

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

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

A Timely Word
Concerning the World
Situation and the Lord's
Recovery – Week 1

Ministry Publication Reading

Life-Study of Exodus –
Message Forty Seven

Scripture Reading

Exo. 17:11-12

Announcements

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: "A Timely Word Concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery." available for sale on Lord's Day, 8/16, at Two Locations

- District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door.
- District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front porch.
- Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ Campus Work at ASU

- "Discipleship" Training - August 12-14, 17-19
- "Engage" (Virtual Passport Night) - August 19
- Classes Commence - August 20
- Welcome Meeting - August 20

❖ 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.

Persevere in Prayer

❖ Intercessory Prayer in North America:

- Sign up at <http://www.beseeking.org> to receive daily emails containing a prayer burden, along with crucial verses.

❖ ASU Campus Work: The "Discipleship" training in the coming Fall Semester (Aug 12-14, 17-19)

- Having personal time with the Lord and reading materials about morning revival
- Fellowship concerning disciple, abiding, God, believers, unbelievers, confession, consecration, and how to turn conversations to the Lord.
- Workshops: Mystery of Human Life, testimony of salvation, social media, producing simple gospel tracts

❖ Church Prayer Burdens: <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

Riches from the Ministry

...[W]e fight by praying with the interceding Christ ([Exo. 17:11](#)). Moses lifting up his hand on the mountaintop typifies the interceding Christ in the heavens. We are told in 17:12 that when Moses' hands were heavy, "Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun." What is the significance of this?

...As we have pointed out, Moses praying on the mountaintop typifies Christ interceding for us in the heavens. But the fact that Moses needed Aaron and Hur to stay up his hands signifies our need to pray. While Christ is praying in the heavens, we must pray here on earth. When we pray, we are one with Moses on the mountaintop.

Although the interceding Christ does not need anyone to support His hands, we need our praying hands to be stayed up. It is easy for them to become heavy...Thus, we need the help of Aaron and Hur.

Aaron, the high priest, signifies the priesthood, and Hur, who was of the tribe of Judah, signifies the kingship...Our prayer needs to be sustained by the priesthood and the kingship. Sometimes our praying hands become heavy not because we lack the desire to pray, but because we are lacking in incentive and encouragement. This means that we may be in need of Aaron and Hur, in need of the priesthood and the kingship.

The priesthood is related to the Holy of Holies. In our experience, the Holy of Holies is always related to our spirit. Hence, to be heavy in prayer indicates a problem or shortage in our spirit. For some reason, our spirit is not keen, active, or positive with the Lord. This causes our prayer to become heavy. Our experience confirms this. At such times of heaviness, we should not deal with our prayer by trying to pray more. Instead, we should deal with our spirit. In our spirit there is the shortage of the priesthood. We need Aaron, the high priest, to strengthen our spirit.

Our prayer also becomes heavy when we do not care for the building up of the tabernacle. Hur is related to the building. In fact, the direction of the book of Exodus is toward the building of the tabernacle...[O]ur prayer needs to be with a view to the building of the church. What God is doing today is toward this goal. If our prayer life does not have in view the building of the church, our prayer will not last very long. But if we have the priesthood and the kingship and care for the building up of the tabernacle, the church, our prayer life will not become heavy. Rather, it will be supported by the priesthood and the kingship, and it will have the building of the church in view.

In our prayer we should be one with Christ in the heavens. We need to join Christ and be one with Him in His intercession. We should make His prayer our prayer, His intercession our instant prayer. Supported by the priesthood and the kingship, that is, stirred up in our spirit and subdued under God's authority, we need to pray with Him on the throne in the heavens. Furthermore, the direction of our prayer must be toward the goal of the building of God's house. If we have these factors — the priesthood, the kingship, and God's building in view — I do not believe our prayer can be stopped. The picture of Aaron and Hur holding up Moses' hands is a portrait of the union in prayer between Christ and us. When Christ intercedes, we pray. We join with Him in His intercession.

In 17:12 we are told that Aaron and Hur took a stone and put it under Moses, and he sat on it. This indicates that our prayer life must have a solid base. When I was young, I learned to pray, but my prayer did not have a solid base. This is also true of many Christians today. They have learned to pray, but they lack a solid base for their prayer life. I do not believe that, according to the context of Exodus 17, the strong base for our prayer life is Christ directly. Instead, I believe that the stone used as the strong base refers to our realization that in ourselves we are not able to sustain a prayer life. It is the recognition of the fact that we need support. In our natural life we, like Moses, are not able to persevere in prayer. We simply cannot continue our prayer all day long. Thus, we need to realize our weakness. This realization gives us the strong base we need for our prayer life.

When you are about to pray, you need to realize that in yourself you are not able to pray. Every praying person can testify that it is not possible to have a prayer life without a strong base. We need something solid to uphold our life of prayer. Whenever you pray, tell the Lord, "Lord, I am not able to continue in prayer. I need a solid base for my prayer, and I take You as such a base."

We are told that Moses prayed until sunset. We may have a good time of prayer early in the morning, but we usually cannot continue until noon, much less until the end of the day. Are you able to keep yourself in the spirit of prayer from early morning until noon? Probably few among us are able to do this. Moses was able to pray until sunset because he had a rock, a solid base, to sit on, and because he had Aaron and Hur supporting him. Be encouraged to tell the Lord, "Lord, I am not able to pray without ceasing. It is easy for me to lose my temper or to gossip. But I cannot pray continually. Lord, I can pray for a short time, but I can't pray all day long." If you say this to the Lord, you will find that you are sitting on a rock. You will then have a solid base for your prayer life.

I am burdened to share this point because I realize that one of the biggest problems we face is that of our prayer life. If we want our prayer life to be preserved, we need to take care of four matters: the solid base, the priesthood, the kingship, and the building of the tabernacle. Then our prayer life will be upheld.