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Lesson 88– March 31, 2014

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

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

When I Say I Love You\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's hear June Murphy worship our Lord in song. Feel free to place your cares into the hands of the One who cares for you...our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The opening song is WHEN I SAY I LOVE YOU.

/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 unconditionally...let Your love for us permeate our souls and our consciousness as we study this next passage of Romans...help us to realize that Your grace and Your mercy is always a request away...

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans 1: Mortifying Words: GOD GAVE THEM OVER

First, a few announcements...

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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is April 20, 2014
Part of The Resurrection Day Celebration
Bring Friends!\

/Mark Your Calendars!

Face-to-Face Teaching Next Week
On Sunday – Regular Times
Hilton Chandler
April 6, 2014
9:00AM – 11:30AM\

/Mark Your Calendars!

Deacon's Meeting
April 6, 2014
12:00P to 2:00P\

/Yard Sale

April 12
At the Future Home of Barah Ministries
573 E. Guadalupe Road in Gilbert, AZ
Donations Needed
Contact Mike Embree\

/We're Moving to a New Location!

Target Date is April 27
1220 S. Alma School Road
(Alma School and Southern)
Suite 201
Mesa, AZ\

We signed a three-year lease. We have many new expenses. Insurance. Internet. Alarm System. Increased Rent. Furniture. Welcome to being a real church!

/Congratulations!

Joel Perkosky
Passed the Test to Become

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a State Farm Agent!\

Let's take the offering.

/Let's 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.

Welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall.

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Deacon Denny Goodall\

/Barah Ministries Financial Policy

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/OFFERING VERSE

ROM 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

/OFFERING

Awesome is the Lord Most High

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Romans 1: Mortifying Words: GOD GAVE THEM OVER

To the resident members of Barah Ministries *and* to the non-resident members of Barah Ministries, dispersed far and wide throughout the world...**grace and peace** to you from God the Father...from God the Son...from God the Holy Spirit... and from the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

You are the object of God’s unconditional love. Every Day is a great day to celebrate His love for us...First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 13c...

/1CO 13:13c

...and the greatest of these (faith, hope and love) is unconditional love.

God loves you unconditionally...which means He will never love you more than He loves you now...He will never love you less than He loves you now...and there is nothing you can do to change His love for you. You cannot disappoint God...ever...you are the object of His unconditional love for all eternity. God created you...you are His creature...and His love for you has no requirements. It is one of the greatest gifts you will ever receive.

I ran this definition of unconditional love by a Christian this week, as if, by the way, that a love as magnificent as God’s love could be defined, and he balked at the idea that God is not ever disappointed in us. He compared God’s love to the love of a parent. We love our kids when they do good things, and of course when they do lousy things, we are disappointed. I can assure you of two things. First, that is NOT God’s unconditional love for us...and second, if that’s the way you parent your children, you better get to parenting school pretty fast. That is absolutely not the message of love we want to send to our kids. Little wonder why it takes years to unscrew the heads of people who have been raised that way to help them realize that there is a wonderful life beyond right and wrong, and a wonderful life beyond a “rules orientation.” It’s a life called liberty. Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 1...

/GAL 5:1

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

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We are the victims of God’s love. We can jump for joy as believers in Christ the day we finally understand how much God loves us. We are in an unbreakable relationship with the Sovereign of the Universe, the Lord Jesus Christ, and we did not get there by our own works. Titus, Chapter 3, Verses 3 to 7 say this...

/TIT 3:3

For we (believers in Christ) 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 (the Lord) 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.

Freedom. Expressed this way...**GOD GAVE THEM OVER**...the eerie “Ouch” of our next passage of study...Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 24 to 32...

/ROM 1:24

*Therefore **GOD GAVE THEM OVER** (those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness) in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.*

/ROM 1:25

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For they (those practicing ungodliness and unrighteousness) exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

/ROM 1:26

For this reason (the worship of creatures rather than the Creator) GOD GAVE THEM OVER to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural...

