

ROMANS
Lesson 46– November 3, 2013

**/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
Rory Clark
Pastor-Teacher**

Good Morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church. May God's grace and peace be multiplied to you and to everyone who is important to you!

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...Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 11 says...

/EPH 4:11

And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers...

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...Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8 says...

/ROM 5:8

But God (the Father) demonstrates His own (unconditional) love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Heaven will not be filled with good people. Heaven will be filled with broken, yet forgiven sinners...Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31 says...

/ACT 16:31

"Believe in the Lord Jesus (Christ), and you will be saved, you and (everyone in) your household (who also believes)."

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. John, Chapter 8, Verse 32 says...

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/JOH 8:32

“...and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

The Lord Jesus Christ is the One we gather to worship...and He is God...First Timothy, Chapter 1, Verse 17 says...

/1TI 1:17

Now to the King (the Lord Jesus Christ, the) eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

This and every bible lesson gives you a chance to RENEW your faith in God, as the Holy Spirit leads you into all the truth by 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.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

You Are

Brett McKay, Guest Singer

New Hope Four Square Church\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's worship our Lord in song. The opening song is YOU ARE.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

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

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Help us to explore the depths of prayer and to take advantage of this marvelous gift that You have given us, to be able to talk to You and to have direct access to You on a moment-by-moment basis...

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – Prayer is Having a Talk with God

We are studying Paul's prayer for the purpose of his ministry...

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

Specifically we are looking at the subject of prayer, as highlighted in Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8...

/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.

Stevie Wonder has a great song about prayer...it's called "Have a Talk with God" ... and it's directed to believers in Christ...it says...

/"HAVE A TALK WITH GOD"

Stevie Wonder

Many of us feel we walk alone without a friend
Never communicating with the One who lives within
Forgetting all about the One who never ever lets you down
And you can talk to him anytime...He's always around\

/"HAVE A TALK WITH GOD"

Stevie Wonder

When you feel your life's too hard
Just go have a talk with God

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When your load's too much to bear
Just go talk to God He cares\

What is prayer?

/PRAYER

A private talk between you and God.\

Turn in your bibles to Matthew, Chapter 6, Verse 5...here's what the Lord Jesus Christ has to say about prayer...He is telling us how to pray...

/MAT 6:5

“When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites (the Pharisees); for they (the Pharisees) love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.”

Our prayers are not directed to other men...they are directed to God.

/MAT 6:6

“But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret (not seen), and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

/MAT 6:7

“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.”

<The Ave Marias of the Rosary> It's not intimate...

/MAT 6:8

“So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

What does Stevie Wonders say? Just go have a talk with God!

/MAT 6:9

“Pray, then, in this way...”

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What follows in this chapter of Matthew is what is commonly known as the Lord's Prayer...it is really the disciples prayer...it is instruction on all the elements that are part of prayer...yet it is used by so many religions as "vain repetition."

Prayer really isn't communication in the true sense of the word, because communication is dialogue...communication is two-way. Prayer is one way, in a sense, in that we are sending messages to God...He receives them...and the way we know He receives our prayers is that He answers them, and we see the result of His work...if we're taking the time to notice. God wants to answer your prayers. God waits on high to be compassionate toward you. God is waiting to bless you. God considers your problems to be His responsibility. We hear that every week don't we? Now we know what it means. If you want something, go ask your Father!

Turn in your bibles to John, Chapter 17, Verse 1...last week we took a look at the real Lord's Prayer...the Lord Jesus Christ's private talk with His Father on the night before He would go to the Cross here in John, Chapter 17. Hopefully this week you took some time to read John, Chapters 12 to 16...so that you could read yourself into the picture of what is going on in this prayer.

If you analyze this prayer, it has structure...but prayer doesn't have to be structured or overthought...it doesn't have to be perfect or overanalyzed...it doesn't have to be formal...it doesn't have to be long and drawn out...when you have a deep and intimate and personal relationship with someone, it's a long conversation that always seems too short...great prayers are the same.

In this prayer...you can see a structure if you want to look at it...

/STRUCTURE OF THE JOHN 17 PRAYER

The Lord Prays for Himself	(Verses 1 to 5)
The Lord Prays for His Disciples	(Verses 6 to 19)
The Lord Prays for Future Believers	(Verses 20 to 26)\

What's more important than the structure, is the substance of what the Lord is saying in His prayer...John Chapter 17, Verse 1...

