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Lesson 43– October 27, 2013

**/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
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Good Morning! Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church. My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor -Teacher...a spiritual gift given to me by God the Father for your blessing and for your benefit...a spiritual gift given to me to evangelize to unbelievers by preaching the gospel message of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...a spiritual gift for the building of a church filled with members of the body of Christ... a spiritual gift to provide believers in Christ with a place to express their spiritual gift and a place to construct a ministry in service to others throughout the whole world. May God's grace and peace be multiplied to you and to everyone who is important to you. The Lord Jesus Christ is the One we gather to worship...and He is God...Deuteronomy, Chapter 4, Verse 39 says...

/DEU 4:39

"Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other (God)."\

The Lord, your God, loves you unconditionally...it's the first and the last thing you should know as a human being and as a Christian...First John, Chapter 4, Verse 7 and 8 say...

/1JO 4:7-8

Beloved (divinely loved ones), let us love one another (unconditionally), for (unconditional) love is from (the SOURCE...) God; and everyone who loves (unconditionally) is born of God and knows God.//The one who does not love (unconditionally) does not know God, for God is (in His very Person, unconditional) love.\

God loves you unconditionally...there is no way for you to get Him to love you more...and there is no way He will ever love you less than He always has...you cannot disappoint God. This is so easy to forget. Yet from this thought all that you know and all that you think about God must flow. The bible is the Lord Jesus Christ's exact thinking...First Corinthians, Chapter 2, Verse 16 says...

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/1CO 2:16

For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD (so well), THAT HE WILL (be qualified to) INSTRUCT HIM? But we (believers in Christ) have the mind of Christ.)

The bible is the absolute truth...it is without error...and it is without contradiction. As such, it is a trusted source of truth. The Lord Jesus Christ prayed to His Father on our behalf, saying...in John, Chapter 17, Verse 17...

/JOH 17:17

“Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.”

You, as a believer in Christ, are set apart into the truth.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

This and every bible lesson gives you a chance to RENEW your faith...its a time to let God the Holy Spirit lead you into all the truths of the Word of God for the purpose of pouring His enabling power into you. Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 23 requests...

EPH 4:23

...that you be renewed (by God) in the spirit of your mind...

Thank you for coming to listen to the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God...through the power of the Spirit...thanks for choosing to tune your soul to WGod...and thanks for tuning out KCOS...the cosmic system of thought...even if just for a short time.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

His Eye is On The Sparrow\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's worship our Lord in song. The opening song is HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW.

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/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

We're grateful for the gift of prayer that You have given us...

We're grateful for the power of prayer...

We thank You for putting prayer into our lives so that we can have immediate and direct access to Your Person and to Your mind...

We pray that You will show us how to use prayer as a way to improve the depth and the intimacy and the personal nature of our relationship with you...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name... Amen.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – The Best Prayer Ever Prayed

We have completed our look at faith and unbelief that we unearthed in our study of Paul's prayer for his ministry.

/Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15
Paul's Prayer for the Purpose of his Ministry\

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15 say...

/ROM 1:8

First, I, Paul, thank God the Father in prayer through Jesus Christ's name for all you believers in Rome, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world...throughout the entire Roman Empire.

/ROM 1:9

For God the Father is my witness, whom I, Paul, serve in my human spirit

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by the preaching of the gospel of God the Father's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as to how unceasingly I make mention of you believers in Rome in intercessory prayer...

/ROM 1:10

...and I always, in my prayers, keep on making requests, even praying in petition for myself as well, if perhaps now at last by the will of God the Father I may succeed in coming to visit you.

/ROM 1:11

For I, Paul, long to see you believers in Rome so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established...

/ROM 1:12

...that is, that I, Paul may be encouraged together with you while among you, as each of us is encouraged by the other's faith, both your faith encouraging me and my faith encouraging you.

/ROM 1:13

I do not want you to be unaware, believers in Rome, that often I have planned to come to you and have been prevented so far from coming to you...even though I wanted to come...so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as I have obtained fruit among the rest of the Gentiles.

/ROM 1:14

I, Paul, as a bond-servant am under obligation both to people who speak Greek and to the barbarians...the people who don't speak Greek...I am under obligation both to the wise, whom we know are believers in Christ, and to the foolish, whom we know are unbelievers.

/ROM 1:15

So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel as a minister to you believers also who are in Rome.

We have selected several things to study as part of our look at Paul's prayer for his ministry in Romans, Chapter 1. And we created quiz questions to prompt us on what to study...as a highlight for important areas of study. The first quiz question we developed at the beginning of our study of Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15 was the question...

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/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith?

ROM 1:5

“through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name’s sake...”

We have been given a spiritual gift and we have been given a ministry by God through His grace...when we have faith in God, we obey God, and we use the gifts that He has given us for His glory.

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith?

ROM 1:8

“your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world”

God has placed us in the world as His ambassadors...we represent our Sovereign Lord in this foreign kingdom...Satan’s kingdom...planet earth...John, Chapter 12, Verse 31 says...

/JOH 12:31

“Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world (planet earth...Satan) will be cast out (Satan will be dethroned in the future...Satan will be ‘cast into the outer darkness’ of the Lake of Fire).

Revelation, Chapter 20, Verse 10 predicts...

/REV 20:10

And the devil who deceived (the whole world) them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also (the counterfeit Trinity...Satan and the beast and the false prophet); and they (Satan and the beast and the false prophet) will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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We believers in Christ, on the other hand, are citizens of heaven...Philippians, Chapter 3, Verse 20 says...

