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**/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
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Good Morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us believers in Christ to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you believers, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed at a future time.

My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher...a spiritual gift given to me by God for your blessing and for your benefit...in First Peter, Chapter 5, Verses 2 to 4, the Pastor is ordered to...

/1PE 5:2

*...(Pastors) shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness... *

/1PE 5:3-4

*...nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. //And when the Chief Shepherd (the Lord Jesus Christ) appears, you (Pastors) will receive the unfading crown of glory. *

Rewards are great but I don't do it for the rewards.

This spiritual gift affords me the privilege of evangelizing to unbelievers by preaching the gospel message of God the Father's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...John, Chapter 3, Verse 18 says...

/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

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name of the only begotten (uniquely born) Son of God.

Heaven will not be filled with good people. Heaven will be filled with broken, yet forgiven sinners...John, Chapter 14, Verse 6 says...

/JOH 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through (believing in) Me.”

The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher affords me the privilege of providing believers in the Lord Jesus Christ with a place to hear the Word of God accurately taught so that they might use its truth to handle the circumstances of their lives. Second Timothy, Chapter 2, Verse 15 says...

/2TI 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the One we gather to worship...and He is God...John, Chapter 12, Verses 44 to 50 say...

/JOH 12:44

And (the Lord) Jesus (Christ) cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, does not believe (only) in Me but (also) in Him who sent Me (God the Father).”

/JOH 12:45

“He who sees Me (the Lord Jesus Christ) sees the One who sent Me (God the Father).”

/JOH 12:46

“I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.”

/JOH 12:47

“If (3) anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them (maybe you will and maybe you won't, you have a choice), I do not judge him; for I (the Lord Jesus Christ) did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.”

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/JOH 12:48

“He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.”

/JOH 12:49

“For I did not speak on My own initiative, but (God) the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.”

/JOH 12:50

“I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

This and every bible lesson gives you a chance to RENEW your faith...a chance to come to the Light...it's 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 tuning in to WGOD...and thanks for tuning out KCOS...the cosmic system of thought.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

His Strength is Perfect\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's worship our Lord in song. The opening song is HIS STRENGTH IS PERFECT.

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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...

Teach us how to take advantage of the access You have given to us in prayer...

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

Prayer Gives Us Access to God's Plan for Mankind

Our CREATOR, the Lord Jesus Christ made CREATURES.

/JOH 1:3

All things came into being through Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Our CREATOR, the Lord Jesus Christ loved His CREATURES unconditionally, even before they were created...and the Lord's Father loved the CREATURES the Lord created...the Father loved them unconditionally as well...Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 29 says...

/ROM 8:29

For those whom He (God the Father) foreknew (all believers in Christ in eternity past), He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son (the Lord Jesus Christ)...

Why? First John, Chapter 4, Verses 7 and 8...

/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 (unconditional) love.

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It's important that we not forget why we exist...we must not forget why the CREATOR created us...we must not forget the context of divine history.
<21 C's SLIDE>

The Creator vs. Creature Conflict is the **CONTEXT** of Divine History.
Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 25 says...

/ROM 1:25

*For they (the fallen angels and unbelievers) exchanged the truth of God for a (Satanic) lie, and worshiped and served the creature (Satan) rather than the Creator (the Lord Jesus Christ), (the One) who is blessed forever.
Amen.*

Our Perfect **CREATOR**, the Lord Jesus Christ in His pre-incarnate state, existed before the foundation of the world. John, Chapter 1, Verse 1 says...

/JOH 1:1

“In the beginning (not a beginning) was the Word (God the Son), and the Word (God the Son) was with God (the Father), and the Word (God the Son) was God (the same in essence as God the Father).

By divine decree, the Triune Godhead held a **CONFERENCE** in which they comprehended simultaneously all things that ever were or that ever will be and set forth the certainty of their fruition. Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 23 says...

/ACT 2:23

This (God-)Man (the Lord Jesus Christ), (was) delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God (the Father)...(and) you nailed (Him) to a Cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

The details of this single divine decree, and the details all of divine history, are chronicled in the inerrant **CANON** of Scripture, which is also known as the bible...the Word of God. 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 (no one!)? But we (believers in Christ) have the mind of Christ (the Bible).

Second Peter, Chapter 1, Verses 20 and 21 say...

/2PE 1:20-21

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own (private) interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved (carried along) by (God) the Holy Spirit spoke from (the exact thinking of THE) God (the Lord Jesus Christ).

At the **CONFERENCE**, the Godhead set forth a **CHRONOLOGY**, a sequence of events, exactly as these events would unfold throughout divine history. Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Verse 1 says...

/ECC 3:1

“There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven.”

Then, through a single act of **CREATION** at a single moment in time, the Lord Jesus Christ immediately spoke the universe into existence. Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 1 says...

/GEN 1:1

In the beginning (which was not a beginning THE) God (Jehovah Elohim...God the Son) created (“Barah-ed” ... spoke into existence) the heavens and the earth.

Creatures called angels were present at the creation of the heavens and the earth...a moment described in Job, Chapter 38, Verse 7 as a time...

/JOB 38:7

When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God (the benihah Elohim...the angelic creatures) shouted for joy...

At this single moment in time, when the universe was created, it was created in a state of perfection. Deuteronomy, Chapter 32, Verse 4 says...

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/DEU 32:4a

*The Rock (the Lord Jesus Christ)! (All of) His work is perfect... *

The most beautiful, the most brilliant, and the greatest of God's angelic creatures, Satan, became a **CONSPIRATOR**...Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verse 12 says...

/EZE 28:12

*Thus says the Lord God, "You (Satan) had the seal of perfection, (you were) full of wisdom and (you were) perfect in beauty." *

Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verses 14 and 15 say...

