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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

Let's Make a Mental Shift

To get ready for biblical study, your first shift is a mental shift.

You make this mental shift by concentrating on God and His Word. The bible is not a piece of literature. It is a lighthouse for your life. The Word of God is not subject to interpretation. The only correct interpretation of Scripture is the one God intended.

/2PE 1:20-21

Know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own (private) interpretation, and no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men carried along by God the Holy Spirit spoke directly from the exact thinking of THE God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture did not come from the source of man and thus is not altered by the error of man...it is the exact thinking of a God who never changes. Because God never changes you can count on Him...His thoughts and His Word never change...His thoughts are reliably predictable...and ever useful.

/INVITATION TO RESTORATION

Make a Spiritual Shift

The second shift, before you study the Word of God, is a spiritual shift. You assess your soul condition. <WHAT IS YOUR SOUL CONDITION?>

At this moment, are you in carnal condition and out of fellowship with God, or are you in spiritual condition, and in fellowship with God? If you examine yourself, you can get back in fellowship, if necessary, by admitting your known sins right now to God the Father. Then you can claim a RESTORATION promise...like First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 31, which says...

/1CO 11:31

But if (2) we evaluate ourselves rightly (which we often don't), we would not be disciplined.

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/SILENT REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ\

Take a few moments, in silence, to fix the eyes of your soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, as He gets you ready for the study of the Word of God...

/OPENING SONG

You Own Me\

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...\b(0:30)

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

Teach us about the plans you put in place for our education...

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

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Pastor Rory Clark

My name is Pastor Rory Clark. You're listening to lesson three hundred and twenty-five of the Angelic Conflict series. Welcome to a ministry designed for serious students of the Word of God.

PLEASE STAND

/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In gratitude for all who defend our freedom, especially in gratitude for military victory from our front line military personnel and in honor of law enforcement officers all over the world, we recite the Pledge of Allegiance.\

/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America

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And to the Republic for which it stands
One nation under God
Indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.\

/ANNOUNCEMENTS\

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Thanks for taking the bull by the horns!

/Mark Your Calendars
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Congratulations Caleb Alburn
May 20th
NEXT WEEK in Lesson Three!\

/Congratulations!
Mandy and Caleb Alburn
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Next, let's take the offering. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Last week Deacon Elliott said that Deacon Denny is the second deacon. Well I agree...let's welcome up a deacon who is second TO NONE...Deacon Denny Goodall.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall\

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/OFFERING

EPH 6:16

...in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

/Remember to be in fellowship with God when you are giving

OFFERING SONG

Make Me a Servant\

/TODAY'S STUDY

The CREATOR Wants You to Know He Has Plans for Your Education

I can remember the first time I held a bible in my hands. I sat down...I read all the front matter...which seemed to go on forever...and then I got to the official first page. And here is the first I saw...

/GEN 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

I reflected...in the beginning. I had always heard that God always existed. So I didn't understand how that could really be the beginning. If God had always existed, he must have existed prior to this moment. So I turned to the New Testament. Because who wants to read something that is old? So I

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turned to Matthew, Chapter 1, Verse 1. It was the King James Version of the Bible.

/MAT 1:1-2 King James Version

*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.//Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren... *

Uh oh. Begat-fest. Boring. So I turned to John, Chapter 1, Verse 1...back to the New American Standard Version.

/JOH 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.//He was in the beginning with God.

In the beginning was the Word...and HE...so the Word is a person? Hmm...all kinds of curiosity filled my soul. And the curiosity continues to this day...I want to KNOW God. I want to know who He is...I want to know what He stands for...I want to know how He feels about me...I want to know what he has planned for me...I want to know what He wants me to do with my life. In the last two years, I've gotten to know Him better than in the fifty five-years previous to it...proof that God saves the best for last. The closer I get to meeting Him, the more He is revealing Himself to me.

/GEN 1:1

In the beginning (not really a beginning, THE) God (Jehovah Elohim) created the heavens and the earth.

When we study the CREATOR CLOCK, we are getting to know this God. Tick Tock! What time is it on the CREATOR CLOCK? It's six o'clock.

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE>

God is knowledgeable. When we study God's knowledge, we are studying His omniscience. God knows all the knowable, and He wants us to know what He knows.

