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/Welcome To
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Good Morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church based in Mesa, AZ...my name is Pastor Rory Clark. Barah Ministries teaches the Word of God from God's perspective and not from the human perspective. We want to know what God has to say to us through His Word, because we're convinced that God knows exactly what He's talking about. And our God is the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON
Not Even Supernatural Things Can Stop a Loving God

Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 1 to 10...

/Ephesians 2:1

And (at physical birth) you were (spiritually) dead in your trespasses and sins (you were born "in Adam" ... with his sin imputed...and sin kills)...

In God's eyes, all of us are born sinners...being spiritually dead means we are not able to communicate with the living...especially with the One and only Living God...

/Ephesians 2:2

...in which trespasses you formerly walked (as a lifestyle) according to the course (curriculum) of this world (Satan's system of power...directed by SELF), according to (direction of) the prince of the power of the air (a nickname for Satan...according to direction) of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience (a nickname for unbelievers).

Being a sinner is a lifestyle...a state of repeatedly committing deliberate acts against God...a spirit of antagonism toward God powered by absolute hatred of God.

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/Ephesians 2:3

Among them we too, all of us, (Jews and Gentiles) formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Unbelievers live by a curriculum...they follow a leader...and they act out his commands...their thinking is perverted...they hate God...and they deserve His wrath...BUT! Next, in Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 4...the same type of “BUT” used in Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 21...“BUT NOW, APART FROM THE LAW” ... a “but” that points to freedom through a demonstration of God’s unconditional love for us.

/Ephesians 2:4

But God the Father, being rich in mercy, because of His great unconditional love with which He loved us...

/Ephesians 2:5

...even when we were dead in our transgressions, He made us spiritually alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)...

/Ephesians 2:6

...and raised us up (resurrected us from the dead) with Christ, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in union with Christ Jesus (on the right hand of the throne of God the Father)...

God the Father made us spiritually alive...He resurrected us from the dead...He placed us into union with His Son through the agency of God the Holy Spirit. Why?

/Ephesians 2:7

...so that in the ages to come God the Father might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us believers who are in union with Christ Jesus.

God the Father made believers in Christ citizen’s of heaven...

/Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you believers in Christ have been saved through faith (alone in Christ alone for the resurrection life); and that (grace and faith and

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*salvation is) not of yourselves, it is the gift of God the Father... *

“You have been saved” ... a present state that results from a past action by God for your benefit...

/Ephesians 2:9

*...(and the grace and faith and salvation) is not as a result of (your) works (things you do to impress God), so that no one may boast. *

We simply accept the free gifts from a loving God that lead to our salvation...the gifts of grace and faith and salvation.

/Ephesians 2:10

*For we believers in Christ are God the Father’s workmanship (you are a work of art), created in union with Christ Jesus for good works, which God the Father prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. *

All of us were born deserving wrath...BUT...God the Father provided a way out of the predicament. Welcome to a place where you can learn how to take advantage of the demonstration of God’s unconditional love toward all mankind.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

GIVE ME YOUR EYES

*Brandon Heath *

The opening song for this lesson is GIVE ME YOUR EYES sung by Brandon Heath.

/OPENING PRAYER

*Let us pray... *

We’re grateful, Heavenly Father, for the privilege of studying Your absolute truth...the Word of God...

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Father, thank you for the blessings You give us every day...Your faithfulness is new each morning...help us to share your generosity and your unconditional love with those we meet today...

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

Let's begin this lesson by giving you a chance to make an offering...in just a moment we'll welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall to take the offering.

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Please welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall with the offering message.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

/OFFERING VERSE

Second Timothy 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.

/OFFERING

FLIGHT OF THE EAGLE

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Dave McClure, Instrumental

/TODAY’S BIBLE LESSON

Not Even Supernatural Things Can Stop a Loving God

We’re studying Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 38 and 39...

/Romans 8:38

For I (Paul) am convinced that neither death nor life...nor (elect) angels nor principalities (demons...fallen angels), nor things present nor things to come...nor powers...

/Romans 8:39

...nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the unconditional love of God the Father, who is for us through our union with Christ Jesus our Lord.

The apostle Paul is FULLY PERSUADED and ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED that nothing can separate us believers in Christ from God’s love. What FULLY PERSUADES him AND us? Paul introduces the idea that if anything could separate us from God’s unconditional love, the over thinker might say that these would be the things...a list of earthly problems in Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 35...

/Romans 8:35

WHO will separate us from the unconditional love of Christ? (Or WHAT will separate us?) Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword separate us from His unconditional love?

In the passage under study, Paul introduces ten supernatural things that might be a concern to some in relation to God loving us. Here’s a reminder of the list...ten things...in four pairs...with two separate items...Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 38 and 39...

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/FOUR PAIRS OF SUPERNATURAL THINGS

Death and Life

Angels and Principalities

Things Present or Things to Come

Height or Depth\

/TWO SINGLE SUPERNATURAL THINGS

Powers

Any Created Thing\

Let's investigate the list. First, **DEATH AND LIFE**. Once we concede that these two things can't separate us from God's unconditional love, there is no more fear of death.

DEATH

Hebrews, Chapter 2, Verses 14 and 15...

