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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 as a mental shift.

You get yourself ready for biblical study by bringing to your consciousness your total helplessness, thus your total dependence on God. You open yourself to God as the SOURCE of all things, especially as the SOURCE of all knowledge, and as eager RECIPIENTS, you are getting ready for Him to feed you with the truth as you study the Word of God.

/JOH 8:32

"...you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."\

The truth makes you free. It doesn't make you feel guilty. It doesn't "convict" you, it doesn't step on your toes. It makes you free to choose the one and only divine path for your life. Your mental shift puts you in a position to open your heart to the truth, to become vulnerable and transparent, and to become a willing RECIPIENT of the SOURCE of all knowledge, our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ.

/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 wants you to be restored from your sinful condition whenever you commit personal sins, and He gives you the perfect provision through His promises. You make a spiritual shift by taking advantage of God's RESTORATION provision by admitting your personal sins to God the Father...a promise like Isaiah, Chapter 43, Verse 25...

/ISA 43:25

"I, even I, am the one who wipes out (completely forgets) your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins (after you have admitted them)."\

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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

In the Beginning\

/OPENING PRAYER

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

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

Help us to understand the ways the kingdom of darkness seeks to influence our education...

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 forty-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 Satan Educates

We continue our study of the second of the twenty-one categories of doctrine that are part of the Angelic Conflict.

<ANGELIC CONFLICT 21 C's SLIDE>

All twenty-one categories of doctrine begin with the letter C. We're studying the C called CREATOR.

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

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE>

Your CREATOR is knowledgeable, and He wants you to be knowledgeable, too.

/The CREATOR is the SOURCE of all Knowledge
We are the intended RECIPIENTS of God's Knowledge\

In the last lesson we learned that Satan has a plan, with an objective, a strategy and a set of tactics that are directed at the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. The plan is designed to distract believers from their advance...Revelation, Chapter 3, Verse 11 says...

/REV 3:11

'I (the Lord Jesus Christ) am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.'\

The bible makes it crystal clear that Satan has the power to neutralize us...First Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verse 27...

/1CO 9:27

...but I (Paul) discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.\

Paul is practicing what he preaches and is aware that Satan can be successful. Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 1...

/HEB 12:1

...let us (believers in Christ) also lay aside every encumbrance (impediment to advance), and the sin (nature) which so easily entangles (ensnares) us, and let us run with endurance the race (of our lives) that is set before us.\

What is Satan's objective?

/Satan's Objective with Believers in Christ

To get believers in Christ to become indifferent to God

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Indifferent

Apathetic...disinterested...without concern for...\

What is Satan's strategy?

/Satan's Strategy with Believers in Christ

To Attack Your Thoughts

To get you to abandon the Word of God

REV 2:4

'But I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have this against you (believers at Ephesus), that you have left your first love (the Word of God).'\

In this lesson we learned some of the ways Satan accomplishes his strategy.

The Lord Jesus Christ wants you to have freedom...Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 1 says...

/GAL 5:1

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm (in the freedom) and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.\

Satan wants the exact opposite...he wants to rob your freedom and turn you into slaves again...

/JOH 8:34

(The Lord) Jesus (Christ) answered them (the believer Jews), "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits (personal) sin is the slave of (the) sin (nature)."\

But God wants you to refuse Satan's requests...

/ROM 8:15

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as (adult) sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"\

When Satan attacks your thoughts, he does so with deception...

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/JOH 8:44

“You are of your father the devil (Satan), and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Let’s look at the ways Satan uses deception to attack the edifice in your soul that the Lord Jesus Christ is building by means of your spiritual education.

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING fully revealed on the rock>

Here’s the edifice...let’s go floor by floor and look at the attacks of deception on your thoughts...

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING rock floor>

The Lord Jesus Christ is the ROCK. He is the foundation on which you can build your spiritual house...you have a choice...you have the freedom to build your house on sand...

/MAT 7:26

“Everyone who hears these words of Mine (the gospel message) and does not act on them (who instead rejects the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ), will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand (Satan’s cosmic system of thought).”

/MAT 7:27

“The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it (the house) fell — and great was its fall.”

Satan encourages you to build your house on the sand called religion...

/2TI 3:2-3

*For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, //unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good... *

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/2TI 3:4-5

...treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, // holding to a (superficial) form of godliness (the spiritual life...religion), although they have (even) denied its (religion's) power; Avoid such men as these.

Even the religious are smart enough to know they are entangled in a lie...

