

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

Tuesday

7:30 pm – Prayer Meetings

- Districts 1 & 2
- Spanish-speaking in the homes

Friday

6:30 pm – English-speaking
College Meetings

7:00 pm – Chinese-speaking
Student Meetings

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Saturday

7:00 pm – Young People's
Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning

Revival

Crystallization-Study on
Deuteronomy –
Week 9

Ministry Publication Reading

Life-Study of
Deuteronomy:
Messages 17 & 18

Scripture Reading

Isa. 45:11

Announcements

❖ 2020 Memorial Day Conference

- The conference will no longer be held in Atlanta, GA. Instead, Living Stream Ministry is planning to host this conference online.
- Regarding your hotel bookings:
 - 1) Those who booked at the Marriott in Atlanta using the LSM group code do not need to take any action. Your reservation has been canceled by the hotel.
 - 2) Those who booked at the Marriott in Atlanta NOT using the LSM group code need to contact the hotel directly to cancel their reservation.
 - 3) Those who booked at other hotels need to contact the hotels directly to cancel their reservation.

❖ Fellowship Concerning the Church Meetings

- All meetings: meet remotely via videoconference or phone and not in person.
- Please refer to the church's website for links to the Fellowship/Announcement letters, the Prayer Burdens for the current week, and any other important guidelines at:
<http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

❖ Offerings

- All offerings are to be carried out electronically. Cash will not be collected and do not send checks to the meeting hall nor to any of the brothers.
- *Zelle*: If your bank is enrolled with *Zelle*, you can send money directly between your bank account to the church's bank account. The email address is offerings@churchinphoenix.org.
- *Zelle* App: If your bank does not offer *Zelle* or is not enrolled with *Zelle*, because the church's account is enrolled with *Zelle*, you can still send money to the church's bank by using *Zelle* app.
- If you choose to, you can designate your offering on the provided "memo" field.

Persevere in Prayer

❖ Sign Up for the 24 HR/21 Day Global Prayer Beginning April 1st <https://unceasinglypray.org/>

❖ Please refer to the church website for full detailed items of the prayer burdens: <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

Riches from the Ministry

Isaiah 45:11 has a most peculiar word, "Thus says Jehovah, /The Holy One of Israel and the One who formed him,/Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons,/And concerning the work of My hands, command Me."... God Himself says, "Concerning My sons,/And concerning the work of My hands, command Me." This is the earth controlling heaven. It does not mean that we force God to do what He does not want to do. Rather, it means that we can command God to do what He wants to do. This is our position. After we know God's will, we can say to Him, "God, we want You to do this. We are determined that You should do this. God, You must do this." We can utter such strong and powerful prayers before God. We have to ask God to open our eyes to see the kind of work He is doing in this age. In this age all His work is based on this position. Heaven may want to accomplish something, but heaven will not do it alone; heaven waits for the earth to do it first, and then heaven does it. Although the earth stands in the second place, at the same time, it also stands in the first place. The earth must move before heaven will move. God wants the earth to move heaven.

Some may ask why God would want the earth to control heaven. If we want to understand this, we have to remember that our God is limited by time. Time refers to the section between the two eternities. There is an eternity past and an eternity future. Between these two eternities, there is time. Within this section called time, God is limited. He cannot work as freely as He wants to. This is a limitation God encountered in the creation of man. According to Genesis 2, God gave man a free will when He created him. God has a will, and man has a will. Whenever man's will is not one with God's will, God is limited. In this room, there is a table, chair, floor, and ceiling. If a man comes in, he can do whatever he wants and not be restricted. The table, chair, floor, and ceiling will not be able to restrict him. God is a powerful God; He can do anything. If the earth was filled with spiritless material, God would be without restriction. But one day, God created man. The man He created was not like a piece of stone or wood; he was not a table or a chair which could be placed here or there by God at will. The man that God created had a free will. Man could choose to obey God's word and he also could choose to disobey His word. God did not create a man who was obligated to obey Him. He created a man with a free will, one who could obey or disobey His word. After God created a man with a free will, His power was limited by this man. He could no longer act according to what He wanted. He had to ask whether man wanted the same thing and whether he was willing to do the same thing. God cannot treat man like a stone, a piece of wood, a table, or a chair, because man has a free will. Since the day God created man, man could choose to allow God's authority to be carried out or to be blocked. This is why we say that within time, the period between the two eternities, God's authority is limited by man.

God is willing to be limited in time because He wants to gain a harmonious will in the second eternity. He wants man's free will to be harmonious with His will. This is a glory to God...God's intention is that man's free will would choose to obey Him. This is a glory to God! In eternity future the free will of man will be joined to God's eternal will. That will be the time for God's eternal will to be fulfilled and for man's free will to become harmonious with God's eternal will. Every man has a free will. In eternity future man still has a free will, but it will stand on God's side. He still has the ability to oppose God, but he will not oppose Him. Hallelujah! Even though man will have the freedom to oppose God, he will not oppose Him. He will do what God wants. This harmony of will is a glory to God!

In eternity future, although man's will is free, it will be in conformity to God's will, and there will be no will that is not subordinate to God's authority. However, in time, God is limited by man...God's move is controlled by man in time. This speaking is in reference to the church. All of God's moves are limited by the church in time because the church represents man in eternity future...God is doing what He wants to do through the church. Today the church is taking the position that man will take in eternity. Then, even though man's will is free, it will stand completely on the side of God's eternal will. The church is taking that position ahead of time. Just as God will express Himself in eternity through the New Jerusalem, the Lamb's wife, He also is expressing Himself today through the Body of Christ.

Now we can see the church's position before God. We cannot make the church so low by suggesting that it is merely a meeting. No, the church is a group of people who have been redeemed by the blood, who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit, who have committed themselves to God's hand, and who are willing to take God's will, do His will, and stand for God on earth for the sake of maintaining His testimony.

If there is only a will in heaven, God will not move. The heavenly move is accomplished on earth only when the earth wants the same thing as heaven. Today this is called the ministry of the church...The ministry of the church is to bring the will in heaven to earth. How does the church bring the will in heaven to earth? It is by prayer on earth...Prayer is the church saying to God, "God, we want Your will." Prayer is the church knowing God's heart and opening its mouth to ask for what is in God's heart.

...A prayer which is in the nature of work or ministry is one in which you stand on God's side, wanting what God wants...For the church to pray means that it finds out God's will and speaks out this will. Prayer is not just asking God for something. For the church to pray means that it stands on God's side to declare that man wants what God wants. If the church declares this, the declaration will be effectual.

The Prayer Ministry of the Church: Chapter One, pp. 8-13