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/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

Let's Make a Mental Shift

In preparation for our study of the Word of God, your first shift is a mental shift. Studying the Word of God allows you to equip your mentality for the spiritual battles that you face every day. The Word of God keeps you on the alert, preparing you to detect any recommendation from the cosmic system that would make you deviate from the Plan of God for your life. Therefore you are to...

/2TI 2:15

Study to show yourself approved unto God as a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Now is the time to relax. Give your cares and worries into the hands of the Savior of the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One who has all the power, even the power to calm the seas. He is especially good at calming the turbulent seas that wash within the boundaries of your soul.

/INVITATION TO RESTORATION

Make a Spiritual Shift

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

God makes a simple request...if you believers in Christ have any unconfessed personal sins on your soul right now, that you simply identify them, admit them to God the Father, forget them, and return to fellowship with your God. You make this spiritual shift by claiming one of God's RESTORATION promises...like Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 13...

/HEB 12:13

...and make straight paths for your feet (stay in spiritual condition), so that the limb which is lame (your spiritual life) may not be put out of joint (dislocated by prolonged carnality), but rather be healed (by fellowship with God through the filling of God the Holy Spirit).

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/SILENT REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ\

Please take a few moments in silence, to fix the eyes of your soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, as He gets you ready to know His exact thinking...

/OPENING SONG

Word of God Speak\

/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...

Show us how not to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ...and give us the courage to proclaim your good news in this lost and dying world...

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-nine of the Angelic Conflict series. Welcome to a ministry designed for serious students of the Word of God.

/TODAY'S STUDY

The CREATOR Wants You to Know Soteriology

We continue our study the Angelic Conflict, which is the CONTEXT for human history. Human history was created to resolve a prehistoric Angelic Conflict between the CREATOR, the Lord Jesus Christ and his "anointed cherub who covers..." His personal bodyguard, a CONSPIRATOR known by several functional titles, among them the "the prince-ruler of this world" and "Satan." The decision to allow human history to exist as an appeal trial for Satan and the fallen angels is a fair and loving decision by a fair and

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loving God. Human history will prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that God is both fair and loving.

<ANGELIC CONFLICT 21 C's SLIDE>

We have identified twenty-one categories of doctrine that comprise this study. All twenty-one categories of doctrine begin with the letter C. We're studying the C called CREATOR. We are getting to know the members of the Godhead and their essence. Right now we are studying God's attribute of complete knowledge, which is known as OMNISCIENCE... God knows all that is knowable.

We're using an encoding device called the CREATOR CLOCK to get to know the attributes of our fair and loving God.

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE>

Tick tock...what time is it on the CREATOR CLOCK? It's six o'clock. God is knowledgeable.

/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>

We're now transitioning to the study of 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. The Word of God provides our EDUCATION.

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For the next few lessons, as part of your EDUCATION, I'd like to focus a on evangelism.

What is evangelism?

/Evangelism

Occurs when a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ shares the gospel message with an unbeliever, relaying the “good news” concerning what the Lord Jesus Christ did for the unbeliever at the Cross.\

Evangelism is within the theological category of doctrines known as SOTERIOLOGY. We know that the suffix –ology means “the study of...” Soteriology, therefore, is...

/SOTERIOLOGY

The study of the salvation provided by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.\

If I were evangelizing to an unbeliever, there are certainly things I would say. The best thing to say is always said in the use of your own words. What I concern myself with, more than what I will say, is the preparation of knowing the doctrines the unbeliever needs to hear to understand the issues of salvation. I have created a two-page mind map to help you prepare to present a host of soteriological doctrines to an unbeliever in a short time and in an easy to understand way.

You don't have to worry about what you are going to say, word for word, when these doctrines are at your disposal in the times when you evangelize.

There are five easy steps to evangelizing to unbelievers.

/EVANGELIZING TO UNBELIEVERS

Step One

Get in fellowship with God so that your soul is under the control of God the Holy Spirit

Step Two

Present the Gospel Message

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Step Three

Make it a conversation, yet don't be sidetracked from the path of the doctrines concerning salvation\

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Step Four

Bring your mind maps to share with the person to whom you are evangelizing

Step Five

Bring the evangelism verses \

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Step One

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1JO 1:9

If we believers in Christ admit (name or cite) our known sins to God the Father, He is faithful (He always does the same thing) and He is righteous (free from sin Himself and thus completely qualified) to forget our known sins, and to cleanse us from our unknown sins as well.

Evangelism is best done from spiritual condition

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Step Two

Present the Gospel Message\

There are three issues that are critical for you to know to be able to evangelize...sin, and righteousness, and judgment. John, Chapter 16, Verses 8 to 11 says...

/JOH 16:8

“And He (God the Holy Spirit), when He comes, will convict (make the facts clear to) the world (all mankind) concerning sin and righteousness and judgment (the three issues of evangelism)...”

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/JOH 16:9-10

“...concerning (the) sin (of unbelief...rejection of a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ), because they (unbelievers) do not believe in Me;//and concerning (absolute) righteousness (+R as the divine standard for admission to heaven), because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me (you have to do the evangelism because I won't be here)...”

/JOH 16:11

“...and concerning judgment (evaluation), because the (prince) ruler of this world (Satan) has been judged (evaluated in the past).”

Said simply...all people are considered sinners at birth, the need a Savior (the Lord Jesus Christ) and there is an evaluation of every person's attitude toward the Lord Jesus Christ and toward truth...

