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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.

In Matthew, Chapter 11, Verses 28 to 30, the Lord Jesus Christ says...

/MAT 11:28-30

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.//Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.//For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

When you study the Word of God, you receive rest for your soul. If fear is ruling any part of your life, God wants fear out of your soul. God's will is for you to enter His rest, so that you will relax in your soul regardless of circumstances, and so you will use His promises to calm your mentality. This mental shift invites you relax, and invites you to take advantage of the things that God the Holy Spirit has prepared for you to learn.

/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 Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 14...

/EPH 5:14

“Awake, sleeper (believer in a prolonged state of carnality), and arise from the dead (get back in fellowship with God), and Christ will shine on you (by means of the filling of the Spirit).”

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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

Your Word Takes Me\

/OPENING PRAYER

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

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

Show us how you paved the way 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-seven 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

/Mark Your Calendars!
The next Lord's Supper Celebration is June 10, 2012\

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No bible class on June 24\

We are looking into a Friday night lesson that week, on June 22nd...stay tuned.

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/Thank You!
Debbie Cramer
Transcription Volunteer\

Thanks also to all the members of the non-resident congregation who have stepped up their contributions to pay for my salary and for the radio broadcasts.

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/Congratulations to the Winners!
Boorah Scramble Golf Tournament
Thanks Mike Embree!\

The first and *only* Boorah Golf Scramble happened yesterday. Matt Maronay, Deacon Denny Goodall, Ben Johnston, and Curt Forcier brought home the first place trophies. My team got participation ribbons. A fun time was had by all...thanks to Mike for coordinating the event.

/Happy Birthday
Pariya Malhamdary
May 22\

/Happy Birthday
Jeremy Jones
May 24\

Let's welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall to take the offering.

/THE OFFERING
Deacon Denny Goodall\

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/OFFERING

PHI 2:4
...do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

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

OFFERING SONG
He is Able\

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/TODAY'S STUDY

The CREATOR Wants You to Know the Barrier He Removed for Your Education

There is something I may never understand...as long as I am a Pastor...and that is why some believers in Christ hate repetition of the basic doctrines of the Christian Way of Life. Because every time I study them, I see something new, and get a fresh perspective on how wonderful our God is...so I'll just follow Peter's advice in Second Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 13...

/2PE 1:13

I (Peter) consider it right (in fact, my duty), as long as I am (continuing to be) in this earthly dwelling (the physical body), to stir you up (to arouse you) by way of reminder (and with authority) ...

/2PE 1:15

And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things (from the Word of God) to mind.

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

<10 R's SLIDE>

We're now ready to study open doors five through nine...under the category of EDUCATION...renewing, reception, recognition, retention, and recall...we're going to learn the gracious provision our God has put in place for our education...

<EDUCATION SLIDE>

...so that we can learn about Him, so we can learn about His Word (which is His exact thinking), and so we can apply what we are learning to the challenges of this life.

In the last lesson we studied the Zoe Road...the part of your EDUCATION that reminds you of the narrow way that leads to the Zoe life...your salvation was made possible by the work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross. His substitutionary spiritual death at the Cross removed all six parts

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of the barrier that prevented us from having a relationship with God. Let's take a look at how the Cross provided the possibility of your "so great" salvation.

When the Cross removed the barrier between CREATURES and the CREATOR...

/THE SIX PARTS OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

You were reconciled to God...

EPH 2:14

*For He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is our peace (reconciliation provider), who made both groups (Jews and Gentiles) into one (group...unity!) and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall... *

Reconciliation means that no obstacle prevents any creature from having a relationship with the Sovereign God of the Universe, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At the moment of salvation, your status of spiritual death is changed to an exalted status...Church Age believer! Positionally sanctified. Set a part for privileges! You are promoted by God by means of His provision of eternal salvation.

<SALVATION SLIDE two red dots>

You move from being an unregenerate *tabula rasa* (blank slate) to being a regenerate *tabula rasa* (a spiritually ready blank slate). You are born again! You are spiritually alive! Lets see what the Lord Jesus Christ did to remove the barrier.

/THE BARRIER OF THE DIVIDING WALL

#1 You Were Born in a Sinful Condition\

What is sin? Sin is anything that misses the mark of God's perfection and His perfect standards of righteousness. Since Adam's original sin was credited to you in the form of a sin nature in the cell structure of your body...and since your sin nature would commit personal sins as soon as you were able...your condemnation at physical birth placed you into the prison

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of slavery to spiritual death. The Lord Jesus Christ's work at the Cross provides you with redemption...

/PART #1 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

By Redemption

GAL 3:13

(The Lord Jesus) Christ redeemed us (freed us from the prison of spiritual death and) from (being under) the curse of the (Mosaic) Law, having become a curse for us (through His substitutionary spiritual death on the Cross) — for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE...”

Redemption frees you from a state of slavery and places you into a state of freedom. You are free to make your own decisions about God and free to accept God's reconciliation offer for eternal life. First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 18 says...

/PART #1 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

By Redemption

1PE 1:18-19

...knowing that you were not redeemed (freed from the slavery of spiritual death) with perishable things like silver or gold (money) from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, //but (you were redeemed) with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.\

In other words, the Lord Jesus Christ's substitutionary spiritual death on the Cross redeemed you.

