

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

March 21, 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 5

### Ministry Publication Reading

Serving According to Revelation – Chapter 6

### Scripture Reading

Matt. 6:9-10; 28:18-20

## Announcements

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

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

### ❖ Mountain States College Conference

- March 26-28
- Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/SPCC2021>
- No Registration Fee

### ❖ Offerings

- Please send your offerings through *Zelle* or *Popmoney* 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 and ministry portion.

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

## Riches from the Ministry

We have greatly limited and hindered God in the leading and future growth of the churches and in the work...We do not sense that this is a serious matter. If we would be enlightened, we would see that it is a serious matter to limit and hinder God.

### **GOD'S DESIRE**

In Matthew 6 the Lord charged the disciples to pray, "Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth" (vv. 9-10). After the Lord was raised from the dead, He said to the disciples, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (28:18-19). In chapter 6 the Lord prayed for God's will to be done on earth, because this is God's desire, and in chapter 24 the Lord spoke of His desire for the gospel to be preached in the whole inhabited earth (v. 14). This is the reason that all authority in heaven and on earth was given to the Lord Jesus. Possessing this authority, the Lord charged the disciples to preach the gospel to all the nations until the consummation of this age (28:18-20). This is also His charge to the church.

The Lord has been with the church since the time of His resurrection. He is exercising His authority so that the church can preach His gospel to all the nations. When we spread the gospel, God's will is being done on earth. Only by spreading the gospel can God's will be done on earth as it is being done in heaven. Therefore, God desires that we would spread the gospel...

### **OUR LIMITATION**

God wants us to spread His gospel, but very few saints have such a deep feeling. Therefore, we are spreading the gospel in a limited manner, both corporately and individually. Although we serve together, meet frequently, and pray that God's will would be done on earth, do we have a strong desire to preach the gospel? How much do we fulfill our function by preaching the gospel? God has commissioned us with the gospel, but we have hindered Him, held Him back, and limited Him.

We have failed the Lord and limited Him; hence, we are indebted to Him. We should not think that we have done so much for the Lord...We need to humble ourselves and examine ourselves before God. We did not accomplish anything, and we have nothing for which to boast. On the contrary, we have limited and hindered the Lord. I believe that all the saints would admit that we have limited and hindered the Lord, because we have not allowed Him to flow through us adequately.

### **OUR LOOSENESS LIMITING THE LORD**

If we are under the Lord's light, we will see that even though we love the Lord and have surrendered ourselves to Him, the meetings are not blessed and the work lacks fruit because of our looseness. Many blessings have slipped away in our service because of our looseness. We cannot say that the saints who serve do not love the Lord or have not surrendered themselves to Him. To say this would be an injustice to them. However, their service does not bring in much blessing, and their work does not produce much fruit, nor does it meet the expected goal, because of looseness.

Many things among us have been delayed because of our looseness. When we sense that we still love the world, we do not deal with it because of looseness. If we were stricter, we would deal with our love of the world, and the world would fall away from us.

Those who serve the Lord have indeed paid a price and love the Lord. However, our looseness is a serious problem that has caused us to lose many blessings that we should have received. Our looseness can ruin everything. We should not look for a great problem. As long as there is a hole in a one-gallon bucket, a gallon of gasoline will leak out, even if the hole is as small as the eye of a needle. Our little hole of looseness has caused many blessings to leak out.

When we are strict, our service becomes three-dimensional. When we are loose, our service becomes two-dimensional, and all the blessings leak out. If we would be a little stricter with ourselves, our service would become three-dimensional, and the blessings would be kept.

### **CONDEMNING OUR LOOSENESS**

If we would be willing to be enlightened and to condemn our looseness, we would see that our problems are unresolved because of our looseness. We know that we should read the Bible diligently, but we do not do so because of our looseness. We know that we should pray frequently, but we do not do so because of our looseness. We know that we need to be dealt with, but we do not go to the Lord because of our looseness. We know that we need to be broken, but we are not because of our looseness.

If we are willing to obey the light and condemn our looseness, we will receive more light. If we are willing to condemn our looseness, the Lord will expose our problems and remove the limitations. If we desire to meet God's need, we should go to Him and deal with our looseness. We should not be loose in dealing with our wrongdoings or shortcomings. While we are dealing with our wrongdoings and shortcomings, God's commission and our function will be manifested. (Lee, *Serving According to Revelation*, Chapters Six)