

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 28, 2024

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

Tuesday

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

Friday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance at the Hall

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bride to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming – Week 2

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 14
Matt. 5:3- 12

Announcements

❖ Spring 2024 6th Grade Conference

- Dates: **May 3-5** and Location: Oak Glen, CA
- Conference registration: **Closed**

❖ 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- **Dates:** May 24-27 and **Location:** Hyatt Regency Bellevue; 900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004
- **Rate:** Special Group Rate of \$139.00/night single and double, \$164.00/night triple, & \$189/night quadruple occupancy.
- **Reservations:** 1-800-233-1234 and request the Living Stream Ministry group rate or to make online reservations go to: <http://www.hyatt.com/enUS/group-booking/BELLE/G-MDBC>
 - **In Person Video Schedule:** (Church in Phoenix Meeting Hall)

Message 1	5/25/2024 Saturday	10:00 AM
Message 2	5/25/2024 Saturday	02:00 PM
Message 3	5/26/2024 Lord's Day	10:30 AM
<i>(Table Meeting: 9:30 AM)</i>		
Message 4	5/26/2024 Lord's Day	02:30 PM
Message 5	5/27/2024 Monday	10:00 AM
Message 6	5/27/2024 Monday	02:00 PM

❖ 2024 July Semiannual Training

- Date: July 1, 4 PM through July 6, 2024, 9:30 PM
- Location: Living Stream Ministry Campus, MCC
- Live Training Registration
 - **Dateline: April 28. (No late registration)**
 - Registration Donation: \$205. (with 1 outline)
- Video Training Registration
 - **Dateline: April 28.**
 - Registration Donation: \$130. (with 1 outline)
 - Schedule:

Message 1	7/3/2024 Wednesday	07:00 PM
Message 2	7/4/2024 Thursday	10:00 AM
Message 3	7/4/2024 Thursday	01:30 PM
Message 4	7/5/2024 Friday	07:00 PM
Message 5	7/6/2024 Saturday	10:00 AM
Message 6	7/6/2024 Saturday	01:30 PM
Message 7	7/7/2024 Lord's Day	10:30 AM
Message 8	7/10/2024 Wednesday	07:00 PM
Message 9	7/12/2024 Friday	07:00 PM
Message 10	7/13/2024 Saturday	10:00 AM
Message 11	7/13/2024 Saturday	01:30 PM
Message 12	7/14/2024 Lord's Day	10:30 AM
- Registration Fee can be sent through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: register@churchinphoenix.org. Indicate on the memo line "2024 July Training".
- Registration form: <https://forms.gle/TGMnzegPaDJAqFQJA>

❖ Lord's Day Love Feast (Church in Phoenix Meeting Hall)

- **Date:** May 26, 2024, **and Time:** Noon

❖ Offerings

- Please send your offerings through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Life Study of Matthew – Study guide

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 14 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, entitled The Decree of the Kingdom's Constitution (2). This life-study covers Matt. 5:3-12, which address the nature of the kingdom of the heavens under nine blessings.

Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

Throughout the years, we have emphasized the importance of 2 Timothy 4:22: "The Lord be with your spirit." We have always applied this to the matter of life. However, now we must also see that whenever we say that the Lord Jesus is with our spirit, it means that the kingdom is with our spirit. This Lord Jesus is not only the Savior and the life, but also the King with the kingdom. Today we may declare, "In my spirit I have the Savior, the life, the King, and the kingdom!" When we repented and believed in the Lord Jesus as the Savior, the life, and the King with the kingdom, He entered our spirit and was implanted there. Therefore, in our spirit we now have the Savior, the life, and the King with the kingdom. We received such a One into us by being repentant in our mind and poor in spirit.

When I was walking in my fallen condition far away from God, I was filled with philosophy and religion. Not only was I walking in the wrong direction, but I was also filled with worthless concepts and thoughts. When I heard the preaching of the gospel, I had a turn in my mind; my mind was changed. Nevertheless, I was still full of many philosophical and religious concepts. Thus, I not only needed to have a turn in my mind, but also to become poor in spirit. To be poor in our spirit is to empty our spirit. It is to open up from the depths of our being and to be unloaded of all other things so that the Lord Jesus may be able to enter our spirit. When He came into me, He came as the King with the kingdom. Therefore, if you are poor in spirit, yours is the kingdom of the heavens. Although you may have made an about-face in your life and you may now be standing face to face with the Lord, what about your spirit? Is your spirit open to Him, or is it filled with other things? Are you still filled with philosophical and religious concepts? The Greeks may be filled with the philosophy of Plato, the Chinese with the teachings of Confucius, and the Jews with the teachings of Moses. For the King with the kingdom to come into you, you must be poor in your spirit. This means that you must open up from the depths of your being and cast out all the concepts, opinions, and thoughts that have been filling you. When you have emptied your spirit, the King with the kingdom will come into you. Then yours is the kingdom of the heavens. (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 14).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 4:17, Matt 5:3

Questions:

1. Using Matthew 4:17 and Matt 5:3 as the basis, explain how we can receive the kingdom today in our experience.
2. What does it mean to be meek (Matt 5:5)? How can we see this in the pattern of the Lord's living? Use Heb. 2:5-8 and Luke 19:17, 19 to make clear when the inheritance of the earth will take place for those who are meek in this age.
3. Use Matt. 5:6-7 to speak on the significance of righteousness, mercy, and pure in heart. What party (ourselves, others, God) does each apply to in our experience?