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Lesson 80– March 2, 2014

/Welcome To
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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

Revelation Song\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. Let's place our cares into the hands of the One who cares for us...our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The opening song is REVELATION SONG.

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – God's Wrath is Directed Toward Deeds

We dedicate the opening moments of this lesson to anyone who is here who is without a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ...and as a result is without eternal life. What will happen to you when you close your eyes in this life? This is a matter about which you must not be confused. At that moment when you get the call from God to move on from this life on planet

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earth, it won't be your mommy and daddy who get the call...it won't be your children who get the call...it won't be your friends...it will be you. Only you can decide where you will spend eternity. The soul once born never dies...you decide where it spends eternity.

If you want to live with God forever, you need to be righteous. Unfortunately, at physical birth Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 10 says...

/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...

Lucky for you, however, God wants you. Luke, Chapter 15, Verses 1 to 7 say...

/LUK 15:1

Now all the tax collectors and the sinners (prostitutes) were coming near Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) to listen to Him.

/LUK 15:2

Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners (prostitutes) and eats with them."

/LUK 15:3

So He (the Lord Jesus Christ) told them this parable, saying...

/LUK 15:4

"What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?"

/LUK 15:5

"When he has found it (the lost sheep), he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing."

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/LUK 15:6

“And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’”

/LUK 15:7

“I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner (unbeliever) who repents (changes his mind about having a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ) than (the rejoicing) over ninety-nine righteous persons (believers in Christ) who need no repentance.”

God is looking for you. God wants to save you. You can't save your self. Romans, Chapter 11, Verse 6 says...

/ROM 11:6

But if it (salvation) is by grace (God's free gift, and it is), it is no longer on the basis of (your) works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Your good deeds will not get you to heaven. You may think you are a good person, but if you are an unbeliever, your goodness does not matter to God. What matters is what His Son did for you. Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 20 says...

/ROM 3:20

...because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the (Mosaic) Law (only) comes the knowledge of (your) sin(fullness).

Galatians, Chapter 2, Verse 16...

/GAL 2:16

...nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the (Mosaic) Law but (a man is justified) through faith (alone) in (the Lord) Christ Jesus (alone)...even we (who) have believed in Christ Jesus (know), so that we may be justified by faith (alone) in (the Lord Jesus) Christ (alone) and not by the works of the (Mosaic) Law; since by the works of the (Mosaic) Law no flesh will be justified.

Why did the Lord Jesus Christ go to the Cross? To do for you something

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you couldn't do for yourself. God declares you righteous by faith alone in Christ...not by faith plus works. Therefore...

/ACT 16:31

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

/JOH 14:6

Jesus said to (the apostle Thomas) him, “I am the way (to salvation), and (I am) the truth (of the Word of God), and (I am) the (Zoe) life (the resurrection life); no one comes to (God) the Father but through (believing in) Me.”

/JOH 3:16

“For God (the Father) so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son (the uniquely born One) that who(so)ever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

/JOH 3:17

“For God (the Father) did not send the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through (believing in) Him.”

/JOH 3:18

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

So you have a choice...

/JOH 3:36

“He who believes in the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has (the) eternal life (the Zoe life); but he who does not obey the (command to believe in the) Son will not see (the Zoe) life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

And once God saves you, He will not let you go...salvation is an unbreakable relationship with God...not at all dependent on you...John, Chapter 10, Verse 28 says...

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/JOH 10:28

...and I (the Lord Jesus Christ) give eternal life to them (believers in Christ), and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

A five-word conversation with God the Father ensures your salvation...
“Father, I believe in Christ.” That’s the moment of eternal life for you.

What’s your choice?

Let’s take the offering. Welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall.

/TODAY’S OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

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/OFFERING VERSE

EPH 5:4

...and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

/Remember to give with the motivation suggested in Scripture

2CO 9:7

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (grace oriented) giver.

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/OFFERING

I've Got Friends in High Places

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To the resident members of Barah Ministries *and* to the soon-to-be resident members of Barah Ministries, who live throughout the world... **grace and peace to you** from our Almighty Triune Godhead. Every day, and in every way, the Word of God is becoming clearer to me...its truth is resounding mightily in my ears...and I hope it is resounding in your ears from my mouth. I am as clear as Isaiah was...Isaiah, Chapter 45, Verse 5...

