

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

(Blending in Tempe on 9/8)

10:00 am – Lord's Table

11:00 am – Prophesying meeting

Tuesday

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

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

Thursday

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Spanish/English)

Friday

7:00 pm – Small group meetings (Spanish)

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

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Burmese)

Continue in the Ministry and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Fighting the Good Fight, Finishing the Course, Keeping the Faith, and Loving the Lord's Appearing in order to Receive the Reward of Christ as the Crown of Righteousness – Week 1

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 30

Matt. 10:16-11:1

Announcements

❖ Monthly Phoenix Brother's Study Group

- o Saturday Sept. 7, 8:30am Phoenix hall
- o Vol. 2, lesson 52

❖ Mountain States College Conference

- o Friday Sept. 27 – Lord's day Sept. 29
- o Glorieta Adventure Camps, New Mexico
- o Topic: **Enjoying the Word of God as the Loving Seekers of God**
- o Registration Fee: \$120 (room and board, no Friday dinner)
- o Registration deadline is Lord's day Sept. 8 to secure a spot
- o <https://tinyurl.com/MtnCollegeConf>
- o Registration fee paying instruction can be found in the above link with payment due by Saturday Sept. 21

❖ Southern California Young People Conferences

- o Junior High Conferences
- o Friday Oct. 11 – Lord's day Oct. 13
- o Brothers: Church in Irvine meeting hall
- o Sisters: Church in Diamond Bar meeting hall
- o Registration form and \$85/person fee due Lord's day Sept. 29
- o High School Conferences
- o Friday Oct. 25 – Lord's day Oct. 27
- o Brothers: Church in Huntington Beach meeting hall
- o Sisters: Church in Cerritos meeting hall
- o Registration form and \$85/person fee due Lord's day Oct. 13

❖ 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. 30..... 10:00 AM
 - o 5th meeting: Saturday, Nov. 30..... 7:30 PM
 - o 6th meeting: Lord's Day, Dec. 1.....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 30 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, titled The Enlargement of the King's Ministry (2). This life-study covers Matt. 10:16-11:1, which is the second section of the enlargement of the King's ministry concerning: persecution and the way to meet it; the King's disturbance and the way of the cross to follow Him; identification with the King; and the heavenly King going to teach and preach in the cities.

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

The Lord's word reveals that the whole world is under the usurping hand of the enemy and thus opposes God's economy. The entire world, whether the Jewish world or the Gentile world, opposes God's kingdom. Verse 17 says, "But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to Sanhedrins, and in their synagogues they will scourge you." This verse indicates that even the Jewish nation had been fully taken over by God's enemy. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, this nation belonged to God in name, but not in actuality. Therefore, in verse 17 the Lord spoke of persecution coming from the Sanhedrin and the synagogues. The Sanhedrin was the highest council among the children of Israel. The Sanhedrin's function was to see that the Jews followed the law of the Old Testament. The synagogue was a place where the Word of God was taught to the children of Israel. It is very significant that the Lord exposed the Sanhedrin and the synagogues as being opposed to God's economy. He said that His apostles, His sent ones, would be delivered up to Sanhedrins and scourged in the synagogues...

The situation is the same today. If the ancient Sanhedrin and synagogues opposed the King's sent ones, then how about the system of today's religion? If we are truly the ones sent by the heavenly King, we shall be opposed by today's religious organizations just as the apostles were opposed by Judaism. In ancient times the apostles were persecuted not primarily by the Gentiles, but by the so-called holy people in the Sanhedrin and in the synagogues. In our experience throughout the years, nearly all the persecution, rumors, opposition, and attack have come from the religious organizations, not from the Gentiles.

(Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 30)

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 10:16-20, 22, 37-39.

Questions/study points:

1. According to Matt. 10:16, what should characterize our behavior when persecution comes to us and what does this mean practically? Also, according to Matt 10:19-20, what should our attitude be when dealing with persecution and how do we apply this in our experience?
2. Why does persecution always arise as the Lord intends to establish the Kingdom of the Heavens? What human sources in chapter 10 bring persecution or "the sword?" On a deeper level, what is the true reason for persecution behind the scenes?
3. Describe the three key points in verses 37-39 that show us the proper way to follow the heavenly King that we may be worthy of Him, endure to the end and be saved (verse 22). What does it mean to be saved in this context?