

ROMANS
Lesson 316–October 2, 2016

/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
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Good Morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church based in Mesa, AZ...my name is Pastor Rory Clark. At Barah Ministries we are “pursuing the truth through the study of the Word of God.” We are committed to learn how to live our lives God’s way because we believe God’s way is the **ONLY WAY**.

/TODAY’S BIBLE LESSON
What is the Secret Wish of Every Parent?

I can feel June looking at me right now, with that look she gets, and I just know she’s thinking...“Okay, what is it? What is the secret wish of every parent?” Well the secret wish of every parent is that their children don’t use their free will against themselves. Alas...parents find out about eighteen months after their children are born that their wish for their children will never come true. A parent may say to a child, “Don’t touch the stove...it’s hot...you’ll get burned.” You know the rest of the story. “Ouch!” Rebellion.

Isaiah, Chapter 30, Verses 1 to 5 tell a similar story about the rebellious Jewish race...

/ISAIAH 30:1

“Woe to the rebellious children,” declares the Lord, “Who execute a plan, but not Mine...and who make an alliance, but not of My Spirit...in order to add sin to sin (following sinful plans)...”

Whenever the bible declares “woe” to anyone...that’s big trouble! The prophet Isaiah is talking to the people of Judah (a part of the Kingdom of Israel...with Jerusalem as the capital city) as if they are obstinate, stiff-necked children. God has a plan for our lives. Either we learn that plan and execute it, or we develop and execute our own plan...and “woe” to those of us who follow our own plan.

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/ISAIAH 30:2

“...(you rebellious children) who proceed down to Egypt without consulting Me, to take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh (instead of me) and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!”

Isaiah had already predicted the demise of the Northern Kingdom many times...the people were familiar with his prophecy...but they ignored it. Sound familiar? It sounds like the reaction of the Jewish race toward their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ...they heard of Him many times, they knew what to look for that would signal His coming, yet they ignored Him when He came.

/ISAIAH 30:3

“Therefore (seeking) the safety of Pharaoh will be your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt will be your humiliation (four hundred years of slavery).”

/ISAIAH 30:4

“For your princes are at Zoan and your ambassadors arrive at Hanes.”

The Jews sent two delegations to discuss an alliance with Egypt...one delegation to Zoan and another delegation to Hanes...but the negotiations were doomed from the start because they were not part of God’s plans for the Jews...looking to a doomed empire for help was a bad move. Sin... which means to miss the mark of the plan of God...always results in death.

/ISAIAH 30:5

“Everyone will be ashamed because of a people who cannot profit them (the Egyptians), who are not for help or profit, but for shame and also for reproach.”

Isaiah makes it clear that the Egyptians are good for nothing...yet like rebellious children, the Jews did not have the proper perspective to know what was best for them...and it cost them dearly...four hundred years of slavery in Egypt. The Lord turned the Jews over to their own will with disastrous consequence.

Welcome to a place where you can learn the wisdom of doing things God’s way.

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/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

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

CHANGE MY HEART O GOD
Maranatha! Praise Band

Let's begin the lesson with a song...*CHANGE MY HEART O GOD*
...sung by The Maranatha! Praise Band.

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...

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

Father, thank you for never turning Your back on us when we are rebellious...those times when we don't do what You are asking us to do...You know what is in our best interest, even when we don't...

Soften our rebellious hearts and let us know by constant reminder that there is only one way to do a thing...Your way...and help us to know that the outcome of doing things Your way will be the resurrection life, a life well beyond our wildest dreams...

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

A few announcements...

/BARAH MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Next Deacon's Meeting
NEXT WEEK!
October 8
7:30A-9:00A\

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The Next Lord's Supper Celebration

NEXT WEEK!

October 9, 2016\

/MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Visit the Vets

October 16, 2016

1:45P – 3:00P\

/PRAYERS

Barah Ministries Prayer Request Group\

Join me in prayer directed at all the intercessions and all the petitions of the people visiting the Barah Ministries Prayer Request Group.

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And You Will Be Saved\

Today's lesson asks...

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What is the Secret Wish of Every Parent?

We're studying the first passage of Romans, Chapter 9...Verses 1 to 5...

/ROMANS, CHAPTER 9 - PASSAGE 1

ROMANS 9:1

I (Paul) am telling you the truth...I am in union with Christ on this...I am not lying to you...my conscience testifies along with me...I am filled with God the Holy Spirit and His enabling power...

