

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Jan 2, 2022

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

Announcements

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life

- District 1: contact Charles Martinez
- District 2: at Ellen Arnold's front door
- Cost: \$7.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ Corporate Lord's Day Meeting

- Jan. 9 at 10:00 am
- Districts 1&2
- Zoom link will be emailed to the saints

❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- Saturday, Jan. 15 at 8:30 am
- Zoom link information will be emailed to the brothers

❖ Offerings

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

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Persevere in Prayer

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life – Week 1

Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter 17

Scripture Reading:

Heb. 13:11-13; Heb. 10:19

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

Riches from the Ministry

The burden and concept of the writer of the book of Hebrews is this: you Jewish believers must be brought back to this wonderful One, this One who is far superior to all you have in Judaism. What Judaism has is good, but what we have is better both in quality and in quantity. Why do you still hold on to the silver? Why not drop it and take the gold? But if you would do this, you must realize first that Judaism, the best and even the genuine religion, is a camp which rejected Jesus. Jesus was crucified outside the city of Jerusalem — that means that He was rejected by Judaism. He was the true sin offering, which according to the type must be burned outside the camp. Jesus was really treated in this way — He was cast out of the city of Jerusalem; He was cast out of Judaism; He went outside the camp, bearing the cross. That was His reproach (13:11-13). If you would enjoy this Jesus, how can you still remain in the camp? This was the thought of the writer. As long as you insist on preserving the elements of Judaism, you keep yourself within the camp and separate yourself from Jesus. Jesus today is not within the camp; Jesus today is not within Judaism or any other kind of religious organization. As the Forerunner He has entered for us within the veil (6:20; 8:1-2) — He is there, in the Holy of Holies, not in the camp.

We must realize that today the Holy of Holies has two ends: one end is in the heavens, and the other is within our spirit. Whenever we are in the spirit, we are in the heavens, and whenever we are in the heavens, we may be assured that we are in the spirit. If today the Holy of Holies were only in the heavens, how could we have boldness to enter as we are exhorted in Hebrews 10:19? If it were only in the heavens, we would have to wait. But, praise the Lord, one end of the Holy of Holies is on this earth, in our spirit. The heavens and our spirit are connected together. When we are in the spirit, we are in the heavens; when we are in the spirit, we are in the Holy of Holies. In one sense, Christ is in the heavens, and in another sense, while He is in the heavens He is in our spirit. So let us leave the camp; let us leave Judaism; let us leave Christianity; let us leave every kind of religious organization and enter into the place where Jesus has entered, within the veil. We must abandon the camps and turn to the spirit.

If you will only leave the camp to follow Him, you will be in the heavens and therefore in your spirit, the Holy of Holies. Here you can gaze upon Him, you can stay with Him, you can partake of Him, and you can enjoy Him. Here you have the throne of grace, here you can find grace to meet your timely need, here you may enjoy the Spirit of grace, and here you may taste all the heavenly things, the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come.

If you are such a person, do you think you could keep yourself silent in the meetings? If you are such a one, who or what could frustrate you from praising Him? Your heart will be bubbling with good matters; your tongue will be the pen of a ready writer. You will have so many praises, and Christ will be the sacrifice of your praise. Your praises will not be empty but full of the content of Christ.

Not just the Jews but every one of us needs an inward vision to see that Christ is everything better than everything, and He is all better than all. Second we must consider Him, we must partake of Him, we must enjoy Him, we must look to Him, and we must go forth unto Him. But we cannot do this if we remain in the camp. We must go out of the camp and enter within the veil. I like these two phrases outside the camp and within the veil. Are you really outside the camp? If you are inside the camp and outside the veil, you will lose the presence and enjoyment of Christ. If you would enjoy Him and His presence, you must be outside the camp and inside the veil. Learn to know Him and learn to enjoy Him; then you will be filled with so many good matters and praises concerning Him. Your praise will silence all the enemies and crush all the little foxes.

We Christians must be such people. As such, we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. The less we have of Christ, the less we will desire to come to the meetings. The more we are filled with Christ, the more we long for the meetings and require the meetings to express something of Him. We need a meeting to say Hallelujah; we need a meeting to shout Amen; we need a meeting to release our spirit...This is the best way for us to meet. If we meet in this way, our meetings will be full of praises.

In this matter we need to afford Him the best cooperation. I have already used the illustration of the three-legged race. If my partner is capable and clever, yet I am slow and dull, I cannot cooperate well. He will be bound by me. Have you realized that you have always bound Christ? He is your Companion, and you are His partner, but what kind of a partner are you? When you come to the meeting and He wants to sing within you, do you offer Him adequate coordination? Or do you shut your mouth and quench your spirit? If so, He is imprisoned by you. How then could He sing hymns of praise in the midst of the church? We may, however, open our mouth and sing in the spirit, and undoubtedly Jesus will sing within us. But our singing may yet be so poor and lacking in adequate content, for we are not yet accustomed to higher praises.

Brothers and sisters, let us consider our praises. In one sense we are short of praises, and in another sense we are so poor in the utterance of our praises. Not only must we know Christ as everything better than everything, not only must we labor to enter into the good land and all the enjoyment of Christ, not only must we come together filled with His praises, but we must also practice composing our praises from the new vocabulary of our experiences of Christ. We need to practice this. Practice praising Christ out of your experience of Him; then you will become accustomed to it, and when you come to the meeting, you will praise with richer and higher phrases, utterance, and expression. How we need this! This is the best way to strengthen our meetings, uplift our meetings, and make our meetings so convincing and living. Will you practice?

(Lee, How to Meet, Chapter Seventeen)