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING first floor...back to the rock then reveal>

Satan has a strategy against unbelievers...against unregenerate tabula rasa...

/2CO 11:4c

For if (1) one comes and preaches...a different gospel (and they do)...

Unbelievers are fed a line of bull that water baptism saves...that religion saves...that working to get to heaven saves...that inviting Christ into their heart saves...and all of these are a crock...and they work like a charm because Satan convinces the unbeliever that the purity of God's plan is not big deal...“do what you want...it's your life!” NO. It's a matter of life and death.

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING second floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor two>

Satan offers a counterfeit Savior...

/2CO 11:4a

For if (1) one comes and preaches another Jesus (and they do)...

The Jesus of biblical Christianity and the Jesus of Roman Catholicism are not the same. The Roman Catholic Jesus did not finish the work of salvation at the Cross. He is “another Jesus.” He is a counterfeit Jesus.

The Jesus of biblical Christianity and the Jesus of Mormonism are not the same. The Jesus of Mormonism is a separate person from God the Father, and their Jesus IS NOT GOD. The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints does not believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is God. He is “another Jesus.” He is a counterfeit Jesus.

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/BREAK

*How Majestic is Your Name
Somewhere*

Welcome back.

The CREATOR Wants You to Know that Satan Educates.

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING third floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor three>

Satan offers a counterfeit Holy Spirit...

/2CO 11:4b

For if (1)...you receive a different spirit...(and you do)...

Satan offers a different kind of *pneuma* for your RESIDENCE...one who speaks in tongues even though the gift of tongues is defunct...one who is an electricity force rather than the third person of the Trinity...co-equal, co-infinite, co-eternal...one who is not God...Deity...

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING fourth floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor four>

Satan offers a counterfeit confession...a phony set of restoration provisions...a false restoration...penance for example in the Roman Catholic Church...

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING fifth floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor five>

Satan offers a false congregation...

/1CO 11:19

For there must also be factions (heresies...false doctrine...which causes division) among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.

Congregations will divide...inevitably...and you may end up in a false congregation that is not teaching accurately the Word of God...Satan loves

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destroying the unity of a divine entity...your thoughts become a casualty in the process...

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING sixth floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor six>

Satan sponsors false teachers...Matthew, Chapter 24, Verses 24 and 25 say...

/MAT 24:24-25

“For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.//Behold, I have told you in advance.”

Just as the Lord Jesus Christ called attention to his message with miracles, false Christs will call attention to their message with signs and wonders. Second Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 1 says...

/2PE 2:1

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.”

The dead giveaway of a false teacher is his attitude toward the Lord Jesus Christ and toward the Word of God. One or both will be inaccurate. First John, Chapter 4, Verses 1 to 3 say...

/1JO 4:1-2

Beloved (believers in Christ), do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.//By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God...”

/1JO 4:3

...and every (false) spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the (ones who are) “anti”Christ, of which you have heard that it is coming (in the Tribulation), and now (this persuasive influence) it is already in the world.”

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False teachers teach false doctrine and mislead the many...the way is broad that leads to the destruction caused by lies...

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING seventh floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor seven>

Satan sponsors false doctrine that counterfeits the Word of God...First Timothy, Chapter 6, Verse 3 and following says...

/1TI 6:3

If (I) anyone advocates a different doctrine (and they do) and (the doctrine) does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness (the Christian Way of Life),

/1TI 6:4

*...he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions... *

/1TI 6:5

*...and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. *

You can always tell when something is false by the fights that break out about it.

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING eighth floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor eight>

If Satan sponsors lies, and he does, then you know that those who believe him hold false beliefs...

/JOH 8:45

*“But because I (the Lord Jesus Christ) speak the truth, you do not believe Me.” *

People who want to hold onto the lies in their souls reject the truth.

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING ninth floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor nine>

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Satan sells human wisdom...counterfeit wisdom...First Corinthians, Chapter 2, Verse 4 says...

/1CO 2:4-5

...and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, //so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

<TEN FLOOR BUILDING tenth floor...back to the previous reveal then add floor ten>

Satan sells a false glory...self-righteousness...Isaiah, Chapter 64, Verse 6...

/ISA 64:6

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

An old commercial used to ask, “Is it live? Or is it Memorex?” Is it real or is it taped?

You must distinguish the same two things in the Christian Way of Life and in your soul...is it truth or is it lies you want for your EDUCATION? The choice is yours.