

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER 15, 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 (No meeting 12/21)

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Burmese)

Continue in the Ministry and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 11

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 45
Matt. 15:1-20

Announcements

❖ International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- Living a Christian Life and Church Life under the Government of God for the Economy of God
- <https://www.lsmwebcast.com/Conference.cfm>
- Messages available to view until 12/31/2024

❖ Saturday Monthly Brother's Training—12/21

- Phoenix meeting hall, 8:30AM
- Volume 2, lesson 54

❖ 2024 December Semiannual Training

- **Subject: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)**
- 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.

Message 1: 12/25/24, Wed, 10:00 AM

Message 2: 12/25/24, Wed, 01:30 PM

Message 3: 12/27/24, Fri, 07:00 PM

Message 4: 12/28/24, Sat, 10:00 AM

Message 5: 12/28/24, Sat, 01:30 PM

Message 6: 12/29/24, LD, 10:30 AM

Message 07: 01/01/25, Wed, 10:00 AM

Message 08: 01/01/25, Wed, 01:30 PM

Message 09: 01/03/25, Fri, 07:00 PM

Message 10: 01/04/25, Sat, 10:00 AM

Message 11: 01/04/25, Sat, 01:30 PM

Message 12: 01/05/25, LD, 10:30 AM

- Registration Closed

❖ Mountain States Blending Conference

- Phoenix meeting hall
- Friday, Feb. 21 – Lord's Day, Feb. 23

❖ Offerings

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Life-Study of Matthew – Study Guide

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 45 of the Life-study of Matthew - "The Pathway to Glory (4)". This life-study covers Matt. 15:1-20, regarding how the Lord dealt with the accusations of the traditional religionists.

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

"As we follow the Lord on the pathway to glory, we experience rejection, the lack of necessities, and the storm on the sea. After this, we face the accusations from religion...The Pharisees and scribes asked the Lord Jesus why His disciples transgressed the tradition of the elders. This reveals that the disciples did not keep the old traditions in following the Lord. They cared only for the heavenly King's presence, not for anything else.

...In answering those who accused His disciples, the Lord seemed to say, "You Pharisees accuse My disciples of breaking your traditions. You need to see that you have broken God's commandment by holding to your tradition, and you continue to break it." In this way the Lord brought them back to the pure Word, telling them what was the commandment of God and what was man's tradition.

...Some in today's religion oppose us because they are for the outward things. They do not know the inner life or the subjective truths. Some claim that because Christ is in the heavens, He cannot actually dwell in us but He is merely represented in us by the Holy Spirit. This indicates that they do not have the subjective Christ; they have only the objective Christ. But we in the Lord's recovery have both the objective Christ and the subjective Christ.

Because the Lord cares for inward reality, we are not concerned about the outward way of having our meetings. It means very little whether the meeting is loud or quiet. We care only for the inward experience of Christ, for inward reality. It is an insignificant matter whether our hands are dirty; it is the condition of our inward parts that is important." (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 45, pp. 531, 534-535, 538).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 15:3, 18-20

Questions:

1. As we follow the Lord on the pathway to glory, what will we face?
2. Man's tradition replaced God's commandments and is void of God's word. How did the Lord deal with the accusations of the traditional religionists? What did the Lord bring them back to? What are the real defiling things?
3. Matt. 15:8 "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me". How does this verse relate to the knowing of the inner life, the subjective truth in the Word, and experiencing the subjective Christ?