

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

June 04, 2023

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 meeting at meeting hall

7:30 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

Thursday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Friday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance at the Hall

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Announcements

❖ 2023 July Semiannual Training

- Video Training Dates: **Wednesday, July 5; 7:00 pm – Lord's Day, July 16; 4:00 pm**
- Late Registration Donation (including outline): \$155 per seat (\$130 plus \$25 late fee)
- Late Registration Due Date: **June 20, 2023**
- Registration Fee can be sent through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: register@churchintempe.org. Please indicate on the memo line "2023 July Training".
- Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/cipregisterjuly23>

❖ Joint Lord's Table Meeting at CIT Meeting Hall

- June 11, Lord's Day, at 10:00 am
- 1619 S. Hardy Drive, Tempe, AZ

❖ HWMR – Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, Vol. 2

- Available for sale in church bookroom

❖ Offerings

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

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther – Week 10

Riches from the Ministry

The Recovery of God's House and God's City, Chapter 7

Riches from the Ministry

Ezra not only strengthened and enriched the recovery; he also purified it. Before he arrived, there was a mixture. Some of the Israelites had married heathen wives, and children were born of this mixture. This is a type that we should not apply literally but spiritually. The recovery is the holy seed...In the local churches we must be so pure, so simple, with no mixture. The problem is that many of us who have come back from Babylon have brought our background with us. Our background creates the mixture. In the Lord's recovery there is the need of purification to separate the holy seed from anything that is heathen. Do not bring into the local churches the things that you did in the denominations, no matter how good they are...We all must learn to give up the things of our background, regardless of how good they are. We must be so pure that the holy seed will never be mingled with anything heathen.

...The Lord does not like any kind of mixture. In the Lord's creation all things are "according to their kind."...We must be simple and according to our kind. We need to be pure, strict, simple, and according to our kind...If we are the local church, we should just be the local church. We must be so simple, so single, so pure, and so genuine according to our kind. We must be absolute. The Lord never honors any kind of a mixture. It must be according to its kind.

Ezra's work was to strengthen, enrich, and purify. He not only purified the people after the building up of the temple, but he purified them again for the building up of the city. In both Ezra and Nehemiah, there was the purification: one was after the building of the temple, and the other was after the building up of the city. In all the steps of the Lord's recovery, there is the need of purification.

We have seen the work of Zerubbabel, Joshua, Haggai, Zechariah, and Ezra. Is not this good enough? There is the return, the recovery of the building, the strengthening, the enriching, and the purifying. This is good, but it is not sufficient. There is still the need of the work of Nehemiah for the protection. There is the temple but not the city. The temple needs the protection of the city. The temple is the house, and the city is the kingdom. The house of God needs the kingdom of God as the protection. So after Ezra there is the need of Nehemiah. Nehemiah eventually became the governor of Judah. The kingship must be brought in for the kingdom.

We have seen these six persons: Zerubbabel, Joshua, Haggai, Zechariah, Ezra, and Nehemiah. Zerubbabel represents the kingship, and Joshua the priesthood. Haggai and Zechariah represent the prophets—Haggai to stir up and Zechariah to reveal Christ. Ezra is the priestly scribe to strengthen, enrich, and purify. Nehemiah came in for the protection, which is the submission to divine authority. In the local churches we must have the house of God, and we must also have the city of God, which is the kingdom. The house of God depends mostly upon the priesthood—to contact the Lord, to be saturated with the Lord, and to be one with the Lord. This is the start of the recovery, but there is still the need of the headship, the kingdom, and the divine authority. The church is for the kingdom—that is, the house is for the city. Eventually, the house of God becomes the holy city, the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2-3). In the New Jerusalem there is no temple (v. 22), because the temple has been enlarged into the city. This means that the city and the temple are mingled as one. This is the eternal protection.

In the Lord's recovery there is the need of these six persons. One by one they all contributed something that was necessary and vital...We need Zerubbabel, we need Joshua, we need Haggai, we need Zechariah, we need Ezra, and we need Nehemiah. Nehemiah brings in the protection of the city. As long as we do not have the city, we are not safe. We need a certain kind of protection as the outskirts of the house of God. The city is just the outskirts of the temple. With this there is the protection to the Lord's recovery. Eventually, the house, the temple, will be mingled with the city in the New Jerusalem, providing protection for eternity.

(Lee, *The Recovery of God's House and God's City*, Chapter 7).