

**ROMANS**  
**Lesson 55–December 1, 2013**

**/Welcome To  
BARAH MINISTRIES  
a Christian Church  
Rory Clark  
Pastor-Teacher\**

Good Morning! Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church.

I am edified by the faith of all those chosen by God the Father...I am edified by the knowledge of the truth which is according to the plan of our Father... I am edified by the hope of eternal life, which God the Father, who cannot lie, promised to all of us ages ago, and at the proper time manifested, both in His Word and by the sacrifice of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...I am edified by being entrusted by a commandment of God to preach to you.

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...today I salute all of you who support this ministry even though you don't live here...our "soon to be Resident" congregation...thank you from the bottom of my heart for your edification of this Pastor and this ministry. I echo Paul's sentiments, expressed by his love for the believers at the church at Philippi in Philippians, Chapter 4...

/PHI 4:14

*...you have done well to share with me in my affliction.\*

/PHI 4:16

*...you sent a gift more than once for my needs.\*

And I appreciate their continuation...

/PHI 4:17

*Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account (by giving the gift).\*

Thank you.

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The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher affords me the privilege of leadership... of telling unbelievers the good news of the gospel message, concerning God the Father's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...and His saving work on the Cross...John, Chapter 10, Verse 9 says...

/JOH 10:9

*"I (the Lord Jesus Christ) am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."*\

The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher also 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 truths to handle the circumstances of their lives...Philippians, Chapter 4, Verse 8 says...

/PHI 4:8

*...brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise (and of course there is), (let your mind) dwell on these things.*\

As believers in Christ we value Christ...the Messiah...The Lord...the One we worship...the One and Only Sovereign God...the One we count on. Philippians, Chapter 4, Verse 19 says...

/PHI 4:19

*...my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory (glorious riches which come from being) in (union with) Christ Jesus.*\

We count on Him, and our God provides.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

Bible study is a time to let God RENEW our thoughts...reinvigorate our souls...nourish our senses...and lead us into all the truths of the Word of God, so we can reflect our Savior to a lost and dying world. Romans, Chapter 12, Verse 2 says...

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/ROM 12:2

*And do not be conformed to this world, but (keep on) be(ing) transformed by (God in) the RENEWING of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.\*

We turn away from the world's viewpoint, and we adopt God's viewpoint, taking God's attitude into the world as a powerful influence. Welcome to the place where God the Holy Spirit prepares you to "in humility receive the Word of God implanted, which is able to deliver your souls."

**/MUSIC AND REFLECTION**

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

*I Can Only Imagine*  
*Mercy Me\*

As God prepares you for the RENEWING of your mind, let's worship our Lord in song. The opening song is...I CAN ONLY IMAGINE.

**/OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

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

Give us a vivid picture of prayer that we can use in our daily walk with you...

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

**/TODAY'S STUDY**

**Romans Chapter 1 – Some Final Thoughts About Prayer\**

We begin with a few announcements.

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**/TODAY’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December 1, 2013\**

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord’s Supper Celebration is December 15, 2013\

Deacon Caleb Alburn will deliver the Lord’s Supper Message that day.

/Mark Your Calendars!

No Face-to-Face Bible Study

December 8

(NO FACE-TO-FACE LESSONS NEXT WEEK!)

December 29\

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Sign into the Barah Ministries Room

Listen!\

/Happy Birthday  
TRACY BIXBY  
November 25\

Now let's take the offering. Welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall.

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Deacon Denny Goodall\

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**/OFFERING VERSE**

ISA 54:17

*"No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord.\*

/Remember to give with the motivation suggested in Scripture

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2CO 9:7

*Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (grace oriented) giver.\*

**/OFFERING**

*Give Thanks\*

**/TODAY’S STUDY**

**Romans Chapter 1 – Some Final Thoughts About Prayer\**

Philippians, Chapter 4, Verses 6 and 7 say...

/PHI 4:6

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.\*

/PHI 4:7

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.\*

In the first fifteen verses of Romans, Chapter 1, Paul does a great job of outlining very important biblical truths in just a few words...I’ve selected out some of them...

<reveal two lines at a time>

**/KEY WORDS OF ROMANS CHAPTER 1, VERSES 1 to 15**

Bond Servant

Our Submission Relationship to God

Apostle

A Spiritual Gift

Holy Scriptures

The Word of God

Resurrection from the Dead

The Zoe Life\

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**/KEY WORDS OF ROMANS CHAPTER 1**

The “Called” of Jesus Christ  
Our Destiny as Christians

Faith  
Our Trust In Our God

Prayer  
The Privilege of Talking to God

The Gospel  
The Good News Concerning Christ’s Work at the Cross\

Even Paul mentioning His own name in Romans Chapter 1 is significant, because what he was tasked with by God, in light of who he is, edifies us. He is the worst person who ever lived, yet he was given one of God’s most important jobs. And we smile, knowing we are not as bad as he is, so we conclude that God must love us more. God doesn’t love us more, of course, but it’s a comforting thought, if only for a moment.

If we want to, we can ignore the depth of these words and press on to the end of Romans. For those of you with a suspense complex who can’t wait to see what’s next in Romans...for those of you with a completion complex who think the pace of study is too slow...for you I suggest you read on in Romans...it takes only an hour to read the sixteen chapters of Romans...with its eleven teaching chapters and its five exhortation chapters...but that is hardly the point. It takes a lifetime to grasp Romans. And I think our God is happy that we stop along the way to smell the roses. We have been parked at Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 8 to smell the rose called prayer.

