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Lesson 50– November 17, 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 for them 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 Peter, Chapter 5, Verse 2, our Lord commands that Pastors...

/1PE 5:2

... (be) shepherd(s of) the flock of God among you (which means to feed them, protect them, lead them, guide them) exercising oversight (as a guardian... and do your job) not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain (out of greed for money), but with eagerness (for service)...

I willingly comply. The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher affords me the privilege of telling unbelievers about the good news, the gospel message, concerning God the Father's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...and about the Lord's saving work on the Cross...First Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verse 18 says...

/1CO 1:18

For the word of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing (unbelievers), but to us (believers in Christ) who are being saved (by the work of Christ on the Cross) it is the power of God.

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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. First Peter, Chapter 5, Verse 10 says...

/1PE 5:10

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in (union with) Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

One thing we must never do, if we are to be spiritual, is to underestimate the importance of the Christ...the Messiah...The Lord...He is the One whom we gather here today to worship...and He is the One and Only Sovereign God...He is the central figure in divine history...Psalm 50, Verse 1...calls Him...

/PSA 50:1

The Mighty One, God, the Lord, has spoken, and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

We will all appear before the Righteous Judge, the Lord Jesus Christ one day for His all-consuming evaluation of our use of the gift of life He has given us.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

This and every bible lesson gives you a chance to RENEW your mind... a chance to express 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 as He pours 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...thanks for tuning your soul to WGOD, to the exact thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ...the Word of God... and thanks

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for tuning out KCOS...the cosmic system of thought, which is designed to deceive you and to lead you astray. Revelation, Chapter 12, Verse 9 says...

/REV 12:9

*And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world... *

Thanks for ignoring the lies of the kingdom of darkness.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

We Fall Down\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's worship our Lord in song.
The opening song is WE FALL DOWN.

/WE FALL DOWN

We fall down...we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus
The greatness of, mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus
And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy
We cry Holy, Holy, Holy
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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...

Help us to pray as we should...direct us...help us to learn to use prayer as You intend...

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

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – Prayer is Intentional

What have we learned about prayer so far? We've learned that prayer is not formal...while it has structure, the structure should not hinder your prayers or your praying...we've learned that prayer is for self first and foremost, and then for others. So we don't have to feel bad about being a little selfish in prayer...we've learned that God's only requirement for prayer, in fact, God's only requirement for the Christian, is that the Christian BELIEVE!

Matthew, Chapter 21, Verse 22 says...

/MAT 21:22

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

To believe is to have faith that our Almighty God will do what He promises to do. We are studying Paul's prayer for the purpose of his ministry...

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/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.

How is your prayer life? Is your prayer life intentional? Is your prayer life regular? First Thessalonians, Chapter 5, Verse 17 says...

/1TH 5:17

...pray without ceasing...

Said another way...make it a habit to pray...said another way...pray without interruption. This is a command, in the imperative mood...therefore it is a request of God directed to our free will...as if He were saying, "I suggest that you make prayer a habit..."

Prayer is a key component of the Zoe life, the eternal life, the resurrection life given to every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ at the moment of salvation. 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.\

When is the last time you had a talk with God?

When you do have a talk with God, what do you pray for? Quite often we don't know what to pray for...but God the Holy Spirit does know what we should pray for...turn to Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 26...

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/ROM 8:26

*In the same way (God) the (Holy) Spirit also helps (continually in) our weakness (in prayer); for we (believers in Christ) do not know how to pray as we should, but (God) the (Holy) Spirit Himself intercedes (appeals) for us (in prayer) with groanings too deep for words... *

God never leaves believers on their own...the Spirit's groanings carry our load in prayer...

/ROM 8:27

*...and He (God the Father) who searches the hearts knows what the mind of (God) the (Holy) Spirit is, because He (God the Holy Spirit) intercedes for the saints (believers in Christ) according to the will of God. *

We are able to take advantage of the intimate relationship between God the Holy Spirit and God the Father...we may not know what to pray for, but the Spirit does, and He prays for it on our behalf.

/ROM 8:28

*And we know that God (the Father) causes (the) all things to work together for good to those who love God...to those who (love Him are those who) are called according to His purpose (all believers in Christ). *

God the Father works all of our experiences together into a package of benefits...our love for God is a fruit of the indwelling Spirit...it is not of ourselves...

/ROM 8:29

*For those whom He (God the Father) foreknew (all believers in Christ), He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), so that He (the Lord Jesus Christ) would be the firstborn among many brethren (the new species that has been purified from sin...US!)... *

/ROM 8:30

*...and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified (conformed to the image of His Son). *

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/ROM 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If (1) God (the Father) is for us (and He is), who is against us?

/ROM 8:32

He (God the Father) who did not spare His own Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), but delivered Him over for us all, how will He (God the Father) not also with (our union with) Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) freely give us all things?

The truth is...God wills to do just that...to give us the all things. Take a five-minute break and when you come back we'll learn some things to pray for...

/BREAK

Voice of Truth

When I Think About Home

Welcome back! What do we pray for? We pray for salvation...Hebrews, Chapter 2, Verses 1 to 3 say...

/HEB 2:1

For this reason (because the Lord will triumph over His enemies) we (believers in Christ) must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

It is easy to forget the benefits that we believers have...

/HEB 2:2

*For if (1) the word spoken through angels proved unalterable (and it did), and (if) every transgression and (every) disobedience received a just penalty (and it did)... *

/HEB 2:3

...how will we escape if we neglect (disregard and fail to take advantage of) so great a salvation (we won't)?

Therefore we pray...we pray for help in times of trouble...Psalm 9, Verses 9 and 10...

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/PSA 9:9-10

The Lord also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble; and those who know Your name (believers in Christ) will put their trust (faith) in You, For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Psalm 46, Verse 1...

/PSA 46:1

God is our refuge and (our) strength, a very present help in trouble.

We pray for stabilization of our souls in times when we would rather faint in our souls...those times when we allow ourselves to fall apart. The night before He was crucified, the Lord Jesus Christ prayed for stability, and it was provided. Turn in your bibles to Luke, Chapter 22, Verse 39...the night before the Lord was to be crucified would be a great time to fall apart in the soul...

/LUK 22:39

And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) came out (from the Upper Room) and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives (the Garden of Gethsemane); 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. Don’t you get the same type of mental temptation every day...in fact every minute? The Lord used prayer to His Father to stabilize His soul and to get help in times of trouble. Prayer is an ever present help for us in times of trouble.

/CLOSING SONG

How Great You Are\

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.

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/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.

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Thanks for watching!
Thanks for listening!

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