

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST 11, 2024

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

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

### Friday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

### Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance at the Hall/Corporate Morning Revival

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting (Tempe Hall 8/17)

## Announcements

### ❖ Saturday Monthly Brother's Training-8/17

- Phoenix meeting Hall
- 8:30am

### ❖ Labor Day Blending Conference–Denver

- Saturday Aug. 31 - Monday Sept. 2

### ❖ Offerings

Please send your offerings through Zelle to the following email address:  
[offerings@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org).

Continue in the Ministry  
and the Word

### Holy Word for Morning Revival

*The Enjoyment of Christ and  
Our Growth in Life unto  
Maturity – Week 4*

### Life-Study of Matthew

Message 27  
Matt. 9:9-15

## Life-Study of Matthew – Study Guide

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 27 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, entitled The Continuation of the King's Ministry (3). This life-study covers Matt. 9:9-15. In 9:9-17 we come to a very fine, sweet, and intimate portion of the Gospel of Matthew. After the King decreed the constitution of the kingdom of the heavens and after He manifested His authority as the King in many situations, in 9:9-13 we see Him feasting with sinners and in 9:14-17 we see the case of fasting without the Bridegroom.

Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

Without the environment portrayed in these verses, the Lord Jesus would not have had the opportunity to reveal Himself as the Physician. The Lord did not simply tell His disciples, "You must know that I have not come as a judge, but as a physician." This would have been merely a doctrine. As the Lord was feasting with all those sick ones, He revealed Himself as the Physician. Those tax collectors and sinners were not physically sick; they were spiritually sick. While the Lord Jesus was feasting with them, He was healing them. The Lord was telling the Pharisees, "Pharisees, you are the judges, but I am the Physician. As a Physician, I can heal only the sick ones. If you feel that you are not ill, then I have nothing to do with you, and I cannot heal you. I have come here to call the sinners, the sick ones, not the righteous, the whole ones. On which side do you stand--the side of the righteous or the side of the sinners? If you take the side of the sinners, then I am here to be your Physician."

Matthew reveals more than thirty-three aspects of Christ, one of which is Christ as the Physician. He is not only our King, our Savior, and our life; He is also our Physician. If we have this vision, we shall have faith in Him and trust Him whenever we are sick physically, spiritually, or mentally. We need to trust Him as our Physician.

(Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 27).

Key verses for pray-reading: Matt. 9:9-15.

Questions:

1. Matthew's calling differs from that of Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Why is it significant that, despite his lowly status, Matthew was chosen not only as a disciple but also as one of the twelve apostles? How does this relate to us today?
2. Matthew 9:10-11 describes many tax collectors and sinners sitting in the feast with the Lord Jesus and His disciples at the table, while the Pharisees condemned Him for eating with them. In verses 12-13, the Lord reveals Himself as the Physician to the sick and that He came to call the sinners and not the righteous. What is the spiritual significance of these verses for us today?
3. Matthew 9:14 and 15 present to us another case, the case of fasting without the Bridegroom. What is the spiritual significance of this? And how does this relate to us today?
4. What is the new light you received after reading message 27, especially for the section of Matthew 9:9-15?