

ROMANS
Lesson 48– November 10, 2013

**/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
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Good Morning! Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us believers in Christ to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead...as a result all believers in Christ obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven and protected by the power of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed at a future time.

My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher...a spiritual gift given to me by God for your blessing and for your benefit...in First Timothy Chapter 5, Verse 17 it says...

/1TI 5:17

The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

This spiritual gift affords me the privilege of telling unbelievers the good news, the gospel message, concerning God the Father's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...and His saving work on the Cross...John, Chapter 20, Verses 30 and 31 say...

/JOH 20:30

Therefore many other signs (the Lord) Jesus (Christ) also performed in the presence of the disciples (His students), which are not written in this book (the Bible)...

/JOH 20:31

...but these (signs that) have been written (of here are written) so that you may believe that (the Lord) Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah), the Son of God; and that (by) believing (in Him) you may have (the Zoe) life in His name.

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Who goes to heaven? It's not the "good people" who go to heaven...it's the people who do things God's way, as He requests, that go to heaven. What is God's way? Romans, Chapter 10, Verses 8 to 11 tell us about His way...

/ROM 10:8

But what does it (the Old Testament Scripture) say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" — that is, the word of faith (the gospel message) which we are preaching (...the Word of faith alone in Christ alone for eternal life)...

/ROM 10:9

...that if (3) you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord (maybe you will and maybe you won't), and believe in your heart that God (the Father) raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...

/ROM 10:10

...for with the heart a person believes, resulting in (the imputation of absolute) righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

/ROM 10:11

*For the (Old Testament) Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM (the Lord Jesus Christ) WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." *

The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher affords me the privilege of providing believers in the Lord Jesus Christ with a place to hear the Word of God accurately taught so that they might use its truth to handle the circumstances of their lives, whether it's adversity, or prosperity, or impending physical death. Second Peter, Chapter 3, Verse 18 says...

/2PE 3:18

...but grow in the (sphere of) grace and (grow in the) knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the One we gather here to worship...and He is the One and Only Sovereign God...First Corinthians, Chapter 8, Verses 5 and 6 say...

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/1CO 8:5-6

...or even if (1) there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, yet for us (believers in Christ) there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through (our union with) Him.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

This and every bible lesson gives you a chance to RENEW your faith...a chance to come to the Light...it's a time to let God the Holy Spirit lead you into all the truths of the Word of God for the purpose of pouring His enabling power into you. Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 23 requests...

EPH 4:23

...that you be renewed (by God) in the spirit of your mind...

Thank you for coming to listen to the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God...through the power of God the Holy Spirit...thanks for tuning your soul to WGod...and thanks for tuning out KCOS...the cosmic system of thought.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Shout to the Lord\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's worship our Lord in song. The opening song is SHOUT TO THE LORD.

/SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Savior

Lord, there is none like You

All of my days, I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love\

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My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You\

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Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name\

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/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...

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

Thank You for giving us the privilege of prayer...thanks for trusting us with the power of prayer...thanks for inclining Your ear to us Father...thank You for answering our prayers...

Thanks You for making the requirements for accessing prayers power so minimal...if only we believe...

Thanks You for Your amazing grace which is always invested on our behalf...

Help us to develop an amazing prayer life ...One that focuses us on our submission relationship with You...

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

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/TODAY’S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – Prayer Helps in Tough Situations

Henry David Thoreau once said...

/THOREAU

I went to the woods because I wanted to live deliberately
To live deep...and to suck all the marrow out of life
And to put to rout all that was not life
So that when I had come to die...
I might not discover that I had not lived.\

We come to learn the Word of God for the very same reason...to put to rout...to send scurrying for the hills...everything that is not the Zoe Life.

A key component of the Zoe life is prayer...and Stevie Wonder has a great song about prayer...it’s called “Have a Talk with God” ... and it’s directed to believers in Christ...it says...

/“HAVE A TALK WITH GOD”

Stevie Wonder

When you feel your life’s too hard
Just go have a talk with God
When your load’s too much to bear
Just go talk to God He cares\

What is prayer?

/PRAYER

A private, intimate talk between you and God which gives you access to the same divine omnipotence that sustained the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross...which gives you access to the same power that raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead...a privilege which allows you to invoke divine power for yourself and for others in circumstances that have no human solution.\

Matthew, Chapter 21, Verse 22 says...

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/MAT 21:22

“And all things you ask in prayer, BELIEVING, you will receive.”

We are studying Paul’s prayer for the purpose of his ministry...

/Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

Paul’s Prayer for the Purpose of his Ministry\

Paul knew the power of prayer and he was always invoking prayer on behalf of the saints...Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8...

/ROM 1:8

First, I, Paul, thank God the Father in prayer through Jesus Christ’s name for all you believers in Rome, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world...throughout the entire Roman Empire.

