

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 4

Ministry Publication Reading

Lessons On Prayer –
Chapter Twelve

Scripture Reading

[John 15:7](#); [6:63](#); [Col. 3:16a](#)

Announcements

❖ Property Available in Madrid, Spain:

- The property will greatly increase the ability to meet the needs of the church in Madrid as well as the work throughout the whole of the Iberian Peninsula.
- To read the letter and view photos, click the following: <http://laobramspi.es/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-07-27-Letter-to-churches-Madrid-house.pdf>
- Offerings can be given to the Lord's Move to Europe (LME) online: <https://www.lordsmove.org/offerings.html> and designate the gift to: Ministerio Nuevo Hombre
- Offerings can be given locally through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org. Please indicate on the memo field: Property in Madrid Spain.

❖ 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.

❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8:30 am
- Via Zoom meeting

❖ 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.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

Prayer is a moving of the Lord in man. True prayers are God speaking forth His words from within man and through man. In the matter of prayer, nothing is more crucial than the understanding of this point. From the beginning we have pointed out clearly that prayer does not mean that man has a need and thus asks God to fulfill it. This is the human concept. The prayer which the Bible speaks of is that God has a need, and He enters into man, causing him to be conscious of that need. Then He operates within man, moves man, and places a burden on man to pray forth that particular need. This is prayer.

The Holy Spirit coming to man and entering into man is not just for the infilling and the outpouring. It is also for Him to become the indwelling words of God. If God's coming to man were merely His coming, with no words, there would be no way for man to understand His intention. There is no way that His intention can be explained without words...[John 14:17](#) says that when the Spirit comes, He enters into us; [\[John 15:4\]](#) says that we abide in the Lord, and the Lord also abides in us. Then [\[John 15:7\]](#) says, "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you..." Here the Lord becomes the words and explanation in us.

...The Spirit who comes to us must become the explanation in us. Once it becomes the explanation, it is the word. The Gospel of John says clearly that the words which the Lord speaks to us are spirit. When the Spirit in us causes us to understand, then it is the word.

Real prayers, therefore, are the outcome of God's moving within us. This moving is carried out through the Spirit, and the Spirit needs to become the word, the explanation. Thus, we are able to express our prayers.

Explanation is an inward understanding, whereas expression is an outward declaration. Every true prayer is just like a weighty message, all the words of prayer being the expression of the Spirit. It can almost be said that the words of prayer are the very Spirit. No wonder the Lord Jesus said that His words are spirit, for whatever He speaks, it is the expression of the Spirit. In principle, our prayers should be the same.

Real prayers are the result of God's moving in us. God's moving starts with the Spirit first coming to us and then going a step further to become the explanation. The explanation is the word. Once the words are present in our consciousness, they must be expressed. When we speak forth those words, that is prayer.

The Lord's word to us comes in two stages. One stage is the words in the Scripture, and the other stage is the words in the Spirit. Colossians says that we should let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. We must believe that this refers to the words in the Scripture. We often encourage the brothers and sisters to saturate themselves with the Scriptures. The reason for this is that we might remember the words of the Lord and thus retain them within us. Then at a certain time, when the Spirit comes to us, He will express Himself with the Scripture words that we have remembered and retained within us. At this time these words will become the words of the Spirit.

When we speak of the relationship between prayer and the Lord's word, it includes these two aspects: the words of the Spirit and the words of the Scripture, or the Lord's word in the Scripture and the Lord's word in the Spirit. In reality, these two words are just one. However, if the words in the Scripture do not become the words in the Spirit, then they are words merely in our memory and in our intellect but have not entered into our spirit. It is only when the Spirit comes to mingle with these words that these words become the words in our spirit. This is the relationship between the Word and the Spirit.

There are two steps in receiving the Lord's word. The first is to receive the word of the Bible, and the second is to receive that word explained by the Spirit. Or we may say that first we receive the Lord's word from the Bible into us, and then we receive the Lord's word from the Spirit. Without the first step it is very difficult to have the second. Whoever is very poor in receiving the word from the Bible cannot be rich in receiving the word from the Spirit. To obtain the word richly from the Spirit, one needs to receive the word of the Bible richly into himself. Hence, we declare that we need to read the Bible, understand the Bible, and remember its words. This is to allow the words of the Bible to be stored in us richly.

Read the Scriptures well, and you will be able to pray well. But this does not mean that simply by being well-versed in the Scriptures, you will be able to pray very well...What we mean is that you must daily receive the word of the Bible into you through the Spirit. Then at a certain time, when you receive inspiration, the Holy Spirit will make the words that you received of the Bible His words. He will interpret and speak them once more into your spirit. Then these words will become spirit, the living word, and the word of life. This is what we mean by receiving the Lord's word.

We have previously fellowshipped the matter of the spirit becoming the word. Now let us examine the matter of the Word becoming spirit. Words becoming spirit means that the words of the Bible that you have read, or the words of expounding the Bible that you have heard, have become spirit in you. The words that you have received will, at a certain time, become spirit in you. Brothers, please recall your experiences of prayer, and you will realize that a good, spiritual prayer is the issue of the Spirit of God mingling with you. You are not reciting the Bible but rather praying the words with which the Spirit has touched and moved you. What you pray is a mingling of the words of the Bible and of the Spirit. At this point the words that you have formerly received and stored in you will become the words in the Spirit. This means that the words in you have become spirit.

Lessons On Prayer, Chapter Twelve