

## 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 meetings at Districts 1 & 2

7:30 pm – Chinese-speaking prayer meeting at District 2

7:00 pm - Spanish-speaking prayer meeting 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

8:00 pm – Young People's Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry  
and the Word

#### Holy Word for Morning Revival

The Will of God – Week 3

#### Ministry Publication Reading

Lessons for New Believers:  
Lessons 22 & 23

#### Scripture Reading

Daniel 6:10; Psa. 119:164;  
55:17; Acts 10:3

### Announcements

- ❖ **The Holy Word for Morning Revival: The Will of God available for sale on Lord's Day, 7/05, at Two Locations**
  - District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door from 9am-5pm.
  - District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front porch from 9am-5pm.
  - Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix
  
- ❖ **College Training: "The Intrinsic Significance of Samuel-- the Nazarite"**
  - Friday, July 10: 5:00-6:30 PM PDT Nationwide Webinar
  - Saturday, July 11: 5:00-6:00 PM\* & 7:30-9 PM PDT/MDT/CDT/EDT
  - Monday, July 13: 5:00-6:00 PM\* & 7:30-9 PM PDT/MDT/CDT/EDT
  - Wednesday, July 15: 5:00-6:00 PM\* & 7:30-9 PM PDT/MDT/CDT/EDT
  - Friday, July 17: 5:00-6:00 PM\* & 7:30-9:00 PM PDT/MDT/CDT/EDT
  - Saturday, July 18: 5:00-6:30 PM PDT Nationwide Webinar
  
- ❖ **Offerings**
  - All offerings are to be carried out electronically.
  - Monies can be sent through *Zelle* or *Popmoney* (security verification code: 602-370-5813) to the church's bank account using the following email address: [offerings@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org).

Persevere in Prayer

- ❖ **Intercessory Prayer in North America:**
  - Sign up at <http://www.beseeching.org> to receive daily emails containing a prayer burden, along with crucial verses.
- ❖ **Church Prayer Burdens:** <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

## Riches from the Ministry

Although we should be in constant fellowship with God, we still need to set aside some time each day for fellowship. A new believer especially should set aside time during which he can fellowship with God. Examples of this can be found in the Bible. Daniel 6:10 says that Daniel prayed before his God three times daily. Psalm 119:164 says that David praised God seven times a day. Psalm 55:17 says that he complained and moaned evening, morning, and noontime. He came before God three times a day. Acts 10:3 says that Cornelius prayed at the ninth hour of the day. He had a fixed time to fellowship with God. Even our Lord Jesus set aside a specific time to pray for needs that arose. During the two thousand years of church history many spiritual men who were used by the Lord set aside a specific time every day to have deep fellowship with Him.

According to our experience, it is best to set aside a time in the morning, before the day dawns. This is the time when we are refreshed after a night of sleep; we have not had contact with any person or thing, and our outward environment and inner being are quieter. Therefore, it is the best and sweetest time to come before God to fellowship with Him.

If a Christian wants to learn to live before the Lord and have constant fellowship with Him, he needs to be one who touches God early in the morning. It is understandable if we cannot fellowship with God at midmorning, at noon, or in the afternoon and in the evening, but it is not understandable if we cannot fellowship with Him early in the morning.

We should learn to rise early in the morning. Those who want to rise early should learn the lesson of going to bed early. It is very interesting that the more fallen a person is, the more he likes to stay up late at night, and the more he loathes rising early. God ordained that man would go to bed when the sun goes down and rise when the sun comes up, yet the devil stimulates man to be active when the sun goes down and to sleep when the sun comes up. This can be seen in the bustling activities that occur late at night, such as gambling, drinking, movies, and dancing. When it is time for those who participate in these to rise in the morning, they are still asleep.

As believers, we should not be like this. We should work when the sun comes up, rest when the sun goes down, and rise early in the morning. In order to rise early, we must go to bed early. Any unwillingness to go to bed early comes from our fallen nature. Our fallen nature encourages us to stay awake, but the nature within a believer encourages him to go to bed early. Whenever we see a believer who always goes to bed late, we should be concerned because always going to bed late is an indication that one has no intention of rising early the next morning to draw near to God. Such a Christian will have problems.

Immediately after we rise in the morning, we should fellowship with God. We should spend at least twenty minutes fellowshiping with Him every day. If we cannot afford to spend this much time, we should spend at least ten minutes, but this is quite poor. The best is to have at least half an hour to one hour every morning. Our coming before God in such a way to have a specific time to fellowship is profitable to our whole being. Not only our spirit will be strengthened, but even our physical life will be prolonged. Brother George Müller lived to be ninety-three years old. From his biography we learn that he was not physically strong as a child. According to my impression from reading his biography, his longevity was very much related to his fellowship with God every morning. He would rise up very early every morning and read the Bible and pray while taking a walk outdoors. This was his morning watch. I believe this was most beneficial.

Thus, drawing near to God in the morning and fellowshiping with Him not only causes our spirit to be fed and nourished but also causes our body to be healthy. At the same time, it renders much help to our mind, our train of thought, and our judgment. If we touch and absorb God every morning, we will have an intelligent mind, clear thinking, and sound judgment...[W]e will become those whose spirit, soul, and body are thriving and strong.

We also need a specific place to fellowship with God. Personally, I feel that the devil has truly damaged Christians concerning this matter. Because both land and housing are expensive, people are always crowded together. Very few Christians have a room that is exclusively for prayer. We must admit that it is difficult to pray in crowded living quarters. In order to pray properly, however, a quiet place is needed. Therefore, we still need to try our best to find a suitable place.

Given this need, some people rise early in the morning to pray outside for half an hour while others are still asleep. This is one solution for the need of a place. There are some who go up to the mountains to pray, since they live near the mountains...In those days a few of us would go up to the mountain every day, and we would each find a spot to fellowship with the Lord.

...[P]rayer that contacts God consists of words spoken genuinely from the heart. We must pray according to our inward feeling. We should not exercise our mind like a student taking an exam. Neither should we focus on the wording of prayer as if we are writing an essay. Such prayers are not very genuine; they are rather pretentious. When we come before God to pray, we should not be pretentious. We should speak what we feel within. When we are angry, we should voice our anger before God. When we are happy, we should voice our happiness before God. When we are sad, we should voice our sadness before God. When we are under pressure, we should speak of this pressure before God. When we sense that we are sinful, we should confess it before God. We should speak what we feel within, speaking genuine words from our heart. *Lesson for New Believers, Lessons 22 & 23*