/PHI 3:20

For our citizenship (as believers in Christ) is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 20 says...

/2CO 5:20

Therefore, we (believers in Christ) are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal (to unbelievers) through us (because He is); we beg you (unbelievers) on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The way to be reconciled to God is through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone...and when we believers...when we as Barah Ministries are “proclaiming our faith throughout the whole world,” we are letting everyone we come into contact with know about the gospel message, the good news concerning the Person and the Work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John, Chapter 3, Verse 18 proclaims the gospel this way...

/JOH 3:18

“He who believes in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten (uniquely born) Son of God (the Lord Jesus Christ).”

One of the great uses of prayer is the prayer we pray as unbelievers requesting salvation... Mark, Chapter 9, Verse 24 says...

/MAR 9:24

Immediately the boy’s father cried out (to the Lord Jesus Christ) and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.”

John, Chapter 3, Verse 36 says...

/JOH 3:36

“He who believes in the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has eternal life (the Zoe life); but he who does not obey the (command to believe in the) Son will not

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see (the Zoe) life, but the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him.”

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is faith?

ROM 1:12

...that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us (encouraged) by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

Therein lies the secret of why we go to church...why “getting the message on the internet” is not our best option when we are in a position to do it another way...because seeing each other's faith...touching each other's faith...feeling each other's faith is tremendously encouraging.

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

All the Words

When I Think About Home

Welcome back. Now we come to the second of our quiz questions...

/QUIZ

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

What is prayer?\

Our next assessment of Paul's prayer for his ministry is to look at the subject of prayer. Paul's prayer begs the question...“What is prayer?”

I have no doubt that you know what prayer is...I just wonder, how much you do it? How is your prayer life? How often do you pray? Why do you pray? What have your prayers accomplished? How much is prayer a regular part of your life instead of an afterthought? Prayer is much more than just muttering words to God when you are in trouble and telling Him what you want Him to do. Yet God certainly responds in those situations...turn in your bibles to Psalm 9, Verses 9 and 10...

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/PSA 9:9-10

The Lord also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble; and those who know Your name (believers in Christ) will put their trust (faith) in You, For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

When we are in trouble, quite often we have the feeling that the Lord will not come through for us...that somehow He is disappointed in us, especially when we have been on a roll of ignoring His requests of us. We may ask a question from the depths of our soul...look at Psalm 10, Verse 1...David asks this question from the despair in his soul...

/PSA 10:1

Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?

Psalms 9 and 10 are described as the “death of a son” psalms by some, and these psalms are credited to David as the author...and it would be easy to see David’s hand on these psalms in any number of instances in his life...just as we are often weary and heavy laden and wondering where God is at those times when we feel oppressed...at those times when we take our eyes off of the Lord...when we stop looking for Him, yet we wonder why we can’t see Him...and the Lord has not moved...He is omnipresent...He is always everywhere and He is not bound by the limitations of space or location...yet just as David found...just as David felt...just as David’s faith demanded...God comes through for us at all times...look at Psalm 10, Verses 17 and 18...

/PSA 10:17-18

O Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble (from their prayers); You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear to vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth will no longer cause terror.

...yes God even comes through at that time when “the man who is of the earth” ... the Anti-Christ ... is reigning his terror on the earth at a future time. In times of trouble we pray to the Lord and He hears us. Psalm 46, Verse 1 says...

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/PSA 46:1

God is our refuge and (our) strength, a very present help in trouble.

Prayer gives us immediate and direct access to God. How often do you use the access that you have?

Turn in your bibles to John, Chapter 17...let's see if we can make any sense whatsoever in what the Lord Jesus Christ is saying as He prays the best prayer ever prayed...

/JOH 17:1

Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You... "

/JOH 17:2

"...even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.

/JOH 17:3

"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and (that they may know) Jesus Christ whom You have sent. "

/JOH 17:4

"I (the Lord Jesus Christ) glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. "

/JOH 17:5

"Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. "

/JOH 17:6

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. "

/JOH 17:7

"Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You... "

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/JOH 17:8

“...for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.”

/JOH 17:9

“I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours...”

/JOH 17:10

“...and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.”

/JOH 17:11

“I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.”

/JOH 17:12

“While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.”

/JOH 17:13

“But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.”

/JOH 17:14

“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”

/JOH 17:15

“I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.”

/JOH 17:16

“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”

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/JOH 17:17

“Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.”

/JOH 17:18

“As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.”

/JOH 17:19

“For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.”

/JOH 17:20

“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word... ”

/JOH 17:21

“...that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

/JOH 17:22

“The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one... ”

/JOH 17:23

“I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.... ”

/JOH 17:24

“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

/JOH 17:25

“O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me... ”

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/JOH 17:26

“...and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

We have much to look forward to as we begin our study of prayer...our way to interact with the God we cannot see, who is the very present help in times of trouble.

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/CLOSING SONG

Your Word Takes Me\

CLOSING VERSES

/PHI 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He (God the Father) who began a (divine) good work in (the creation of) you will (keep on) perfect(ing) it until the day of Christ Jesus.

/PSA 37:1-2

Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers.//For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb.

/PHI 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard (garrison) your hearts and your minds (for those of you) in (union with) Christ Jesus.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

THANKS
INTERCESSION
PETITION

And we pray that You continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of Your unconditional love, Your person, Your thinking, Your work, and Your essence...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ's name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!

Thanks for watching!

Thanks for listening!

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