

ROMANS
Lesson 79–March 2, 2014

/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
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Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church...my name is Pastor Rory Clark.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

Shout to the Lord\

As God prepares your soul to receive refreshment, let's turn the cares of our lives over to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our God, the living Word, and let's prepare to hear the Lord's exact thinking, the written Word. We begin by worshipping Him in song. The opening song is SHOUT TO THE LORD.

/SHOUT TO THE LORD

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Lord, there is none like You!
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love!\

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Let every breath, all that I am
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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...

Thank you for loving us so much that You sent your Son to repair a breach between us and You by dying on a Cross...

Thank you for making the Lord Jesus Christ's payment, perfectly sufficient and perfectly satisfactory to You...

Thanks for extending Your loving hand to all of us who are still breathing, offering us Your mercy and Your grace and the promise of salvation...

Thank you for making the path straight of those who believe in You...
thank you for not letting us forget the state we were in at birth...spiritual death...and thanks for giving us spiritual life thorough Your Holy Spirit...

We pray that You incite us to offer Your reconciliation to everyone we meet, one person at a time...

We pray that You surface our deepest problems...in our families...with our health, with our finances, with our relationships, with ourselves...and that You use our challenges to teach us how You come through for Your creatures every time...

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

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/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans 1: Throw Yourself on the Mercy of the Court

To the resident members of Barah Ministries *and* to the non-resident members of Barah Ministries, especially those who are soon-to-be resident members...to all those who listen to Barah Ministries lessons who are currently dispersed far and wide throughout the world...especially to our faithful friends in military service...**grace and peace to you** from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself as substitute for us, so that He might wipe away the stain of our sins which separate us from a relationship with God, so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, in conjunction with the enabling power of God the Holy Spirit. In praise we say, to the entire triune Godhead...one God, in three separate and distinct persons...glory and gratitude to you forever and ever. Amen?

When we come to bible study, we believers in Christ are receiving news from home. For we are not citizens of planet earth which is Satan's kingdom...Philippians, Chapter 3, Verses 20 and 21...

/PHI 3:20

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

/PHI 3:21

...who will transform the body of our humble state (our current physical body) into conformity with the body of His glory (into a resurrection body), by the exertion of the power (omnipotence) that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) has even (the power) to subject all things to Himself.

The bible is not just a book with a lot of contradictions, written by a bunch of guys who are expressing their opinions, as the enemy of God reports through his many false prophets, liars who distort the truth. The bible is the exact thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ. First Corinthians, Chapter 2, Verse 16 says...

/1CO 2:16

For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD (so well), THAT HE WILL (be qualified) INSTRUCT HIM? (Of course no one!) But we (believers in Christ) have the mind of Christ (the written Word...the bible).

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The bible is a contract. All contracts are best when they are put in writing. God has put His exact thoughts in writing and has made a set of magnificent and public promises, in writing, to all mankind, especially to His believers. Turn to Second Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 3...

/2PE 1:3

...His (the Lord Jesus Christ's) divine power has granted to us (believers in Christ) everything pertaining to (Christian Way of) life and (to) godliness (the Christian Way of Living), through the true knowledge of Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who called us (believers in Christ by His own Sovereign choice and) by His own glory and excellence.

/2PE 1:4

For by these (Christ's glory and goodness) He has granted to us (believers in Christ) His precious and magnificent promises (a public announcement in writing), so that by them (these promises fulfilled) you may become partakers of the divine (endowment...the endowment of His glorious) nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by (means of) lust (evil desires).

The Lord Jesus Christ displays boldness in putting His thoughts and His promises in writing so they can be examined and criticized and distorted. But there is little question about where He stands on any issue.

Why would the Lord Jesus Christ put His promises and His thoughts in writing? He does it to make your path straight of course. Proverbs, Chapter 3, Verses 5 and 6 say...

/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.

He puts His thoughts in writing because He wants you to know He loves you. First John, Chapter 4, Verse 16 says...

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/1JO 4:16

We have come to know and (we) have believed the (unconditional) love which God has for us. God is (unconditional) love, and the one who abides in (unconditional) love abides in God (actively sharing His life), and God abides in him (actively sharing in your life).\

God loves you unconditionally. There is nothing you can do to make God love you more. There is nothing you can do to make God love you less. There is nothing you can do to disappoint God. There is nothing you can do to impress God. Your job with God is just to accept His unconditional love for you. What part of the UN in unconditional don't you understand? God's love for you has no conditions. Can you say the same about your love for others? Is it unconditional?

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18 to Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 31, is our next passage, and it details an indictment against all creatures, angelic and human. What is an indictment?

/INDICTMENT

A formal accusation which initiates a criminal case against someone.\

What is the indictment? Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 10...

/ROM 3:10

...as it is written, "THERE IS NONE (not one creature who is) RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE..."\

Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 23...

/ROM 3:23

...for all (creatures) have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...\

/IN GOD'S LAW

You are guilty as charged and there is no way to talk yourself out of the indictment.\

To be acceptable to God, you must be righteous. You and all creatures were unrighteous at birth, guilty as charged, and this next passage is God detailing the reasons for the charges. When you come face-to-face with the gospel

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message, multiple times in your life, it is not only an indictment, but also it is the equivalent of an arraignment. What does this mean...to arraign?