/ISA 45:5

"I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, (even) though you have not known Me..."

I feel free...Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 1...

/GAL 5:1

It was for freedom that (the Lord Jesus) Christ set us (believers in Christ) free; therefore keep standing firm (in the freedom) and do not be (in) subject(ion) again to a yoke of slavery.

It's exciting to be studying the book of Romans. It is like an octopus. The head of the octopus in the book of Romans, and it extends its tentacles in all directions, carrying us all over the bible to explore and to enjoy the deep truths that the Word of God reveals to us each week.

Man's thoughts are a lot different from God's thoughts...

<reveals>

/MAN'S THOUGHTS ABOUT HIMSELF

I am not so bad...especially relative to others that are worse than me

I can make amends

I can redeem myself\

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God's thoughts are different...like "there is none righteous, not even one"
... like Jeremiah, Chapter 17, Verse 9...

/JER 17:9

"The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?"

You want to live with God? You need righteousness...but you ain't got it
and you can't work for it...and...Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18 says...

/ROM 1:18

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

In upcoming verses in Romans we will see an expression... "God gave them over" ... God's wrath starts here on earth...allowing rebels, the disobedient, further rebellion...God is not the sponsor of sin...but He allows sin...James, Chapter 1, Verses 13 to 16...

/JAM 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God;" for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

/JAM 1:14

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

/JAM 1:15

Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

/JAM 1:16

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

Take a five minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

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Welcome back...

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 18 introduces God's wrath, which is aimed at ungodliness and unrighteousness...deeds...and at sinners...those in a condition of spiritual death...unbelievers...even though God loves unbelievers unconditionally...His wrath is directed toward them at a point. His wrath is directed at the sin nature...His wrath is directed toward sin...His wrath is directed toward ungodliness...His wrath is directed toward unrighteousness...what is ungodliness?

/UNGODLINESS

Direct disregard for God's Person\

What is unrighteousness?

/UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Direct disregard for God's laws\

What a sinner?

/SINNERS

An unbeliever, who refuses to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.\

If you look closely, these are deeds. God's wrath is directed toward these deeds...Romans, Chapter 13, Verse 4...

/ROM 13:4

...for rulers and their authority are ministers of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil (if you break the law), be afraid; for rulers and their authority do not bear the sword if you do nothing (if you follow the law); for rulers and their authority are ministers of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil (breaks the law).

Anyone who ends up in the Lake of Fire for all eternity...anyone who incurs the wrath of God, does so for one and only one reason...because they want to. What is the wrath of God?

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/WRATH

God's response to each creature's rejection of His unconditional love, of His sin substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ and of His instructions for how to be saved.\

And wrath judges deeds...what deeds? Revelation, Chapter 20, Verse 13...

/REV 20:13

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

What does it mean to be judged according to your deeds? Ungodliness and unrighteousness are deeds. Suppressing the truth is a deed. Those who suppresses the truth ignore the truth they know. Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 19...

/ROM 1:19

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

Therefore God is justified when He directs His wrath, because He is patient toward His creatures...turn to Genesis, Chapter 6, Verse 1...there's no more asking the question, "What about all the people who didn't know about God?" God provides knowledge of Himself and makes Himself evident to all mankind.

/GEN 6:1

Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them...

/GEN 6:2

...that the sons of God (beni ha Elohim...angelic creatures) saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

This is equivalent to bestiality...having sexual intercourse with animals... and it was a forbidden activity in angelic circles.

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/GEN 6:3

Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

/GEN 6:4

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to (had sex with) the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

/GEN 6:5

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

/GEN 6:6

The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

That’s an anthropathism...

/ANTHROPOPATHISM

Attributing human feelings to God that He doesn’t have for the purpose of human understanding\

Genesis, Chapter 6, Verse 7...

/GEN 6:7

The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.”

/GEN 6:8

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

And so Noah built an ark and the wrath of God wiped out all creatures not on the boat. God is justified when He directs His wrath, because He is patient toward His creatures. He gives us along time to change. But at a point, He says enough is enough. But be sure of one thing...His creatures know what they are doing when they are engaging in the deeds of ungodliness and unrighteousness.

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/CLOSING VERSES

/JER 29:11

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

/1PE 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, //casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

/JUD 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, //to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

/CLOSING SONG

God is Faithful\

/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.

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Thanks for listening!

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