/EZE 28:14

*"You (Satan) were the anointed cherub (the Lord's angel) who covers (a bodyguard), and I (the Lord) placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God (in the third heaven); you walked in the midst of the stones of fire (you had access to the throne room of heaven)." *

/EZE 28:15

*"You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness (sin) was found in you." *

Satan perpetrated a **CONSPIRACY** that instigated a rebellion against God, causing the fall of ALL angelic creatures. Isaiah, Chapter 14, Verses 13 and 14 say...

/ISA 14:13-14

*"But you (Satan) said in your heart, 'I will ascend to (the third) heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God (in the second heaven), And I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north (the first heaven...the atmosphere around the earth). //I will ascend above the heights of the clouds (I'll take over God's function); I will make myself like the Most High.'" *

Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verse 16a says...

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/EZE 28:16a

“By the abundance of your trade (rekullah...the trafficking of slander) You (Satan) were internally filled with violence, and you sinned...”

All angelic creatures joined in Satan’s rebellion...

/ROM 3:10

...as it is written, “THERE IS NONE (NO CREATURE WHO IS) RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE...”

Thus began the Creator vs. Creature **CONFLICT**. Ephesians, Chapter 6, Verse 12 says...

/EPH 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood (souls and sin natures), but (our struggle is) against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 17...

/GAL 5:17

*For the flesh (the old self and its sin nature) sets its desire against (God) the (Holy) Spirit, and (God) the (Holy) Spirit (sets its desire) against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another... *

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

*What if His People Prayed
When I Think About Home*

Welcome back!

<21 C’s SLIDE>

This **CATASTROPHE** of rebellious thought made God render the earth formless and void...Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 2a says...

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/GEN 1:2a

*(But) ...the earth was (became) formless and void... *

The catastrophe of thought resulted in **CONDEMNATION** for all creatures. Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verse 16 says...

/EZE 28:16b

*Therefore I (the Lord) have cast you (Satan) as profane from the mountain of God. *

Yet God in His grace would give His creatures a second chance. Jeremiah, Chapter 4, Verse 27 says...

/JER 4:27

*For thus says the Lord, “The whole land shall be a desolation (formless and void), yet I will not (to) execute a complete destruction.” *

The act of betrayal and rebellion landed angelic creatures in the **COURTROOM** of the Supreme Court of Heaven. Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 2b says...

/GEN 1:2b

*...and darkness was over the surface of the deep... *

Angels are creatures of light, with free roam of the universe, yet with darkness covering the earth they were confined to planet earth. A trial was held, and Satan and the reconciliation rejecting angels were sentenced to the Lake of Fire. Matthew, Chapter 25, Verse 41 says...

/MAT 25:41

*“Then He (the Lord Jesus Christ) will also say to those on His left (Satan and the fallen angels), ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels...’ *

Satan and the fallen angels appealed their sentence by assailing God’s character. They claimed that the verdict of God in the formal trial was both unfair and unloving. You’ve undoubtedly heard this in your time on earth. You’ve heard, “How can a loving God cast one of His creatures into the Lake of Fire?” Or you’ve heard, “God’s not fair!”

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Perfect God, with unconditional love toward all creatures, especially the reconciliation rejecting angels, and in absolute impartiality and fairness toward them, with His perfect righteousness in view, accepted their appeal, and ordered **(re)CONSTRUCTION** of formless and void planet earth by God the Holy Spirit. Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 2c says...

/GEN 1:2c

...and the (Holy) Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

The salvation of condemned creatures could only be satisfactorily accomplished by a just, righteous, and loving Godhead, who sent the Lord Jesus **CHRIST**, the God-Man, as their physical manifestation, to the **CROSS**, to pay the penalty for creature betrayal and rebellion. John, Chapter 19, Verse 30 says...

/JOH 19:30

Therefore when (the Lord) Jesus (Christ) had received the sour wine, He said, "It (salvation) is finished!"

First John, Chapter 2, Verse 2...

/1JO 2:2

...and He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is the propitiation (the ONLY perfectly satisfactory payment in the eyes of God the Father) for our sins; and not for ours (as believers in Christ) only, but also for those of the whole world (unbelievers as well).

Thus every creature has a **CHOICE**, by means of free will...

/JOSHUA 24:15a

"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether (you serve) the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living... "

One choice is **CHRISTIANITY**, a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ...

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/JOSHUA 24:15b

“...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

There are many other choices, **COUNTERFEITS** to Christianity like Religion, and Legalism, and Satan Worship, which pervert, distort, and debase the reputation of God’s Person, the essence of God character, and the veracity and effectiveness of God’s Plan. The apostle Paul warns in Second Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 4...

/2CO 11:4

For if (1) one (a false teacher) comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached (a false Jesus, and they do)...

Beware of false teachers! So what’s your choice? That’s what John, Chapter 3, Verse 36 asks...

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

When you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are a Christian. Christianity is not a religion; it’s a relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. However, there are counterfeits to Christianity...

With freedom of choice come the **CONSEQUENCES** of your choices, whether positive or negative.

/GAL 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.//For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life (the Zoe Life).

Hosea, Chapter 8, Verse 7...

/HOS 8:7

For they sow the wind and they reap the whirlwind (a tornado).

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The right choice, to be on God's team, to learn the truth of His Word, and to live His Word ... is a cause of **CELEBRATION** for all eternity.

/COL 2:15

When He (God the Father) had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him (the Lord Jesus Christ).

/CLOSING SONG

Be Thou My Vision\

CLOSING VERSES

/PRO 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.//In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

/DEU 31:8

The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed

/ISA 30:18

Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

THANKS
INTERCESSION
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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.

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/Thanks for coming!
Thanks for watching!
Thanks for listening!

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