

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

SEPTEMBER 29, 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 5

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 34
Matt. 12:38-50

Announcements

❖ Saturday Monthly Brother's Study Group—10/12

- Phoenix meeting hall
- Volume 1, lesson 17
- 8:30am

❖ 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

❖ 2024 December Semiannual Training

- Subject: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)
- Dates:
 - Live - Mon, Dec. 23, 2024; 4:00 pm to Sat, Dec. 28, 2024; 9:30pm
 - Video – Wed, Dec. 25, 2024; to Lord's Day, Jan. 5, 2025.
- Registration Fee: Live training is \$205.00; Video training is \$131.00
- Registration **Due Date:** on or before **Oct. 27, 2024**
- Please send your registration fee via Zelle to **offerings@churchinphoenix.org** and indicate on the memo line "**2024 December Training**"
- Registration form: TBD

❖ International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- **Location:** Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel Atlanta, GA
- **Schedule:** Thursday Nov. 28 – Lord's Day Dec. 1
- **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,

This week, we will continue our pursuit with Message 34 from the *Life-study of Matthew*, titled "The Establishment of the King's Rejection (3)." This message focuses on Matthew 12:38-50. In these verses, the Lord reveals Jonah as a type of Christ in His death and burial, while Solomon represents Christ in His resurrection. Despite these revelations, the stubborn Pharisees — symbolizing that evil and adulterous generation — remained indifferent. Verses 43 through 45 indicate that this rejecting generation will only worsen. Finally, in verses 46 through 50, we see a significant dispensational turn, as Jesus's relationship with people is no longer based on natural birth (Jews), but on the spiritual birth (Gentiles).

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

In verses 46 through 50 we see a great turn, even a dispensational turn. From this point onward, Jesus' relationship with people is not based upon the natural birth, but upon the spiritual birth. Whoever does the will of the Father who is in heaven is a relative of Jesus. In other words, at the end of chapter twelve, the Lord indicated strongly that He had given up the entire race of Israel. After that, His relationship with people was to be based upon something spiritual. All those who do the will of the Father are His relatives. Hallelujah, we are not only Christ's relatives, but His members! We are His members not by our natural blood or natural birth, but by our spiritual birth in our spirit. He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit (1 Cor. 6:17). Now we are not only His brothers and sisters; we are one spirit with Him, one body in Him, and one new man in Him.

At the end of chapter twelve the Lord Jesus made a clear declaration to the whole universe that He was through with Israel according to the natural blood. Thus, Romans 11 says that Israel was cut off. This cutting off took place at the end of Matthew 12. Romans 11 also says that the Gentiles have been grafted in. This also took place at the end of Matthew 12. In the next message we shall see the mysteries of the kingdom. In that chapter we shall no longer see Israel, but the Gentiles who have been grafted in as the church. (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 34).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 12:38-50, 1 Cor. 1:22, 24, Rom. 11:17, 19-20, 1 Cor. 6:17

Questions/Study Points:

1. In Matt. 12:38-42, describe how the Lord reveals Himself as real Jonah and Solomon? What is the spiritual significance of this revelation for the entire race of Israel?
2. In Matt. 12:43-45, what is this spiritual significance regarding the unoccupied, swept, and decorated house? Why did the Jews' rejection of Christ reach its climax in this chapter, and what is the result of it?
3. What is the spiritual significance of Matt. 12:46-50, and how does it relate to Romans chapter 11?