/ROMANS 9:2

...and I tell you that I keep on having great and sorrow and an incessant, haunting grief in my heart (in other words, I am heartbroken).

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/ROMANS 9:3

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/ROMANS 9:4

...my kinsmen who are Israelites, to whom belongs...the adoption as sons...and the glory...and the covenants...and the giving of the Mosaic Law...and the temple service...and the promises...

/ROMANS 9:5

...my kinsmen whose are the fathers...and my kinsmen from whose lineage comes the Christ, who became flesh...the Messiah...the One who is over all, THE God, the blessed One forever. Amen.

The secret wish of every parent was the secret wish of the apostle. Even though Paul isn't a parent to the Jewish race, his “kinsmen in the flesh.” he wishes they wouldn't use their free will against themselves. In rejecting their Messiah, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Jewish race has put itself in a tough position. If you think back to Romans, Chapter 1, there are four words you never want to hear in the matter of God's relationship with you...GOD GAVE THEM OVER. When your rebellion causes you to reject God's advice, a rejection known as sin, reluctantly, God is willing to do the thing that most parents are unwilling to do...God is willing to let you experience the consequences of your actions. Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 24 to 31 remind us of this haunting reality concerning our God...

/ROMANS 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 “them” is unbelievers...

/ROMANS 1:25

For unbelievers exchanged the truth of God for a lie...and worshiped and served the creature (Satan, the enemy of God), rather than the Creator (the Lord Jesus Christ)...the One who is blessed forever. Amen.

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/ROMANS 1:26

For this reason (the sin of rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ) GOD GAVE THEM OVER to degrading passions...for their women exchanged the natural function of sexuality for that which is the unnatural function of sexuality (lesbianism)...

/ROMANS 1:27

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

/ROMANS 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...

/ROMANS 1:29

...(allowing them) to keep on being filled with all unrighteousness...with wickedness, greed, and evil...allowing them to be full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice...they are gossips...

/ROMANS 1:30

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

/ROMANS 1:31

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

/ROMANS 1:32

...and although THEY KNOW the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things (sin) are worthy of death, they not only practice the depravity, but also they give hearty approval to all who practice these forms of depravity (because misery loves company).

There is really nothing worse than when God lets us live out our own plan for our lives. So it is with all those who practice sin...so it is with the unregenerate Jews who have rejected their Messiah. This Romans 1 passage shows the result when GOD GIVES US OVER...it's what the unregenerate

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part of the Jewish race is experiencing from now until that time when their Messiah comes back for them at the end of the Tribulation period...the next dispensation in divine history that follows this current dispensation, the Church Age. GOD GAVE THEM OVER to their own plan, and it is not going well for the Jewish race.

There is no nice way to say it...rebellion against God is dumb. And that rebellion occurs ever time we sin. The word “sin” is an archery term...it means “to miss the mark” ... “to miss the bullseye” ... to deviate from God’s requests. God has a plan for our conduct, and when we operate outside of that plan it is called sin. I’ve come to realize that all of our rebellious conduct through out our lives puts us through a series of deaths...and in essence, God is letting us experience this death to self by GIVING US OVER...it is the death of the “I” life. Galatians, Chapter 2, Verse 20...

/GALATIANS 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ...and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...and the resurrection life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me unconditionally and who gave Himself up for me.

The “I” life dies at the Cross for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ...and for the remainder of our lifetime on this earth, we experience a series of little deaths caused by our positive response to the promptings of “the flesh.” By these deaths we learn, if we want to, that rejecting God and rejecting His requests is always a bad move. These little deaths are a message to us...more than that, they are a message to the fallen angels and these messages are instructive for them concerning why God is just in sending them to the Lake of Fire for their rejection of the Messiah and His reconciliation offer. God told them what to do, and they chose not to do it. They are receiving the due penalty of their error. In Romans, Chapter 13, Verse 14, the Lord commands us through Paul...

/ROMANS 13:14

But put on (as if He were clothing) the Lord Jesus Christ (reflect His character with your actions), and make no provision for “the flesh” in regard to its lusts (don’t gratify the requests of “the flesh”).

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Rebellion never works well. How does God handle those who rebel against Him, for example, the unregenerate Jews who have rejected their Messiah? Well He GAVE THEM OVER, yet simultaneously He treats them with grace, He forgave them, He is unconditional in His love toward them, He is faithful to them, He is without partiality, He keeps His promises to them, He is merciful toward them, He doesn't abandon them, and He never treats the Jews, or any of us, the way we deserve to be treated. Let's take a music break and then we'll learn more about the secret wish of every parent.