/Hebrews 2:14

*Therefore, since the children God the Father has given Him share in flesh and blood, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself likewise also partook of the same (He became flesh and tabernacled among us), that through (His own physical and spiritual) death (on the Cross) He might render powerless (that is **TOTALLY ANNUL** the power of) him who had the power of (using fear to make us fear) death, that is, the devil...*

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/Hebrews 2:15

...and so that the Lord might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives (by saving them with a “so great” salvation).

Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verses 8 and 9...

/Second Corinthians 5:8

...we believers in Christ are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home face-to-face with the Lord.

/Second Corinthians 5:9

Therefore we believers in Christ also have as our ambition, whether at home (in heaven) or absent (from home...here on earth), to be pleasing to Him.

Philippians, Chapter 1, Verse 21...

/Philippians 1:21

For to me, to live is (occupation with) Christ and to die is gain (profitable).

Death has no power over believers in Christ...time has no power over believers in Christ...we are eternal and thus timeless...when we die it is profitable because we will be absent from the body and at home, face-to-face with the Lord.

LIFE

(The ZOE Life...the Resurrection Life...Eternal Life)

Not one circumstance in the resurrection life can separate us from God's unconditional love. Many live as much in fear of life as they fear death... have you every wished secretly that you were dead...or that the Rapture would come this week? Job was one who was always crying to end it all...Job, Chapter 7, Verse 15...

/Job 7:15

So that my soul would choose suffocation...death rather than my pains.

In the midst of his frustrations and trials, Paul frequently asked himself if death or life was better...Philippians, Chapter 1, Verse 23...

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/Philippians 1:23

*But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better... *

But Paul knew his future...Philippians, Chapter 1, Verses 19 and 20...

/Philippians 1:19

*Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ... *

/Philippians 1:20

*...according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. *

Life will not separate us from the unconditional love of God.

/MUSIC BREAK

GLORIOUS DAY

*Casting Crowns *

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Next...

NOR (ELECT) ANGELS NOR PRINCIPALITIES (FALLEN

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ANGELS)

Here is the next pair of supernatural entities Paul is asking about. Angels are messengers, either from God or from Satan. Elect angels WOULD NOT want to separate us from the unconditional love of God. Principalities (fallen angels) COULD NOT separate us from our relationship with the One with whom we are in union...the Lord Jesus Christ. So we can all sing that Frank Sinatra song... “Oh no, they can’t take that away from me!” That, of course, is God’s unconditional love. You know of the power of angels through Paul in Second Corinthians, Chapter 12, Verses 7...

/Second Corinthians 12:7

Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations (from my visit to the third heaven), for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me (Paul, by God) a thorn in the flesh, a messenger (angel) of Satan (one of his demons) to TORTURE me—to keep me from exalting myself!

Daniel, Chapter 10, Verses 8 to 17 gives us a glimpse of the spiritual battle in angelic realm...

/Daniel 10:8

So I (Daniel) was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

/Daniel 10:9

But I heard the sound of his words (an angel sent from heaven); and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

/Daniel 10:10

Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

/Daniel 10:11

He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when the angel had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

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/Daniel 10:12

Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.”

/Daniel 10:13

“But the prince (a demon fallen angel) of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me (blocking me) for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael (the Archangel), one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.”

/Daniel 10:14

“Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people (Israel) in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.”

/Daniel 10:15

When the angel had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

/Daniel 10:16

And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, as a result of the vision, anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.”

/Daniel 10:17

“For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.”

When we are weak, this is when we are strong. This passage gives us insight into the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places...the unseen battle between good and evil in the angelic realm. And can this separate us from the unconditional love of God? Hardly!

There are people who worship angels...Colossians, Chapter 2, Verses 18 and 19...

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/Colossians 2:18

Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind...

/Colossians 2:19

...and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

We are told NOT to worship angels...Revelation, Chapter 22, Verses 8 and 9...

/Revelation 22:8

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

/Revelation 22:9

*But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God." *

Fallen angels sponsor a curriculum of thought that encourages us to be legalistic...we have an inflated sense of self in our fleshly minds...fallen angels sponsor a curriculum of thought that encourages us to be overly concerned about sins...sins paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross. Following these schools of thought disqualifies us from God's blessings, among them, a simple one...PEACE. Romans, Chapter 5, Verses 1 and 2...

/Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we believers in Christ have peace with God (He has nothing against us) through our Lord Jesus Christ...

/Romans 5:2

...through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

We'll see more supernatural things in the next lesson.

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/GOD WANTS YOU!

The Most Important Decision of Your Life

Matthew 22:42

“What do you think about the Christ (the Messiah) ...?”

/Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.//For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

/John 10:9

Jesus said, “I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, (maybe you will and maybe you won’t you have a choice) he will be saved, and then he will go in and out and find pasture.”

/Luke 23:42-43

And the repentant thief was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!”// And Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

/CLOSING SONG

THE WORD IS ALIVE

June Murphy

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...

THANKS - INTERCESSION - PETITION

We pray that You protect our steps as we go out into the world, Father...and that you keep us on the narrow way, completely dependent on You and Your Guiding, Mentoring Spirit...we ask this in Christ’s name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!

Thanks for watching!

Thanks for listening!

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