

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST 18, 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 (Phoenix Hall 8/24)

Continue in the Ministry
and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life unto Maturity – Week 5

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 28
Matt. 9:9-17

Announcements

❖ Labor Day Blending Conference–Denver

- o Saturday Aug. 31 - Monday Sept. 2

❖ Mountain States College Conference

- o Friday Sept. 27 – Lord's Day Sept. 29
- o Glorieta Adventure Camps, New Mexico
- o Registration Fee: \$120 (room and board, no Friday dinner)
- o More details to come

❖ International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- o **Location:** Atlanta, GA
- o **Schedule:** Thursday Nov. 28 – Lord's Day Dec. 1
- o 1st meeting: Thursday, Nov 28 7:30 PM
- o 2nd meeting: Friday, Nov 29 10:00 AM
- o 3rd meeting: Friday, Nov 29 7:30 PM
- o 4th meeting: Saturday, Nov 10:00 AM
- o 5th meeting: Saturday, Nov..... 7:30 PM
- o 6th meeting: Lord's Day, Dec.....9:30 AM
- o **Lodging:** Atlanta Marriott Marquis

There is a special group rate of \$119.00 USD per night plus tax for single and double occupancy rooms.

Reservations:

- 1-888-236-2427 and request the Living Stream Ministry group rate.
- Online reservations at the special group rate, please go to: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50847873>.
- Reservations must be made on or before Wednesday, November 10, 2024, in order to get this reduced rate. Check-in is 4:00 PM or earlier if rooms are available, and check-out is 11:00 AM on Lord's Day, December 1, 2024. Late check-out of 2:00 PM may be provided upon request and based on availability.

❖ Offerings

Please send your offerings through Zelle to the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Life-Study of Matthew – Study Guide

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 28 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, entitled The Continuation of the King's Ministry (4). This life-study covers Matt. 9:9-17, which is the fourth section of the King's ministry, concerning not putting a patch of unfulled cloth on an old garment.

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

Consider again the example of the prodigal son. After putting on the best robe, the prodigal son could still say, "O father, the best robe satisfies you, but it doesn't satisfy me. I am still hungry and need to be satisfied." Immediately, the father told the servant to kill the fattened calf and said, "Let us eat and be merry." Thus, the father's provision is not just for something outward but also for something within. Therefore, after the Lord spoke about the new garment, He directly proceeded to speak of the new wine. The new wine is not a provision for the outward need but for the inward need. We need something to cover us, and we also need something to fill us. We are so poor outwardly, and we are so empty inwardly. We need the robe upon us for the Father's sake, and we need the new wine within us for our own sakes. We need both the new garment and the new wine. The Lord is the new garment to us, and He is also the new wine. He is our covering and also our content. He not only qualifies us, but He satisfies us as well. Hence, He is our qualification and our satisfaction, the provision for our outward need and the provision for all our inward hunger and thirst. (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 28)

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt 9:14-17, Luke 15:22-23

Questions:

1. How is sewing a patch of unfulled cloth on an old garment imitating what Christ did in His human life on earth? Why did the disciples of John need this word?
2. Why, after the Lord spoke of Himself as the Bridegroom, do we need to be clothed in a new garment?
3. The fresh wineskins signify the church life in the local churches as the container of the new wine. The message also refers to the wineskin as a vessel. What is the application of the church life as a vessel of the new wine?