually) alive together with Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), having forgiven us ALL our transgressions... \*

We have to be clear on one thing... God cleansed believers from ALL unrighteousness, and therefore it is never to be an issue in our lives again... and First John, Chapter 2, Verse 2 says...

/1JO 2:2

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

The Lord said on the Cross... *tetelestai*... John, Chapter 19, Verse 30

/JOH 19:30

*Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" \*

Salvation is finished... the sin problem is finished... the Creator versus Creature Conflict is finished. Period. Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 19...

/2CO 5:19

*God (the Father) was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them... \*

Romans, Chapter 6, Verses 6 and 7 say...

/ROM 6:6-7

*...knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him (the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross), in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; // for he who has died ( all believers in Christ) is freed from (the sovereignty of the) sin (nature). \*

Romans, Chapter 6, Verse 14...

/ROM 6:14

*For (the) sin (nature) shall not be master over you, for you are not under (the Mosaic) law (as a Church Age believer) but (you are) under grace. \*

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If we believe we must continually confess our sins in order to be loved and forgiven and accepted by a God who loves us unconditionally, then we are telling the Lord, in our souls, that we believe His work at the Cross on our behalf was NOT sufficient, and that our person is more powerful than His Person to handle the sin problem...because the forgiveness of our sins requires our own help through confession and not His help at the Cross. Galatians, Chapter 2, Verse 21...

/GAL 2:21

*“I do not nullify the grace of God, for if (1) righteousness comes through the (Mosaic) Law (and let’s assume it did), then Christ died needlessly (at the Cross).”\*

We don’t need a Savior if we can handle our own sin problems. John closes out the first chapter of First John by refuting the final Gnostic lie...First John, Chapter 1, Verse 10...

/1JO 1:10

*If (3) we say that we have not sinned (maybe you do say it and maybe you don’t), (but if you do) we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.\*

The true humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ does indeed exist. John experienced it with all his sense. We do indeed have a sin nature. We do indeed commit personal sins. Three Gnostic lies are dismissed as false by First John, Chapter 1.

What does it mean to confess sins? It’s something that unbelievers need to do to be saved. The unbeliever must completely agree with God concerning the sin matter...that they have a sin nature and are spiritually dead, that they commit personal sins, that the sin nature and personal sinning separate them from a relationship with a perfect God, and that in His true humanity, the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross freed whosoever from the power of the sin nature, cleansed whosoever from all personal sins and all unrighteousness, and paved the way for whosoever to have a relationship with the Godhead forever and ever.

As for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we need to be free from sin-obsessiveness...we need to realize that we have been cleansed from all unrighteousness...we need to realize that the Lord Jesus Christ solved the

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sin problem with His work on the Cross...we need to realize that we are forgiven, so that we can concentrate on receiving all of the benefits that He has in store for all who believe!

### **/CLOSING SONG**

He Remembers to Forget\