

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

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 4

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 33
Matt. 12:22-37

Announcements

❖ Mountain States College Conference

- Friday Sept. 27 – Lord's day Sept. 29
- Glorieta Adventure Camps, New Mexico
- Topic: **Enjoying the Word of God as the Loving Seekers of God**

❖ Parents and Young People Serving Ones Fellowship Time

- Saturday Sept. 28, 9:30am – 12:00pm
- Church in Fullerton meeting hall
- Registration deadline Sept. 22

❖ Southern California Young People Conferences

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

❖ International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

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

- 1-800-228-9290 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 33 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, entitled The Establishment of the King's Rejection (2). This life-study covers Matt. 12:22-37 which addresses the need for spiritual fighting for the establishing of the kingdom of the heavens on earth, our need to pray and fast to bind the strong man and plunder his goods for the advancement of the kingdom, the seriousness of blaspheming the Spirit, and learning to control and restrict our speaking.

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

Now we must see that in order for the kingdom of the heavens to be established, there is the need of a spiritual battle, of spiritual fighting. This fighting is implied in 12:22-37. In the establishment of the kingdom a fight is raging on... As Christ, the heavenly King, was establishing the heavenly kingdom among men on earth, He was fighting. People, however, did not see this warfare. They saw what He did outwardly, but they did not realize what was taking place inwardly.

Chapter 12 of Matthew occupies a special place in the New Testament because it reveals that Satan has a kingdom, that Satan is the strong man usurping all the God-created people, and that in order to take people out of his usurping hand, there is the need to bind him. The way to bind the strong man is by fasting and praying... There are two kingdoms on earth: one is the kingdom of darkness, and the other is the kingdom of the heavens in the light. These two kingdoms are now confronting each other on earth. Therefore, there is the need to fight the battle. We all must fast and pray to bind the strong man. Then we will be able to plunder his house. This is a real revelation. (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 33).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 12:28-29, 32, 34, 36-37.

Questions/Study Points:

1. In a brief summary, explain the climax of the King's rejection and how the Lord responded to this rejection? What did His response reveal?
2. Explain the difference between blaspheming the Spirit and insulting the Spirit?
3. In light of the judgment seat of Christ, why is it important to restrict our speaking?