

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Jan 23, 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

Continue in the Ministry  
and the Word

### Holy Word for Morning Revival

Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life – Week 4

### Ministry Publication Reading

How to Meet, Chapter 20

### Scripture Reading:

Exo. 30:26-28

## 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
  
- ❖ **Upcoming Conferences**
  - International Chinese-Speaking Conference: February 18-20, 2022
  - Phoenix Conference with Brother Ron K.: March 4-6, 2022
  - Conferences will be held through Zoom. Zoom link information will be emailed to the saints.
  
- ❖ **Church Prayer Burdens:** <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>
  
- ❖ **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).

## Riches from the Ministry

We must note that the entire arrangement of the tabernacle with all the items related to it are just for the burning of the incense. The offerings on the altar are for the burning of the incense; the washing of the laver is for the burning of the incense; the bread of the Presence, the feeding, is for the burning of the incense; and the lighting of the lamp is also for the burning of the incense. Look at the diagram of the tabernacle again: in the arrangement of all the vessels of the tabernacle, the altar of incense is at the center. One end of the Holy Place is toward the Ark, and the other end is toward the laver and the first altar. On both sides, as two wings facing north and south, are the table of the bread of the Presence and the lampstand. In the center is the incense altar. By this we may realize that the altar of incense is the very center, the very place where God is satisfied and we are accepted by Him. It is not till we reach the incense altar that we are accepted by God.

In order to reach the altar of incense, God's people must first labor upon the good land. Without laboring on the land, we have nothing to offer at the first altar; we cannot even take the first step. We must first labor on the land in order to reap the produce, to have the surplus to be brought to God and put upon the first altar as our offering.

Second, we need the priesthood. Today we are the laborers on the good land, and we are also the priesthood. The situation in this age is different from that of the ancient time. Long ago there were two groups of people, those who labored on the land and the priesthood. But today there is only one: those who labor on Christ are also the priesthood. First we need to be laborers to reap the produce, and then we must be the priesthood to offer the offerings, to handle Christ.

Third, we need the practice of the offerings. We must know how to offer the trespass offering, the sin offering, the peace offering, the meal offering, and the burnt offering. Do not imagine that these are only things of the Old Testament. These are pictures of what we must experience today as the reality. We need the priesthood to handle Christ as the reality of all these offerings.

Fourth, we need the washing in the laver, the washing of the cleansing Spirit, to rid us of all the dirt of the earthly touch. Fifth, we need the bread of the Presence upon which to feed. We must experience Christ as the life and feed upon Him as the life supply. Then out of the life comes the light — "The life was the light of men" (John 1:4). So following the table, we have the lamp — this is the sixth step. We need the life within and the Word without; these two factors give us the light.

Brothers and sisters, do you see the steps? The tabernacle is called the Tent of Meeting, and this is the way for us to meet. This is the way for the people of the Lord to come together to worship Him. These are not just practices of the ancient time; these are types of today's reality.

...By passing through the offering altar, the problem of sin is solved; the matter of sin is settled. By passing through the laver, we are cleansed; we are filthy no more. Even though we may not be sinful, we still may be defiled. However, by passing through the cleansing laver, our problem of dirt and defilement is dealt with. Then by feeding on Christ, the problem of our hunger is met; we are filled inwardly and truly satisfied. We can then light the lamp, and the Word without will correspond with the life within. Eventually, we are no more in darkness but in the light and in a position to burn the incense.

We all must look to the Lord that He will enable us by His grace to labor on Christ day by day so that we may reap a surplus to be brought to Him. We must also look to Him that He will raise up among us a real priesthood, that He will cause every member to function in the meetings in a coordinated and living way. If not, all we have is the clergy-laity system. Furthermore, we need the real experiences of offering all kinds of sacrifices to God — offering Christ as the burnt offering, as the meal offering, as the peace offering, as the sin offering, and as the trespass offering. We also need to continually experience the cleansing of the living One, the Holy Spirit. Then we can feed on Christ, and we can light the lamp. Thus, we are qualified to offer Christ, the compound, all-inclusive Christ, composed of so many fragrant ingredients, to God as incense. We will be full of praises acceptable to the Lord. Our spirits will be so one with Him. He will meet with us, and we will meet with Him. He will speak to us, and we will commune with Him. This is the proper way for us to meet, and this is real worship to God.

These are the steps to the incense altar. There is the first step — do not be offended. There is the second step — do not be disappointed. There is the third step — do not stop. There is the fourth step — keep coming. There is the fifth step — we need to be trained. There is the sixth step — burn the incense. Now we know where we are and what we need to do. We do need this kind of practical experience. Check yourself. Do you really labor on Christ? Do you really participate in the priesthood by functioning in the meetings? Do you really experience the first altar, the laver, the table, and the lampstand? If so, you have come to the very place where you may be accepted by God and commune with Him. You will be sweetly accepted, and He will be fully satisfied.

What we need is practice. We all must practice in our daily walk, on our job, in our school, at our homes. Practice! Practice burning the incense!

In the center of God's dwelling place on this earth is the altar of incense. The goal of the entire service within the sphere of the tabernacle is the burning of the incense. We must have the burning of the incense in the church meetings. We have seen that it is the priesthood, the corporate body of the priests, that burns the incense. Who are the priests?...I believe we are clear that we are all the priests. (Lee, *How to Meet*, Chapter Twenty)