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Lesson 330 – May 27, 2012

/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

In preparation for the study of the Word of God, your first shift is a mental shift. You make this mental shift for the purpose of being occupied with the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. By studying the Word of God, the exact thinking of Christ, you are consciously choosing to let God energize your life. Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 1 says...

/HEB 12:1

*...let us (believers in Christ) lay aside every encumbrance (impediment) and the sin (nature) which so easily entangles (ensnares) us (by impeding our progress on all sides), and let us run with endurance (patience) the race (our lives) that is set before us... *

You are a privileged recipient of God's knowledge. By making this mental shift you allow yourself to enter a state of concentration.

/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?>

Now is the time to admit your known sins to God the Father. He'll move you from the carnal condition to the spiritual condition, if necessary. Then filled with God the Holy Spirit, you'll be able to hear what God the Holy Spirit has to say to the churches throughout the world today. You make this spiritual shift by using one of God's RESTORATION promises... like First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 31...

/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 your soul ready to know His exact thinking...

/OPENING SONG

I Stand Amazed\

/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 to share the good news of Your kingdom with our unbelieving friends...

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

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

/HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

May 30, 2012

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. This year the celebration is tomorrow, May 28. It was formerly known as Decoration Day. Memorial Day commemorates men and women who died while in military service to the United States.

We enjoy stopping for a moment to say thank you to those who are standing on a wall today, and who with their lives are saying, "Nothing is going to

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hurt you tonight...not on my watch.” Because of these men and women who are in service to us and to our country, we can worship our God in freedom, without fear, and without bullets whizzing over our heads.

/Thank You Armed Forces

JOH 15:13

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

In honor of our military establishment, let’s listen to the Armed Forces Medley, the theme songs of our fighting forces. It is not only our way of saying thanks to the members of Barah Ministries who have served in the armed forces, but also it is our way of thanking those who have sacrificed their lives for us, just as our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ did, to protect our freedoms. It’s a fitting memorial for Memorial Day. The Armed Forces Medley. Happy Memorial Day!

/Armed Forces Medley

U.S. Army

The Caisson Song\

/Armed Forces Medley

U.S. Marines

The Marine Hymn\

/Armed Forces Medley

U.S. Navy

Anchors Aweigh\

/Armed Forces Medley

U.S. Coast Guard

Semper Paratus\

/Armed Forces Medley

U.S. Air Force

The Wild Blue Yonder\

I hope you’ll proudly display the American flag tomorrow.

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/TODAY'S STUDY

The CREATOR Wants You to Know How to Evangelize\

We continue our lesson on evangelism that began in the last lesson. Take out your evangelism mind maps.

Because you were born on the wrong side of a barrier, at physical birth, imperfect you is unable to have a relationship with perfect God. It's not your fault, but it is your circumstance.

The Lord Jesus Christ went to the Cross, so the barrier between you and God could be removed. Romans Chapter 5, Verse 8 says...

/ROM 5:8

But God (the Father) demonstrates His own (unconditional) love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners (God's enemy...on the wrong side of a barrier), (the Lord Jesus) Christ died (as a sin substitute) for us.

Whom did the Lord Jesus Christ die for?

/JOH 3:16

"For God (the Father) so (much) loved the world (all mankind), that He gave His only begotten (uniquely born) Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

The Lord Jesus Christ went to the Cross to die for "whosoever" ... for everyone. Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31 says...

/ACT 16:31

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

The Lord Jesus Christ's work at the Cross removed the barrier between you and God...

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/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... *

How does God remove the barrier between us and Him at physical birth?

/PART #1 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED BY REDEMPTION!

You're Free From Prison!

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... ”

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

/PART #1 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED BY REDEMPTION!

You're Free From Prison!

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 (the Lord, Jesus) Christ.

/PART #2 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED BY 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

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*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 the debt of our spiritual death to God. Working for salvation is meaningless. When something is impossible, the Lord Jesus Christ does it for us. He atoned for our sins and He expects only one thing in return...NO GUILT!

/PART #3 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED BY REGENERATION!

You 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 (God the Father) 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.

/PART #4 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED BY IMPUTATION OF +R!

You are Made Absolutely Righteous!

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 receive absolute righteousness, +R, as our admission ticket to heaven. Once we have divine righteousness imputed, it

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is proclaimed among men...announced as a divine and legal declaration of our independence.