/MUSIC BREAK

GIVE THANKS

Don Moen

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Romans Chapter 9, Verse 3...

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Paul is willing to be lost if his "kinsmen according to the flesh" could be saved. He is willing to give up all the privileges of being a believer in Christ if he could, to save His brethren. SACRIFICE. This may not be the secret wish of every parent, but it is certainly the approach to life of the responsible parent. We are willing to lay down our lives for our children. From whom did we learn this willingness to sacrifice? From the Lord Jesus Christ! John, Chapter 15, Verse 13...

/JOHN 15:13

Greater unconditional love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Paul is not the only great man willing to make such a sacrifice. The Lord Jesus Christ made this sacrifice by laying down His life...John, Chapter 10,

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Verses 17 and 18...

/JOHN 10:17

“For this reason (My willingness to lay down My life for My sheep) God the Father loves Me, because I (the Lord Jesus Christ) voluntarily lay down My life so that I may take it up again.”

/JOHN 10:18

“No one has taken my life away from Me...but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

God the Father loves voluntary sacrificial obedience. The Lord is saying, “No one ‘made Me’ die...no one took My life. I did it because I wanted to do it...I did it for each of you.” So when the Jews are called Christ killers...they are not. The Lord laid down His life voluntarily.

Moses offered voluntary sacrifice...Exodus, Chapter 32, Verses 30 to 32...

/EXODUS 32:30

On the next day Moses said to the people, “You yourselves have committed a great sin...and now I am going up to the Lord, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

/EXODUS 32:31

Then Moses returned to the Lord, and said, “Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves (a Golden Calf).”

/EXODUS 32:32

“But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book (of life) which You have written!”

Abraham offered voluntary sacrifice of his most precious love...his son Isaac. Genesis, Chapter 22, Verses 1 to 5...

/GENESIS 22:1

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And Abraham said, “Here I am.”

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/GENESIS 22:2

God said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

/GENESIS 22:3

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

/GENESIS 22:4

On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

/GENESIS 22:5

Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.”

Genesis, Chapter 22, Verses 9 to 12...

/GENESIS 22:9

Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

/GENESIS 22:10

Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

/GENESIS 22:11

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And Abraham said, “Here I am.”

/GENESIS 22:12

He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you respect God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

What are the secret wishes of every parent?

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It is the hope of parent who cares that children won't use their will against themselves. We hope they won't abuse alcohol...we hope they won't get addicted to drugs...we hope they won't get involved in sexual matters before marriage and end up being a parent themselves before they have had a chance to get ready for one of the biggest challenges of life...we hope they won't get sexually transmitted diseases...we hope they won't take advice from other children, and instead that they will pursue sound advice...we hope they'll put down the video games and pick up a book...we hope they will make something of themselves...we hope they won't let rebellion become a way of life. Most of all, we hope they will have a better life than we did. They seldom do...yet these are just a few of our hopes and dreams for the next generation.

And when the next generation does use their own will against themselves, the parent who cares feels a sacrificial love for them similar to the one inspired by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by Paul, by Moses, by Abraham, and by a host of other great people through the years who have learned to put others before themselves. Rather than see our children suffer, we'd rather suffer for them. Unfortunately we can't...so we turn them over to the mercy of the Lord. So it is with our children...so is our prayer for the Jewish race...we pray they will turn back...that they will recognize in their souls the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, for who He is...their Messiah...and in the absence of that, we share Paul's feelings of sacrificial love toward them. Romans, Chapter 9, Verse 3...

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We'll continue our study of the first passage of Romans, Chapter 9 in our next lesson.

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/GOD WANTS YOU!

Make the Most Important Decision of Your Life

ACTS 16:30

“...the jailer asked, “Sirs (talking to Paul and Silas), what must I do to be saved?”

/ACTS 16:31

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

/ROMANS 10:10

...for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

/SECOND PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise of salvation, as some accuse Him of, but instead He is patient toward you unbelievers, not wishing for any to perish (in the Lake of Fire) but for all to come to repentance (a change of mind about having a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ).

/LUKE 19:10

“For the Son of Man (the Lord Jesus Christ) has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

/CLOSING SONG

HE REMEMBERS TO FORGET

June Murphy

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...

/Thanks for coming!

Thanks for watching!

Thanks for listening!

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