

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

Crystallization Study of
Jeremiah & Lamentations
– Week 2

Ministry Publication Reading

Lessons on Prayer –
Chapter Eighteen

Scripture Reading

[Eph. 6:10-12](#)

Announcements

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: "Crystallization Study of Jeremiah & Lamentations" Available for Sale at Two Locations:

- District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door.
- District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front porch.
- Cost: \$8.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ 2021 Gospel Calendar

- Cost: \$ 8.00 pre-paid
- Payment can be made through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org.
- Memo: 2021 Gospel Calendar

❖ YP Conference

- Dates: J.H. Oct. 9-11; H.S. Oct. 23-25
- Registration Deadlines: J.H. Sept. 27; H.S. Oct. 11
- Cost: \$15.00/person

❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- Saturday, Oct. 17 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 and ministry portion.

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

Riches from the Ministry

If we have seen that the prayers of greatest worth are prayers in ascension, then we can easily understand that prayer is a warfare, and we will utter prayers of warfare. Such is the nature of the prayer spoken of in Ephesians 6. It is not the ordinary, common, general prayer. It is very high, being uttered from the realm of the heavens.

God's kingdom is the sphere of God's rule. The Bible shows that God's plan, on the positive side, is to have Himself expressed in His Son. On the negative side, God's plan is to have His authority carried out in the whole universe so that the entire universe may become His kingdom, the sphere of His rule. In reading the Scripture, we should always keep in mind the two aspects of God's plan.

Prayer is categorically related to God's enemy. God's authority is under attack in the universe because of the existence of God's enemy. In the Bible the kingdom of God is of great significance. The enemy of God is also a very crucial issue in the Scripture. God's authority suffers frustration and limitation in the universe because there is a rebellious Satan in the universe.

There are three main figures in the universe: God, Satan, and man. Never belittle man. God has never belittled man. God, Satan, and man may be considered the three big heads in the universe. Satan's intention is to overthrow God's authority. God's desire is to do away with the rebellious Satan. However, God does not wish to deal with Satan directly, and Satan has no way to destroy God's authority by his own strength. God needs to work through man to deal with Satan, and Satan also needs to work through man to frustrate God. The solution to the problems existing between God and the devil are tied to man. Man is the critical figure in the universe. If man stands on God's side, God predominates. If man stands on Satan's side, then Satan prevails.

...In this context, what is prayer? On the one hand, prayer is man expressing to God that he wants God and that he is standing on God's side. On the other hand, it is man telling Satan that he is standing with God to oppose Satan. Hence, the purpose of prayer is to bring in God's kingdom and to drive Satan away.

We will now look at the position of God's enemy. Speaking of the spiritual warfare, Ephesians 6 says that God's enemy, the power of darkness, is in the air. Both in Ephesians and Colossians there are several places which tell us that the rulers and the authorities are in the air. So the position of God's enemy is in the air. On the other hand, the Bible also shows that the sphere of the activities of God's enemy is on earth. Satan usurps the air as his dwelling place and controls the earth as the sphere of his activities. So the Lord Jesus wants us to pray that God's kingdom may come and that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. The whole earth today, on the one hand, is under God's rule. But on the other hand, if you observe the situation everywhere, you will sense that no one cares for God's will and God's authority, for the whole earth has been usurped by Satan.

The position of prayer is the position of ascension. All who do not pray from the position of ascension fall under the control of Satan. Genuine prayers are always uttered in the heavenly realm. Mrs. Penn-Lewis once said that one must first see clearly the position of ascension in Ephesians 2 in order to have the fighting prayers in Ephesians 6. Once you fall to the earth, you are under Satan's hand, and you will not be able to deal with him. Daniel's prayer was, on the one hand, on earth and, on the other hand, in the heavenly realm. His condition and nature were entirely heavenly, so his prayer was able to deal with the enemy.

All prayers that are expressed in the heavenly realm and from the throne of God are prayers of warfare. He who prays in this way is one who has passed through the cross, resurrected, and ascended. He is on the throne, far above the earth, and is not touched by any earthly thing. The prayers that he expresses from such a realm are prayers that can defeat the devil in the air and bring down God's authority. Like Daniel's prayer, such prayer is able to bring the things of heaven to the earth. It is able to get the heavenly authority through the air and bring it to the earth. This is the fighting prayer.

So every praying person should be one who is in the heavenly realm, touching God's throne, and therefore, able to pour down prayers from heaven. As you are above the earth, the air, and the power of darkness and are seated together with Christ on the throne of God in the heavenlies, the prayers that you utter are prayers of warfare. Having understood this point, you will turn the focus of your attention from man to the devil... The target with which we are dealing in our prayers is not man but the devil. All the problems in the church are not with the brothers and sisters but with Satan. The problems in the family also are not with the husband, the wife, or the children but with Satan. The object of the prayer of spiritual warfare is not at all men of blood and flesh but the devil of the spiritual realm. If we are in the heavenly realm, we are able to pray such prayers of ascension, that is, prayers of warfare. Such prayers of warfare are for the driving out of Satan and the ushering in of God's kingdom.

W. Lee, Lessons on Prayer, The Prayer of Warfare, pp. 217-227