

## 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 3

### Ministry Publication Reading

How to Enjoy God and  
How to Practice the  
Enjoyment of God –  
Chapter Twenty-One

### Scripture Reading

[Gen. 18:17, 22-33](#);  
[Ezek. 22:30](#)

## Announcements

❖ **Labor Day Blending Conference: The conference will be conducted online via Zoom and will include both spoken messages and breakout sessions for mutual sharing and blending of all the saints. Information for Zoom ID links will be emailed to all the saints. The meeting schedule is as follows:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: Friday, September 4; 7:30 PM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: Saturday, September 5; 10:00 AM
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: Saturday, September 5; 7:30 PM
- 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Lord's Day, September 6; 10:00 AM\*
- \* The blending conference will not include a Lord's Table. The church in Phoenix will have the Lord's Table from 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM, then we'll join the conference at 10:00 AM.
- Translations will be provided in Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Russian, & Vietnamese.

❖ **Gospel to All the Nations**

- Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020; 1:00 PM PDT
- All the people of every nation are invited to join to enjoy the pure ministry of the Word and to hear the gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 24:14). For detailed information regarding the conference, please visit the website at: [gospeltoallthenations.com](http://gospeltoallthenations.com).

❖ **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.beseeking.org> to receive daily emails containing a prayer burden, along with crucial verses.

❖ **Labor Day Conference:** "God has blended the Body together (1 Cor. 12:24)." Please pray for the blending of the churches and for the Lord to release a timely speaking concerning His move today.

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

## Riches from the Ministry

Let us...consider intercession. Genuine prayers are prayers in which man is mingled with God in spirit. Hence, all genuine prayers are initiated by God. All prayers that are mingled with God are surely initiated by Him. In such prayers, God prays in man, and man prays in God. These prayers involve two levels.

In order to pray in this way, a person must be calm and turn to his spirit. He must learn to drop his own concepts and enter into God. When a person drops his concepts and enters into God, it is easy for him to sympathize with God's heart, to be concerned for God's interest, and to live in complete conformity to God's desires. When this is a person's condition, the Lord will surely be pleased to open His heart to him, and it will be easy for him to know the Lord's will. He does not need to exert much effort to touch the Lord's desire. He merely needs to contact the Lord, and he will know what is of concern to the Lord today.

This is the source of all genuine prayers. When the Lord's mind becomes ours, we know what He wants, and we begin to care for His desires. Once we care for the Lord's desires, we will intercede for them. Knowing God's desire forces us to bear the work of intercession before Him.

Let us consider Abraham's intercession for Lot. Abraham learned to live before God. He was one who knew God's desire. When God visited Abraham, He said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?" ([Gen. 18:17](#)). Since God and Abraham were intimate friends, God opened His heart to him, and He told Abraham that He had come down to look at the condition of Sodom and to judge it. When Abraham heard this, he knew that God's heart was focused on Lot, who was in Sodom. Although God did not mention Lot by name, the fact that He spoke of the place where Lot was gave Abraham a hint of God's heart. Abraham knew that God cared for Lot, who was living in the city of Sodom.

As soon as Abraham understood God's heart, he knew that God needed someone to be one with Him to pray for Lot. Abraham knew that if there was no one on earth to communicate with the God in heaven, God would have no way to communicate His heavenly will to earth. God needed a man on earth who was in touch with Him and in harmony with Him.

As soon as Abraham knew God's heart, he tarried before God and began his work of intercession. When we read Genesis 18:22-33, we see that every word of Abraham touched God. Abraham reminded God that He is the Judge of all the earth, who needed to act justly, and asked if He could destroy the righteous with the wicked. Abraham did not mention Lot by name, but Lot was one of the righteous ones. Strictly speaking, his prayer was not for Sodom but for Lot who lived in Sodom, in the same way that God's heart was not on Sodom but on saving Lot who dwelled in Sodom.

...If we learn to enter into God by dropping our concepts, turning to our spirit, and caring for His desire, we will touch His heart and know His interests. Spontaneously, we will be motivated by God to intercede. Such intercession is solid and touches God. Moreover, we are inwardly fed and established in our faith, and we have the assurance that God has heard our prayer... This is what the Lord meant when He said that if we abide in Him and His word abides in us, whatever we ask will be done for us. Such asking does not originate from us. When we enter the Lord's presence, live in Him, abide in Him, and touch His heart, we have His desire. Then our asking is fulfilled because it comes out of His desire.

Many of our prayers are not the issue of abiding in Him. We pray according to our concepts and desires. These prayers do not touch God and are not answered. In order for our prayers to touch God and receive answers, they cannot be initiated by us. We must first be mingled with God and allow Him to initiate and motivate our prayers. Only these kinds of prayers are worthwhile and receive answers.

In the Old Testament God wanted to bless the Israelites and to perform wonderful works among them. Yet He could not find one person to pray for this. Then He spoke using an illustration of the need for someone to stand in the breach of the wall. However, He could not find anyone ([Ezek. 22:30](#)). To stand in the breach is to be one who touches God's heart, lives in God, cares for God's desire, and prays accordingly.

In this verse God could not find anyone on the earth who would stand on the earth for this. There was no one who would be joined to Him and echo His heart by praying for what concerned Him. Consequently, He had no choice but to give up on the nation of Israel. He could not find anyone who would echo His heart, anyone who would learn to live in Him, to care for His desire, or to respond to His desire and call on Him to do something on earth. As such, He could only sigh in resignation in heaven.

If we want to learn the work of intercession, we must learn to turn to our spirit, enter into God, drop our concepts, and care for God's heart. When we do this, spontaneously He will show us His desire, and He will motivate us to pray. The more we pray this way, the more we will touch God's heart. We will touch God and be filled, and something solid will remain in us. After we pray this way, we will have the faith and the deep assurance that our prayers have been answered. Intercession is fully a matter of being in the spirit.

*How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God, pp. 231-236*