Our Lord and Savior is a very present help in times of trouble...Psalm 9, Verses 9 to 11 say...

/PSA 9:9

The Lord also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble...

/PSA 9:10

And those who know Your name (Your believers, Lord) will put their trust in You, For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

/PSA 9:11

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion; declare among the peoples His (righteous) deeds.

Prayer is a weapon for Christians...turn to Matthew, Chapter 7, Verse 7...

/MAT 7:7

“Ask (in prayer), and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

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/MAT 7:8

“For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

/MAT 7:9

“Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf (of bread), will give him a stone?”

/MAT 7:10

“Or if he (the son) asks for a fish, he (the man) will not give him (the son) a snake, will he?”

/MAT 7:11

“If (I) you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children (and you do), how much more will your (God the) Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”

Human beings are evil...we have a sin nature in our flesh...yet we answer the prayers of our children...we provide for them...it follows easily that our righteous God, who is without sin, knows how to give gifts to His children. And you, believers in Christ, are His children...His adopted adult sons, and you are the target of His affections. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the SOURCE of all things, and we, as His believers are the intended RECIPIENTS.

Take a five-minute break.

/BREAK

Indescribable

When I Think About Home

Welcome back...what is prayer?

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Christ from the dead...a privilege which allows you to invoke divine power for yourself and for others in circumstances that have no human solution.\

In prayer we are to ASK...and it will be given to us...we are to BELIEVE...and our prayer requests will be given to us...we are to ask boldly...Hebrews, Chapter 4, Verse 16 says...

/HEB 4:16

Therefore let us (believers in Christ) draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

How is your prayer life? Is it a regular part of your day? When's the last time you "had a talk with God?" When's the last time you asked God for something that you knew was completely beyond your reach? For many of us believers, we have tuned our souls to the cosmic system of thought...we have perverted our Zoe Life and turned it into a life of doubt...a life of legalism, where we believe we have to work to please God instead of knowing that He is completely pleased with those to whom His absolute righteousness has been imputed...and if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ you have His absolute righteousness...you are in union with Him...you have an unbreakable relationship with Him...you cannot lose your salvation...and those thoughts just are not compatible with the lies of Satan's kingdom that say you can lose your fellowship with God and that you can move backward in the plan of God and that you need to be cleansed from unrighteousness by something you do...those thoughts are ridiculous and they must be discarded from your soul and put in the garbage where they belong. Those lies suck us into a life of unbelief. Turn to Matthew, Chapter 17, Verse 14...we have seen the result of a life of unbelief...

/MAT 17:14

When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and saying...

/MAT 17:15

"Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

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/MAT 17:16

“I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.”

/MAT 17:17

And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.”

It is clear that the Lord does not want us to live a life of unbelief once we are saved.

/MAT 17:18

And Jesus rebuked him (the demon), and the demon came out of him (the boy), and the boy was cured at once.

/MAT 17:19

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it (the demon) out?”

/MAT 17:20

And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith (unbelief); for truly I say to you, if you have faith (as small as) the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain (any obstacle), ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.”

We continue our look at what the bible has to say about prayer...especially the New Testament...the Lord always prayed before He tackled the problems of life. Turn to Luke, Chapter 6, Verse 12...

/LUK 6:12

It was at this time that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God (the Father).

/LUK 6:13

And when day came, He (the Lord Jesus Christ) called His disciples (His students) to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles (individuals He would send out with the authority to proclaim the gospel to the whole world)...

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/LUK 6:14

(The Lord Jesus Christ called) Simon (Barjona...son of Jonah), whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew...

/LUK 6:15

...and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot...

/LUK 6:16

Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Peter was the first apostle chosen...Judas Iscariot was the last.

The night before He was crucified, the Lord Jesus Christ prayed. Turn to Luke, Chapter 22, Verse 39...

/LUK 22:39

And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him.

/LUK 22:40

*When He (the Lord Jesus Christ) arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." *

/LUK 22:41

And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray...

/LUK 22:42

*...saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." *

/LUK 22:43

Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), strengthening Him.

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/LUK 22:44

And being in agony He (the Lord Jesus Christ) was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

/LUK 22:45

When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow...

/LUK 22:46

...and said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

The Lord Jesus Christ was being tempted to forsake God the Father’s plan for His life, and to instead choose His own plan. He used prayer to stabilize His soul and to get help in times of trouble. Prayer is an ever present help for us in times of trouble as well.

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/CLOSING SONG

Be Thou My Vision\

CLOSING VERSES

/PRO 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.//In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

/DEU 31:8

The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed

/ISA 30:18

Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

THANKS
INTERCESSION
PETITION

And we pray that You continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of Your unconditional love, Your person, Your thinking, Your work, and Your essence...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ's name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!

Thanks for watching!

Thanks for listening!

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