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/JOH 17:1

Jesus spoke these things (of the Upper Room Discourse); and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour (we set together in eternity past) has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You...”

/JOH 17:2

“...even as You (God the Father) gave Him (Me...the Lord Jesus Christ) authority over all flesh (humans), that to all whom You have given Him, He (the Lord Jesus Christ) may give eternal life (the Zoe life).”

/JOH 17:3

“This is eternal life (the Zoe Life), that they may know You (God the Father), the only true God, and (that they may know the Lord) Jesus Christ whom You (God the Father) have sent.”

/JOH 17:4

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

/JOH 17:5

“Now, Father, glorify Me (the Lord Jesus Christ) together with Yourself, with the glory which I (the Lord Jesus Christ) had with You before the world was.”

We notice several things in the part of the prayer that is a prayer for self...

Right away we notice the reverence the Lord has for His Father...

Right away we notice the Lord’s focus...obedience to the Father

Philippians, Chapter 2, Verse 8...

/PHI 2:8

Being found in appearance as a man, He (the Lord Jesus Christ) humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross.

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Right away we notice the Lord’s relationship...an intimate one...a Son and His Father...

Right away we notice timing...a time for every purpose under heaven...

John, Chapter 12, Verse 23...

/JOH 12:23

And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

Right away we notice the Lord is on a mission...

Take a five-minute break and we’ll look at some aspects of the Lord’s mission...

/BREAK

All I Once Held Dear

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

The Lord’s Prayer talks about His mission... to accomplish what the Father wanted Him to do...to help the disciples to know the Father...to help the disciples to get to know Him...to redeem all creatures, angelic and human. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verses 17 to 19 say...

/1PE 1:17

*If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth... *

/1PE 1:18

*...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers... *

/1PE 1:19

...but (you were redeemed) with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished

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and spotless, the blood of Christ. \

The Lord's Prayer talks about the Lord's attitude toward His believers... He says, "I manifested your person to them...I made you visible to them." He wants believers to know His Father.

The Lord's Prayer talks about the Lord's Glory...I Glorify You... You Glorify Me.

The Lord's Prayer talks about the Lord's Word...I gave them the words you gave to me.

The Lord's Prayer makes a request...GLORIFY YOUR SON...what was the Lord asking for? Father...sustain Me in My suffering...accept my sacrifice... resurrect Me from the dead...restore me to the glory I had before the foundation of the world.

I wonder how many of your prayers include these aspects.

The Lord's Prayer makes a statement...**THAT THE SON MAY GLORIFY YOU.** Romans, Chapter 11, Verse 36...

/ROM 11:36

For from Him and through and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. \

Romans, Chapter 16, Verse 27...

/ROM 16:27

...to the only wise God (the Father), through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen. \

The Son and believers in Christ glorify the Father by making Him known in the whole world.

The Lord's Prayer makes it clear that the Lord Jesus Christ has authority... **YOU GRANTED HIM AUTHORITY OVER ALL FLESH!** What is the Lord's authority? He has the authority to evaluate...He has the authority to take up His own life... He has the authority to give eternal life.

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The Lord's Prayer makes it clear what the ETERNAL LIFE is...to know the One and Only God...to live His Zoe Life...to be in deep, intimate, personal relationship with Him...continuing at John, Chapter 17, Verse 6...see if you can see the substance...

/JOH 17:6

“I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have manifested (made visible) Your name (God the Father) 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... ”

/JOH 17:8

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

/JOH 17:9

“I (the Lord Jesus Christ) ask (You Father in prayer) on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but (I ask on behalf) of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours... ”

/JOH 17:10

“...and all things that are Mine are Yours, and (all things that are) 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 (one).”

/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 (Judas Iscariot), so that the Scripture would be fulfilled (as We predicted).”

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/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.”

/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.”

Now the prayer for the entire church...

/JOH 17:20

“I do not ask (in prayer) on behalf of these (apostles) 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.”

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/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(dwelling) them and You in(dwelling) 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... ”

/JOH 17:26

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

What a great tribute from a Son to a Father...what a great prayer...let us strive to emulate the substance of our interactions with our Heavenly Father in prayer.

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/CLOSING SONG

The Word is Alive\

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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