/BREAK

You Are My All in All\

/PART #4 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED BY JUSTIFICATION!

You are Legally Declared Absolutely Righteous (+R)

ROM 3:24

*...being justified as a 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. You don't have to BE perfect...at salvation, God MAKES you perfect.

/PART #5 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED BY PROPITIATION!

The Father is Happy ONLY with The Lord's Work at the Cross!

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.

/PART #6 OF THE BARRIER – REMOVED BY UNION WITH CHRIST!

You are a New Spiritual Species!

2CO 5:17

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Therefore if (1) 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 (having lost their power); behold, new (spiritual species) things have come.

Because the Barrier is removed we are RECONCILED TO GOD...

In RECONCILIATION, you are changed from a state of hostility against God to a state of peace with God...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.

A Reminder: The Lord Jesus Christ removed the barrier between God and mankind...

/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)...

How did He do it?

/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.

At a point in your life you will reach the age of God Consciousness. You may wonder, "What do people mean when they say God?"

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/GOD CONSCIOUSNESS

The moment when a human being becomes aware of the existence of God\

Your volition comes into play...you have the free will...the ability to choose...the ability to act independently from God.

<VOLITION SLIDE>

You may have negative volition toward God at the moment of God Consciousness. You may reject God outright... “I don’t believe there is a God!”

/PSA 14:1

The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

You may have positive volition at the moment of God Consciousness. You may look up in the sky and say, “God if you exist, make yourself visible to me. I want to know you.” He does...

/ROM 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes (the ten parts of His Essence JR SOOO LIVE), His eternal power (omnipotence) and (His) divine nature (Deity), have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made (creation), so that they (all mankind) are without excuse (in front of the justice of God).

God will reveal Himself to you in ways that make sense to human beings.

Yet God has an enemy who does not want you to get to know God.

/2CO 4:4

...in whose case the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel (message concerning) of the glory (essence) of (the gracious Lord Jesus) Christ...

There are several salvation verses that must come easily from your memory.

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/JOH 14:6

(The Lord) Jesus (Christ) said to him (doubting Thomas), “I am the ONLY way (to salvation), and (I am) the (ONLY source of) truth, and (I am) the (ONLY way to eternal) life (in heaven); no one comes to (God) the Father but through (believing in) Me.”

/ACT 16:31

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

/ACT 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved (except the name of the Lord Jesus Christ).”

/JOH 3:16

“For God (the Father) so (much) loved (unconditionally) the world (all mankind), that He (God the Father) gave His only begotten (uniquely born) Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), that who(so)ever believes in Him shall not perish (in the Lake of Fire), but have (the) eternal (Zoe) life.”

/EPH 2:8-9

For by (efficacious) grace you have been saved through faith (alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone); and that (grace, faith and salvation is) not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;(it is) not as a result of works (self-righteousness), so that no one may boast (before the justice of God).

/ROM 11:6

But if (1) it (salvation) is by grace (and it is), it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

What’s your choice?

/JOH 3:36

“He who (obeys the command and) believes in the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has eternal life; but he who does not obey the (command to believe in the) Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) will not see (the Zoe) life, but the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him.”

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If you accept God's RECONCILIATION offer, you are saved. Your situation at salvation is you are now a regenerate tabula rasa...a spiritually alive blank slate. God is ready to write on your spiritual life.

/2CO 3:2-3

You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; //being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us (Pastors), written not with ink but with the (Holy) Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.\

You are made spiritually alive by God...

/1CO 15:22b

...so also (those) in (union with the Lord Jesus) Christ all will be made (spiritually) alive (born again).\

If you are spiritually alive, when you close your eyes in this life you are heaven-bound.

/2CO 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.\

Unbelievers will try to sidetrack you, as you evangelize, with questions and with a standard set of fallacious arguments. You will want to explain to them the whole realm of doctrine in ten minutes. You can't. Give them a piece of paper and a pencil and ask them to write their questions down so that you can answer them all at the end. Remember this...

/1CO 2:14

But a natural man (the unbeliever) does not accept the things of the (Holy) Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.\

The bible is a spiritual language that is perceived by a human spirit... unbelievers don't have one. So stick to the gospel and let God the Holy Spirit do the rest.