/God is the SOURCE of all knowledge

We are the intended RECIPIENTS of God's knowledge\

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God wants us to know Him. God wants us to know His PERSON, His THINKING, His WORK, His REPUTATION, and His ESSENCE. Back to Genesis...when I looked at verse two, it made sense to me.

/GEN 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

/GEN 1:2a

The earth was formless and void...

To me, that meant that God started from scratch when He made the heavens and the earth...so everything was just nothingness, and He was going to make something out of it all. Well that was partially right, but not totally right...because the first part of that verse is really translated this way, which paints a totally different picture.

/GEN 1:1-1;2a

In the beginning (not really a beginning, THE) God (Jehovah Elohim) created (barah) the heavens and the earth.//BUT the earth became formless and void...

When I learned the correct translation of these verses, I wondered what happened that made a perfect heavens and a perfect earth, which was spoken into existence...BARAH...become formless and void...the answer lies in Jeremiah, Chapter 4, Verses 23 to 27...

/JER 4:23

I (Jeremiah) looked on the earth (as I was given a visual revelation by God before this writing), and behold, it was (became) formless and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

/JER 4:24-25

I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, And all the hills moved to and fro.//I looked, and behold, there was no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

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/JER 4:26

I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were pulled down before the Lord, before His fierce anger.

Now I knew the cause. The Lord was the cause. He had made the earth become formless and void. I wondered, “Why Lord?” He was angry.

/JER 4:27

For thus says the Lord, “The whole land shall be a desolation, Yet I will not execute a complete destruction.”

Yet He was not SO angry that He wanted to give up.

As we get to know all there is to know about God, we have to remind ourselves of the CONTEXT of our existence. Human history exists to resolve a pre-historic angelic conflict between the Lord Jesus Christ and His former bodyguard, Satan. The study the Doctrine of the Angelic Conflict is really the study of twenty-one categories of doctrine. All twenty-one categories of doctrine begin with the letter C. The first seven are...

/Context

Creator

Conference

Canon

Chronology

Creatures

Creation\

The second seven are...

/Conspirator

Conspiracy

Conflict

Catastrophe

Condemnation

Courtroom

(re)Construction\

The final seven are...

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/CHRIST

Cross

Choice

Christianity

Counterfeit Christianity – The Cosmos

Consequences

Celebration\

<ANGELIC CONFLICT 21 C's SLIDE>

The CONTEXT of human history, which is the appeal trial of the Angelic Conflict, is as follows...a Perfect CREATOR existed before the foundation of the world. By divine decree, the Triune Godhead held a CONFERENCE in which they comprehended simultaneously all things that ever were or that ever will be and set forth the certainty of their fruition. The details of this act, and the details all of divine history, are chronicled in the CANON of Scripture, which is also known as the bible, the Word of God. At the CONFERENCE, the Godhead set forth the CHRONOLOGY within which CREATURES would exist. Then, through a single act of CREATION at a single moment in time, the Lord Jesus Christ immediately spoke the universe into existence.

The greatest of these creatures became a CONSPIRATOR, who perpetrated a CONSPIRACY that instigated a rebellion against God, causing the fall of ALL angelic creatures. Thus began the Angelic CONFLICT. This CATASTROPHE of rebellious thought made God render the earth formless and void, resulting in CONDEMNATION for all creatures. This act of betrayal and rebellion landed angelic creatures in the COURTROOM of the Supreme Court of Heaven. The Chief Justices of the Supreme Court, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who loved angelic creatures beyond measure, offered them reconciliation, a chance to restore relationship with God by means of their own free will. It was an amnesty program, an unconditional pardon for the offense of rebellion. The offer of an unbreakable relationship was open to all angelic creatures. Two thirds of the angelic creatures accepted the reconciliation offer. One third of the angelic creatures, hereafter referred to as “fallen angels,” refused the salvation offer of God, continued in rebellion against God, and aligned with Satan, the enemy of God, as their leader. Satan and the reconciliation

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rejecting angels were sentenced to the Lake of Fire for their sin of independence and betrayal in the formal trial of the Angelic Conflict. Satan and the fallen angels appealed their sentence by assailing God's character. They claimed that the verdict of God in the formal trial was both unfair and unloving. Perfect God, in unconditional love toward them, and in absolute impartiality and fairness toward them, with His perfect righteousness in view, accepted their appeal, and ordered (re)CONSTRUCTION of the formless and void planet earth by God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit moved over the surface of the waters to restore the planet for the habitation of a lower creature, *homo sapiens*, also known as mankind, who would help in the resolution of the CONFLICT.