/ARRAIGN

To call into question...to find fault...especially with respect to a virtue, like a law...a critical examination...to bring before a court to answer an indictment.\

The gospel message calls you on the carpet to answer God's indictment against you. I want you who are believers in Christ to be grateful that you are not the target of God's wrath. Yet simultaneously, I want you to never forget where you came from. At one time, you were guilty of all the things this indictment details. I don't want you to consider yourself elite because you expressed faith alone in Christ alone for eternal life. I don't want you to be smug...I don't want you think you did anything special...I want you to be grateful for what God did for you, so grateful that you take His gospel message out to everyone you meet. I want you to remember Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 8 and 9...

/EPH 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that (faith and grace and deliverance is) not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; //not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Turn in your bibles to Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18...the first part of this passage we'll study is Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 18 to 23...for you believers...remember Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 17...

/ROM 1:17

For in it (the gospel message) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith (in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation) to faith (in the Lord for all things); as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH (alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for eternal life)."\

Now the passage...

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/ROM 1:18

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and (against) unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... *

/ROM 1:19

*...because that which is known about God is evident within them (those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness); for God made it (knowledge of God) evident to them. *

/ROM 1:20

*For since the creation of the world His (the Lord Jesus Christ's) invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature (divinity), have been clearly seen (by all mankind), being understood through what has been made (the entire created universe), so that they (all mankind, especially those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness) are without excuse (in the matter of knowing God). *

/ROM 1:21

*For even though they (those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness) knew God, they (those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness) did not honor Him as God or give (Him) thanks, but (instead) they (those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness) became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. *

/ROM 1:22

*Professing to be wise, they (those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness) became fools... *

/ROM 1:23

*...and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. *

Psalm 14, Verse 1 to 3...

/PSA 14:1

*The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good. *

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/PSA 14:2

The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, (to see if there are any) who seek after God.

/PSA 14:3

They have ALL turned aside, together they have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

You are guilty as charged from birth. There is only one way out. You must throw yourself on the mercy of the court, and the righteous judge, the Lord Jesus Christ. Take a five minute break.

/BREAK

The Well

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

<reveals>

/REFLECTIONS ON ROMANS 1:18 to ROMANS 3:31

YOU ARE INDICTED

YOU BROKE GOD’S LAW

YOU ARE GUILTY AS CHARGED

YOU HAVE A JUST PENALTY COMING

YOU DO NOT MEET GOD’S REQUIREMENT FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS\

In the human realm, if you are clearly proven to be guilty, at the sentencing you have the chance to throw yourself on the mercy of the court. In the divine realm, if you are still breathing, you can do the same thing. If you are dead, you’re out of luck...turn to Revelation, Chapter 20, Verse 11...

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/REV 20:11

Then I (John, the writer of the book of Revelation) saw a great white throne and Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who sat upon it, from whose presence (unbelievers on) earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them (to live).

/REV 20:12

And I saw the dead (unbelievers), the great (the famous) and the small (not famous), standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life (a record of all those who are saved); and the dead (unbelievers) were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds (ungodliness and unrighteousness).

/UNGODLINESS

Direct disregard for God's Person\

/UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Direct disregard for God's laws\

/IN GOD'S LAW

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/REV 20:13

And the sea gave up the dead (unbelievers) which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead (unbelievers) which were in them; and they (unbelievers) were judged, every one of them according to their deeds (ungodliness and unrighteousness).

/REV 20:14

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire (the first death is spiritual death).

/REV 20:15

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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/REV 21:1

Then I (John, the writer of the book of Revelation) saw a (totally) new heaven and a new earth (not renovated ones...a dwelling place for saints); for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

God does not polish turds.

/REV 21:2

And I saw the holy city, (the) new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as (if she were) a bride adorned for her husband.

/REV 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God (the Lord Jesus Christ) is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them...”

/REV 21:4

“...and He (the Lord Jesus Christ) will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

/REV 21:5

And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”

/REV 21:6

Then He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said to me, “It is done. I (the Lord Jesus Christ) am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.”

If you are still breathing, and you know you are born without the righteousness that would allow you to live with God forever...and if you know you can't manufacture this righteousness on your own, you are still in a position to count on the Lord Jesus Christ to give you His righteousness. God is extending His righteous right hand to you, right now, so that you can be saved. And if you take His hand by simply believing in the Lord Jesus

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Christ, right this minute, God will do several things for you. You'll be REDEEMED...purchased from the prison of spiritual death...First Peter Chapter 1, Verses 18 and 19...

/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 with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.\

You'll be regenerated...you'll be "born again" ... you'll be transformed from spiritual death to spiritual life by a ministry of God the Holy Spirit... Titus, Chapter 3, Verses 3 to 7...

/TIT 3:3

For we also once were foolish ourselves (while unbelievers), disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

/TIT 3:4

But when the kindness of God our Savior (the Lord Jesus Christ) and His (unconditional) love for mankind appeared...

/TIT 3:5

He (God the Father) saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in (self)-righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and (through) renewing by the (baptism of God the) Holy Spirit...

/TIT 3:6

...whom He (God the Father) poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior...

/TIT 3:7

...so that being justified by His (God the Father's) grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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You'll be RECONCILED to God...a fact that those of us who believe must be shouting from the rooftops to a lost and dying world...Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 20...

/2CO 5:20

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

The great I AM is waiting for you plea! Start begging...

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/CLOSING VERSES

/PRO 3:5-6

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/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 SONG

I Am\

/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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