

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 28, 2021

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

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 Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, Volume 1 – Week 3

Ministry Publication Reading

Serving According to Revelation – Chapter 4

Scripture Reading

Gen. 2:9, 16-17; James 3:8; Prov. 10:19

Announcements

❖ Phoenix Conference with brother Ron

- o March 5-7
- o Conference messages will be given live via Zoom.
- o Conference Meeting Schedule:
Message One: March 5, Friday; 7:30 pm
Message Two: March 6, Saturday; 10:00 am
Message Three: March 6, Saturday; 7:00 pm
Lord's Table Meeting: March 7, Lord's Day; 9:30 am
Message Four: March 7, Lord's Day; 10:00 am
- o Conference Outlines and Information will be available at: www.churchinphoenix.org/conf/2021/

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, Volume 1 available for sale at two locations

- o District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door from 9am-5pm.
- o District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front door from 9am-5pm.
- o Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ 2020 Contribution Letter

- o Saints who need a 2020 Contribution Letter from The Church in Phoenix can request it from Won Huang via email at wzhcpa@outlook.com

❖ Offerings

- o Please send your offerings through Zelle or Popmoney to the church's bank account using the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Persevere in Prayer

❖ Intercessory Prayer in North America:

- o Sign up at <http://www.beseeking.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

Serving according to right and wrong is a common problem in the church service. As believers and serving ones, we have the Lord as our life. We love the Lord, fear Him, and are being shined upon and taught by Him, but we still have the flesh and our natural disposition. As serving ones, we still have conflicts and disputes because we live in the flesh according to what is right and what is wrong...We must know how to deal with this matter before the Lord.

The matter of right and wrong is not related to life; it is related to death, which is the opposite of life. According to the Bible, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was next to the tree of life, and the issue of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was death (Gen. 2:9, 16-17). Hence, neither good nor evil is related to the tree of life. We often regard evil as being equivalent to death and regard good as being equivalent to life. God's Word, however, reveals that both good and evil are related to death, not life. Both good and evil are death. Thus, touching good or touching evil is the same as touching death.

The Lord's will is for us to touch life. Satan's scheme is for us to touch right and wrong. The issue of touching life is life, but the issue of touching right and wrong is death. Therefore, when we encounter matters that are related to right and wrong among the saints, we should not try to solve these matters by being in the realm of right and wrong. Instead of paying attention to matters according to right and wrong, we should bring the saints into the light of life in order that they would accept the dealing of life. Right and wrong always cause us to touch death. Even if problems related to right and wrong are seemingly resolved, the issue will always be death. We can touch life only by being in the light of life and by accepting the dealing of life. Life always swallows up death. If we touch life, life will swallow up any death related to right and wrong. This is a clear principle.

If we understand that both right and wrong are the opposite of life, we will not attempt to solve problems that are related to the realm of right and wrong. Instead, we will bring people to the Lord so that they may see whether the Lord within them approves of their dispute. Then it will be easy to lead them to accept the dealings of life in the light of life. When the light of life shines on the saints and when they are dealt with in life, they drop their arguments, their problems are solved, they gain life, and they grow in life.

We often think that we can solve the problems among the saints if we can determine who is right and who is wrong. This may solve a dispute, but it will not help the saints to know their flesh, nor will it lead them to accept the Lord's dealing and touch His life so that they may grow spiritually. Both our rationalizations and our flesh are involved with right and wrong. Right and wrong are always related to our fallen nature. When the Lord Jesus was on the earth, He brought people to God. He did not answer questions based on right and wrong. When a person meets God, he can recognize right and wrong, transcend right and wrong, conquer right and wrong, and experience life swallowing up right and wrong. The Lord does not want to solve problems in the realm of right and wrong. He wants to swallow up right and wrong with His transcending life.

We must avoid touching right and wrong with the saints. Instead, we should bring them to the Lord so that they may receive help in life. Our natural man loves to judge matters according to right and wrong...When we know matters related to right and wrong, it is easy to fall into this realm, and the result will be death. We must remember that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is Satan's goal, but the tree of life is God's goal. We should never touch good and evil or right and wrong. We should touch life.

Those who take part in the service and bear responsibilities in the church must restrict their temper and their words...In order to be useful in the Lord's hand, our temper must be dealt with. A person who does not have a temper is useless, but a person whose temper has not been dealt with is also useless. A person who is never angry or anxious will not be that useful in the service, nor will a person who is quick to become angry or anxious be useful. In order to be useful in the service of the church, a serving one must be capable of getting angry or of being anxious; however, his anger and anxiety must be dealt with. I hope that we will not be those who have a temper but those whose temper has been dealt with.

Furthermore, our words must be restricted. James 3:8 says, "The tongue no one among men is able to tame; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison," and verse 2 says, "If anyone does not stumble in word, this one is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well." Our words are a test to us. They manifest the kind of person we are and often prove how much we have been dealt with and the lessons we have learned before the Lord. If we fear the Lord and live in His presence, we will not be loose with our words. If we have been dealt with and are learning the lessons, we will be restricted in our words. We can speak for the Lord only when we learn to not speak for the Lord's sake. If we cannot learn how to not speak for the Lord's sake, we are not qualified to speak for Him. If our tongue cannot be disciplined by the Spirit, we will not have the utterance of the Spirit, nor will we be used by the Spirit. If our mouth is not restricted by God, we cannot serve Him, and we are not qualified to serve Him.

Solomon says, "When there are many words transgression does not cease" (Prov. 10:19). In the church there are many people with many matters. If we speak "many words," it is inevitable that we will get into trouble. We may unconsciously spread right and wrong, initiate strife, cause the work of the church to suffer loss, and hurt the life of the saints by being inaccurate or false in our speaking. We must be cautious and restricted in our speaking...When we speak, we must be restricted and led by the Lord with regard to the content, the place, the time, and the audience. Otherwise, we will utter "many words."...We must be watchful. (Lee, *Serving According to Revelation*, Chapters Four)