The salvation of condemned creatures could only be satisfactorily accomplished by a just, righteous, and loving Godhead, who sent the Lord Jesus CHRIST as their physical manifestation, to the CROSS, to pay the penalty for creature betrayal and rebellion. The Lord Jesus Christ's perfect and propitiatory sacrifice removed the barrier between the Creator and His Creatures, and made reconciliation a possibility for all. Thus every creature has a CHOICE, by means of free will, between CHRISTIANITY, a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, or COUNTERFEITS to Christianity like Religion and Satan Worship, which pervert, distort, and debase the reputation and the essence of God and His Plan, leading those who partake in these systems to destruction.

With freedom of choice come the CONSEQUENCES of your choices, whether positive or negative. The right choice, to be on God's team and to learn the truth of His Word, is a cause of CELEBRATION for all eternity.

Knowledge of the Angelic Conflict as the context for biblical study is so important...the whole is never just the parts...

/1CO 6:19

*Or do you not know... *

It seems to me that in the study of the Word of God it is important to KNOW...it's important not to be ignorant...

/KNOW

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To understand the facts of a situation and to fix them permanently in your memory...to be cognizant of...to be acquainted with...to be aware of...to learn through the experience of...\

God is not mysterious. He does not work in mysterious ways. He is a great teacher. He wants us to know all the knowable. God is not limited. He does not limit us. He wants us to grow. He wants us to increase in capacity and He will pour His knowledge into us as fast as we are able to take it in. Our God is not a God of confusion, nor is He confusing. He is clear, and He reveals Himself clearly to those who diligently seek Him.

I want you to join me in the pursuit of knowing Him more deeply, more intimately, more completely, and more personally.

/PSA 46:1

God is our refuge and (God is our) strength, a very present help in trouble.

/God is the SOURCE of all knowledge

We are the intended RECIPIENTS of God's knowledge\

God has given us ten open doors to make us great RECIPIENTS of His knowledge.

<10 R's SLIDE>

I want you to be one of the few...

/MAT 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.”

There are few who want to find it. Will you join me? God is calling you to freedom right this moment.

You are born physically alive and spiritually dead with a sin nature in the cell structure of your body.

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/1CO 15:22

*For as in (union with) Adam all (mankind are set to) die (the second) death... *

Yet God is calling you to freedom... He provides evangelists and ambassadors to invite you to the privilege of salvation... a free gift from the grace of God... He gives you the gospel message...

/1TI 2:3-4

*This is good and acceptable in the sight of (THE) God (who is) our Savior (the Lord Jesus Christ), // who desires all men to be saved and to come to the (epignosis) knowledge of the truth. *

<THE PATH TO REGENERATION SLIDES>

He made your salvation possible at the Cross, which broke down the barrier between the Creator and His Creature that was caused by the fall of angels and the fall of mankind... and now we can have...

<SALVATION SLIDE>

...for unbelievers...salvation...

/ACT 16:31

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

...for believers in Christ...transformation

<TRANSFORMATION SLIDE>

/ROM 12:2

And do not be conformed (that is, molded in your thinking) to this world (system of Satan), but (instead, keep on) be(ing) transformed by the renewing of your mind (the complete renovation of your thinking, by the Word of God), so that (with this renovated mindset) you may prove what the will of God is (by reflecting His glory...His essence), that which is (producing divine) good and (that which is) acceptable (that is, well

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pleasing to God) and (that which is) perfect (that which is completely able to handle life's challenges).

And next...EDUCATION...

<EDUCATION SLIDE>

What happens when we are in RESIDENCE with God the Holy Spirit... what is God doing for us when we are filled with the Spirit? What are the provisions God has put in place for our education, so we can KNOW Him...fully KNOW Him...in deep intimate and personal relationship?

Come back next week as the next chapter of the narrow road unfolds...