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#2 There is a Penalty for Sin\

The debt caused by sin is too expensive for us to pay off on our own. God paid it off for us. And we feel guilty. We feel like we are not worthy. Sometimes, we don't even believe He did it.

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/PART #2 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

Expiation...No More Guilt!

COL 2:13-14

*When you were dead in (the sphere of) your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh (the sin nature), He (God the Father) made you alive together with Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), having forgiven us all our transgressions, //having canceled (completely blotting) out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He (the Lord Jesus Christ) has taken it out of the way (permanently), having nailed it to the Cross. *

Expiation means to atone for or to make amends for an offense. We can never repay our debt to God. When something is impossible, Christ does it for us. And He expects one thing in return...NO GUILT!

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#3 At Birth You Were Without a Relationship with God\

Helpless and hopeless are the words to describe our spiritual condition at physical birth. We don't have a relationship with God, and we are unable to have one. The Lord Jesus Christ removes that barrier with regeneration.

/PART #3 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

By Regeneration...the spiritual birth...we are born again!

TIT 3:5-6

*He (God the Father) saved us (believers in Christ), not (EVER!) on the basis of deeds (works) which we have done in (self) righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration (spiritual birth) and renewing by the (baptism of the) Holy Spirit (you are a new species), whom He poured out upon us richly through (the Lord) Jesus Christ our Savior... *

The only way to have fellowship with God is to be born again...the spiritual birth.

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#4 Your Relative Righteousness is Not Impressive to Perfect God\

God's standards do not shift. God's demand for perfection does not change. Fortunately for us He is willing to do all the work to save us.

/PART #4 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

By the Imputation of Divine Righteousness

2CO 5:21

He (God the Father) made Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who knew no sin (nature) to be (a) sin (substitute) on our behalf, so that we might become the (absolute) righteousness of God (+R) in (union with) Him.

At the moment of salvation we received absolute righteousness, +R, as our admission ticket to heaven. One we have divine righteousness imputed, it is proclaimed among men...announced as a divine and legal declaration of our independence.

/PART #4 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

Justification...a Legal Declaration of Your Absolute Righteousness (+R)

ROM 3:24

*...being justified as a (grace) gift by His grace through the redemption which is (a result of being) in (union with) Christ Jesus... *

We are justified simply because God declares it to be so.

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#5 God's Perfect Character Must Be Satisfied\

When we are on the wrong side of a barrier and without a relationship with God...only a perfectly satisfactory method of atonement can rectify our sinful condition...the work of Christ on the Cross is "propitiatory," perfectly satisfactory to God the Father.

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/PART #5 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

By Propitiation

ROM 3:25-26

... (the Lord Jesus Christ) whom God (the Father) displayed publicly as a propitiation (perfectly satisfactory payment) in (by) His blood through faith (alone in Christ alone). This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God (a delay in evaluation) He passed over the sins previously committed; // for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith (alone) in (the Lord) Jesus (Christ alone).\

Propitiation means “you are covered...” God is satisfied with the work of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. He could never be impressed with your self-righteous attempts to save yourself.

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#6 Your Position in Adam Does Not Satisfy God’s Perfect Character\

The Lord Jesus Christ’s work at the Cross changed an old creature into a new creature, a new spiritual species.

/PARTS #6 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED!

By Your New Position in Union with Christ

2CO 5:17

Therefore if (I) anyone is in (union with) Christ (and all believers in Christ are), he is a new creature (new spiritual species); the (sovereignty of the) old (self) things passed away (have lost their power); behold, new (spiritual species) things have come.\

We are one with Christ...and however He is blessed, Church Age believers are blessed as well. First John, Chapter 5, Verses 11 and 12 say...

/1JO 5:11-12

And the testimony is this, that God (the Father) has given us (the) eternal (Zoe) life, and this (eternal Zoe) life is in (union with) His Son.//He who has

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(a relationship with) the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has the (Zoe) life; he who does not have (a relationship with) the Son of God (the Lord Jesus Christ) does not have the (Zoe) life.

In reconciliation, you are changed from a state of hostility to a state of peace...in relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, through the baptism of God the Holy Spirit, you are reconciled...

/2CO 5:20

Therefore, we (believers in Christ) are ambassadors for (the Lord and Savior Jesus) Christ, as though God were making an appeal (to unbelievers) through us; we beg you (unbelievers) on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The Lord Jesus Christ removed the barrier...

/EPH 2:14

For He Himself (the Lord Jesus Christ) is our peace, who made both groups (Jews and Gentiles who are believers) into one (group) and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall (in Solomon's temple)...

/EPH 2:15-16

...by abolishing in His flesh the (state of) enmity (between God and Man), which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in (union with) Himself He (the Lord Jesus Christ) might make the two into one new man (the new spiritual species), thus establishing peace, //and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the Cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

A critical part of your education is a thorough knowledge of the basic doctrines...with the barrier removed between you and God, you are free to have a great and gracious relationship with the One with whom we have much to do. All it requires on your part is teachability!