When we evangelize, we are talking to unbelievers about what the bible calls the Narrow Way...Matthew, Chapter 7, Verses 13 and 14 say...

/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.”

Not everyone is receptive to the gospel message according to Matthew, Chapter 22, Verse 14...

/MAT 22:14

“For many are called (invited to the privilege of the narrow way...salvation), but few are chosen (only a few accept the invitation).”

The chance for salvation begins at physical birth. Whether unbelievers know it or not, God considers them to be sinners at physical birth. Their situation at physical birth is that they are “unregenerate tabula rasa.” They are born physically alive according to Genesis, Chapter 2, Verse 7...

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/GEN 2:7

Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (neshama...the breath of lives); and man became a living being (nephesh)...

Unbelievers are physically alive at the moment when biological life from the womb, meets with soul life from God, to form human life.

Unbelievers also were born spiritually dead...a theological term for this spiritual death is that unbelievers were born “unregenerate...” here’s what it says in Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 12...

/EPH 2:12

...remember that you were at that time (before you believed in Christ) separate from (the Lord Jesus) Christ (on the wrong side of a barrier)... having no hope (no confident expectation of your fate at physical death) and without (a relationship with) God in the world (in effect, you were “God-less”).

You are unregenerate if you do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

You are a born with a “blank slate”...the Latin expression for this sentiment is *tabula rasa*. What this means is that you are not born with built in mental content...everything is learned. There are people who think the opposite...who think you either have it or you don’t at physical birth.

The bible says you were born on the wrong side of a barrier...a large wall that you do not have the power to climb over on your own.

/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...

The barrier, the dividing wall, prevents you from having a relationship with God at physical birth, and it is constructed of a series of facts that are not in your favor...

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/BREAK

He Has Made Me Glad
Somewhere\

Let's look at the components of the barrier...

/YOU WERE BORN IN A SINFUL CONDITION

You were born condemned...

ROM 3:23

*...for all (creatures) have sinned (miss the mark of perfection) and fall short of the glory (essence) of God... *

Whether you know it or not, this is your condition at physical birth and you have a lot of friends and relatives who have no idea this is true. Don't believe me? Ask them!

/THERE IS A PENALTY FOR SIN

Personal sinning and a sin nature carry a price tag...spiritual death...

GEN 2:17

"...from the tree of the knowledge of (human) good and evil (Satan's plan for mankind) you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die (first spiritually, and then physically)." \

Adam and Eve, the first people on the planet, did eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...and at that moment they died spiritually.

/THERE IS A PENALTY FOR SIN

Personal sinning and a sin nature carry a price tag...spiritual death...

ROM 6:23a

*For the wages (compensation) of (having a) sin (nature) is (spiritual) death... *

Spiritual death is what put all of us on the wrong side of a barrier.

/YOU WERE WITHOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

At physical birth, you had no relationship with God...

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EPH 2:1

*And you were (spiritually) dead (and living) in (the sphere of) your trespasses and sins... *

God created you, but your sin nature, imputed to you at the moment of salvation, made you unable to have fellowship with perfect God.

/YOU HAVE RELATIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS (-R)

Your imperfection, your attempts at self-righteousness, your desire to “clean up your act,” your striving to get better so that God will approve of you, is not good enough to create a relationship with a perfect God...

ISA 64:6

*For all of us have become like one (a woman) who is unclean (menstruating), and all our (self) righteous deeds are like a filthy garment (a used tampon)... *

Human works are repugnant to God because they are filled with imperfection.

/THE CHARACTER OF GOD DEMANDS PERFECTION

A perfect God demands perfection in His CREATURES. If you want a relationship with God, you have to be perfect yourself. Yet...

ROM 3:12

*“ALL (creatures) HAVE TURNED ASIDE (from God), TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES (divine) GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE (who satisfies God’s perfect standard).” *

We aren’t perfect. Why?

/YOU HAVE POSITION IN ADAM

From physical birth you are identified with Adam, the federal head of the human race, and your position in union with Him dooms you to a life of condemnation. You aren’t perfect.

1CO 15:22a

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

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It's as if your father is a criminal, and everyone hates you for what he did.

If at your physical death, you are in the same condition of condemnation that you came to the earth in, you will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire.

Revelation Chapter 20, Verse 15 says...

/REV 20:15

And if (1) anyone's name was not found (by the Lord Jesus Christ) written in the book of life (at the Great White Throne Judgment, and all are), he was thrown into the lake of fire.

At physical birth, your name is written in the book of life. If you die as an unbeliever, your name is blotted out of the book of life. Once you become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, your name is written in indelible ink in the book of life and cannot be blotted out.

If you die an unbeliever, because you refused a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ...Matthew, Chapter 13, Verses 41 and 42 says...

/MAT 13:41-42

*"The Son of Man (the Lord Jesus Christ) will send forth His (elect) angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks (unbelievers), and those who commit lawlessness (non-authority oriented creatures who have thrown off the harness of authority),//and will throw them (unbelievers) into the furnace of fire; in that (literal) place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." *

Yet God does not want ANYONE to go to the Lake of Fire...Second Peter, Chapter 3, Verse 9 says...

/2PE 3:9

The Lord (God the Father) is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness (as some accuse), but is patient toward you (unbelievers), (and is) not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance (a change of mind about the Lord Jesus Christ).

God the Father gives you multiple chances to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. First Timothy, Chapter 2, Verses 3 and 4 say...

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/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.

This is half of the evangelism story...we'll continue our study of the evangelism doctrines in our next lesson.