/ROM 1:27

...and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

/ROM 1:28

And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, GOD GAVE THEM OVER to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper...

/ROM 1:29

...being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips...

/ROM 1:30

...slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents...

/ROM 1:31

...without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful...

/ROM 1:32

...and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

All those of you who call yourselves “homosexuals,” a meaningless term from my point of view...it’s time to be on high alert...it’s time to put down some of the lies and the misinformation from Satan’s kingdom about a sin called homosexuality and to see what God really has to say about the sin of

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homosexuality. And what Pastor Rory Clark has to say, not that you care, is that Satan has no right to turn a sin you commit into an identity. And when you allow yourself to be called a homosexual, you have labeled yourself with an identity that is a direct attack against the character and nature of God. Now it should not surprise you that Satan does this. If you tell a lie, you are a liar. If you commit adultery you are a cheater. If you steal, you are a thief. Satan always entices you to commit a sin then turns the sin into an identity. God does not do this. But he gets blamed for it quite often.

I want to make it clear that people are welcome at Barah Ministries, and with the Pastor of Barah Ministries at least, your sins are not an issue to me.

GOD GAVE THEM OVER...what happens when God leaves you to your own devices? What happens when God accepts your disobedience? What happens when you make up the rules?

/RICHARD LENSKI, SOCIOLOGIST

“Let go of God, and the very bottom of filth will be reached. Even the most unnatural will be called quite natural. The moment God is taken out of the control in men’s life the stench of sexual aberration is bound to arise. Without God, sex runs wild.”\

When God gives you over, it may be the worst thing that could ever happen to you. When God gives you over, and you follow your own counsel, the result ought to be perfect, not just acceptable...following yourself ought to be better than following God...but is it?

God’s directs His wrath against ungodliness and unrighteousness...God’s wrath is awful...both His wrath on earth and His wrath in eternity. It’s funny. As believers in Christ, we fear divine discipline...turn to Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 5...

/HEB 12:5

...and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you (believers in Christ) as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM...”

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/HEB 12:6

“FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

/HEB 12:7

It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

/HEB 12:8

But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Yet God’s discipline should be encouraging to us, because it is an indication that we are sons. If we are sons, we have an inheritance! Then who is it that **GOD TURNS OVER?** Unbelievers, not sons! You believers in Christ are sons of the Living God! So relax! We fear divine discipline...we ought to fear it more if God turns us over to ourselves as He does with unbelievers! Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 24 begins a passage where we hear the expression three times...an eerie expression...**GOD GAVE THEM OVER.**

/ROM 1:24

*Therefore **GOD GAVE THEM OVER** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.*

The lusts of the heart are much deeper than the lusts of the flesh. The lusts of the heart will continue into all eternity...a desire that is never satiated. Turn to Second Thessalonians, Chapter 2, Verse 1...

/2TH 2:1

Now we request you, brethren (believers in Christ), with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him (at the second coming of Christ)...

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/2TH 2:2

...that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit (a man with a great personality) or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord (the second coming of Christ) has come.

/2TH 2:3

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it (the second coming of Christ) will not come unless (three events occur...) the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed (the Anti-Christ of the Tribulation), the son of destruction...

/2TH 2:4

...who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

/2TH 2:5

Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

/2TH 2:6

And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

/2TH 2:7

For the mystery (the secret power) of lawlessness is already at work; only He (God the Holy Spirit) who now restrains (has such power to restrain and) will do so (the restraining) until he is taken out of the way.

/2TH 2:8

Then that lawless one (the Anti-Christ) will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming...

/2TH 2:9

...that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders...

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/2TH 2:10

...and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

/2TH 2:11

For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false...

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/2TH 2:12

...in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 24...

/ROM 1:24

*Therefore **GOD GAVE THEM OVER** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.*

What a mortifying choice of fate for the unbeliever who is a mere request away from being a son of the Living God.

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/CLOSING

The Promises of the Lord Jesus Christ

/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

The Word is Alive\

/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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