The few hours of this study has changed me...I certainly hope it has changed you...the study has changed my thoughts about prayer...I think prayer is one of the most underestimated privileges that we Christians have...and maybe other believers don’t underestimate it, but I certainly did...and I’m absolutely certain why...because prayer is dependence. Prayer is our fervent appeal to the Supreme Judge of the Universe to decide every case that we bring before Him in our favor. The problem is that **He** decides...we put our

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burdens in His hands. There are no more capable hands, yet somehow we think that if we don't do everything in the Christian Life, then nothing will get done. Great thought, until the problem requires the supernatural, which many of our problems do require. When it is apparent there is nothing we can do with our problems, which is often the case, prayer is the answer. A congregation member, in talking about prayer said, "My first thought when I have a problem is not prayer...my first thought is, 'What do I have to do to fix this?'" So it is with all of us. Counting on self first and God second is certainly one way to do things...yet God considers our problems to be His responsibility, so why wouldn't we put our problems in more capable hands?

For those of us who have studied legalism for years, we've heard it said, "Prayer is not a problem solving device." When the movie is made on that comment, it will be entitled, "One of the Greatest Lies Ever Told." Prayer is absolutely a problem-solving device of the best kind...prayer allows us to slam our problems on God's back. Again...God considers our problems to be His responsibility, so why wouldn't we put our problems in more capable hands?

Take a five-minute break, and we'll close our study of prayer with a few summary thoughts.

**/BREAK**

*Strong Enough*  
*Matthew West\*

Welcome back! What is prayer?

**/PRAYER**

A privilege given to us by God which gives us direct and immediate access to Him...an intentional and intimate heart-to-heart talk with God, on whom we are totally dependent, in which we ask Him to use divine omnipotence to help us in time of need, especially when no human solution is possible or apparent...a public or private display of our faith that our God always hears us, intercedes for us, and blesses us with solutions to our most pressing concerns.\

Here are some things I learned about prayer...



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When we pray, it is an acknowledgement that there is a God...and that we, as believers, have a relationship with Him. Seldom do we expect help from those with whom we have no relationship. John, Chapter 17, Verse 3...

/JOH 17:3

*“This is eternal life (the Zoe Life), that they may know You, the only true God (and Father), and (the Lord) Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”\*

When we pray, we are asking to receive...so it focuses us immediately on the giver. John, Chapter 1, Verse 12 says...

/JOH 1:12

*But as many as received Him (the Lord Jesus Christ through faith alone in Him alone), to them He (the Lord Jesus Christ) gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...\*

When we pray, there are any number of things we might request...

<PRAYER CHART>

To be saved...to be stabilized...to be directed...to be protected...to get relief...to be taught...to be rescued...to be unified...to be assisted...these are just a few things we can ask for...and our God is willing to do them all for us.

When we pray, we have a right to expect answers, because God promises us believers that He will answer us...Luke, Chapter 18, beginning at Verse 1...

/LUK 18:1

*Now He (the Lord Jesus Christ) was telling them (His disciples) a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart...\*

/LUK 18:2

*...saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear (respect) God and did not respect man.”\*

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/LUK 18:3

*“There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him (the judge), saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’”\*

/LUK 18:4

*“For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear (respect) God nor respect man...’”\*

/LUK 18:5

*‘...yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.’”\*

/LUK 18:6

*And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge said...”\*

/LUK 18:7

*“...now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?”\*

God answers us right soon!

To be a Christian who is of use to the Lord, an intentional prayer life is a requirement...First Thessalonians, Chapter 5, Verse 17 says...

/1TH 5:17

*...pray without ceasing...\*

We are commanded to make prayer a habit. And the prayerful ones of God do...Colossians, Chapter 4, Verse 12...

/COL 4:12

*Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.\*

Paul spent quite a bit of his time praying...Acts, Chapter 9, Verse 11...

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/ACT 9:11

*And the Lord said to him (Ananias), “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying... \*

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 9 and 10...

/ROM 1:9-10

*For God, whom I (Paul) serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, // always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you. \*

When we pray, it brings out in us an attitude of gratitude... First Thessalonians, Chapter 5, Verse 18 says...

/1TH 5:18

*...in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for (those of) you in (union with) Christ Jesus. \*

Prayer comes from the heart... and when we pray, we can always count on a God with ears wide open, with arms wide open, ready to receive our requests, so He bless... Matthew, Chapter 11, Verse 28...

/MAT 11:28

*“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.” \*

John, Chapter 6, Verse 37...

/JOH 6:37

*“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.” \*

John, Chapter 7, Verse 37...

/JOH 7:37

*Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.” \*

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Matthew, Chapter 21, Verse 22...

/MAT 21:22

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

Make it YOUR habit to pray.

**/CLOSING SONG**

*Word of God Speak*

*Mercy Me\*

**CLOSING VERSES**

/JER 29:11

*“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”\*

/1PE 5:6-7

*Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, // casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.\*

/JUD 1:24-25

*Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, // to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.\*

**/CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray...\

THANKS

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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 coming!  
Thanks for watching!  
Thanks for listening!

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