

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

MAY 18, 2025

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day – 5/25

(Sheraton Phoenix Downtown)

9:30 am – Table meeting

10:00 am – Message 4 Memorial Day Conference

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

7:30 pm – Young people's meeting

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Burmese)

Holy Word for Morning Revival

- ❖ Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2) – Week 1

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 65
Matt. 25:14-30

Announcements

❖ International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- **Subject: The Preparation of the Bride**
- Friday, May 23 – Monday, May, 26
- **Location: Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix, AZ**
- **Address: 340 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004**
 - 1st meeting: Friday, May 23..... 7:30 PM
 - 2nd meeting: Saturday, May 24..... 10:00 AM
 - 3rd meeting: Saturday, May 24..... 7:30 PM
 - 4th meeting: Lord's Day, May 25..... 9:30 AM
 - 5th meeting: Lord's Day, May 25..... 7:30 PM
 - 6th meeting: Monday, May 26..... 10:00 AM

❖ Summer School of Truth-The Two Spirits

- Thursday, June 5, 6PM– Lord's Day, June 8, 12PM
- Tempe meeting hall Thursday to Saturday
- Phoenix meeting hall Lord's Day
- <https://forms.gle/eEiJtpDipPVQLXry7>

❖ 2025 June Semiannual Training

Subject: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (3)

- **Live** - Mon, June 30, 2025; 4:00 pm to Sat, July 5, 2025; 9:30pm (Live Registration closed)
- **Video** – Wed, July 2, 2025; to Lord's Day, July 13, 2025.
- **Video Registration Deadline: June 15, 2025**
<https://forms.gle/pnTHJwVSuvsWL2786>
- Video Schedule

	WED 7/2/2025	FRI 7/4/2025	SAT 7/5/2025	LD 7/6/2025
TIME				
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM		MSG 2	MSG 4	MSG 6
11:00 AM - 01:00 PM				
01:30 PM - 03:30 PM		MSG 3	MSG 5	MSG 7
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	MSG 1			

	WED 7/9/2025	FRI 7/11/2025	SAT 7/12/2025	LD 7/13/2025
TIME				
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM			MSG 10	MSG 12
11:00 AM - 01:00 PM				
01:30 PM - 03:30 PM			MSG 11	
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	MSG 8	MSG 9		

❖ 2025 College Training

- Oak Glen Camp, CA; Wednesday July 9 - Lord's Day July 12
- Registration: collegetraining.org
- Regular registration: April 16 – May 31
- **\$360/person**
- Registration deadline May 31

❖ 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 65 of the Life-Study of Matthew, "Prophecy of the Kingdom (5)". This message covers Matt. 25:14-30, regarding the parable for faithfulness. Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

"...concerning the believers, there are two aspects: the aspect of watchfulness and readiness and the aspect of faithfulness and prudence. The believers have these two aspects because they have a dual status. The first aspect of this dual status is related to life, and the second aspect is related to service. No Christian should neglect these two aspects; rather, we must pay the proper attention to both, becoming proper in life and in service. Regarding life, we are virgins; regarding service, we are slaves. This means that in watchfulness we are virgins. This relates to what we are. But in faithfulness we are slaves. This relates to what we do.

...To the virgins, the Lord is the Bridegroom, but to the slaves, He is the Master. Thus, not only we have a dual status, but the Lord also has a dual status. On the one hand, He is our pleasant Bridegroom and, on the other, our strict Master. Sometimes He is very pleasant with us, but at other times He deals with us in a strict way.

The virgins need something inward—the inward filling of the oil in the vessel. The slaves, however, need something outward—the spiritual talent. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is inward, but the talent, the spiritual gift, is outward. As vessels we need the oil inwardly, and as slaves we need the talents outwardly.

...The fact that we need to be renewed from within does not mean that we do not need outward activities. The one who received five talents traded with them diligently and gained another five talents. This indicates that we need both the inward renewing and the outward service, the inward growth and the outward actions. We need to be deeply impressed with this principle. Regarding the aspect of life, we need to be renewed from within, and regarding the aspect of service, we need to be very active outwardly. Sometimes we may be so active outwardly that we neglect the inward renewing. But at other times we may care so much for the inner life that we do not work adequately. To be like this is to be an unturned cake (Hosea 7:8). On one side we are burned to charcoal, and on the other side we are raw. Neither side is good for eating. We need to be a turned cake. If we work too much, the Lord will tell us to rest. But if we rest too much, the Lord will tell us to work." (Witness Lee, Life-study of Matthews, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 65)

Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 25:14-19, 21.

Study Questions:

1. How are the Lord's possessions in verse 14 related to our talents in verse 15? What are the Lord's possessions primarily today? How do we gain the Lord's talents and what should our attitude be toward them? How does our burden relate to these talents?
2. According to what matter are our talents delivered to us? What is the basis of the capacity of our ability?
3. What is the significance of trading with the talents and gaining other talents? What are the two aspects of the result of our service?
4. Experientially, what does it mean to dig in the earth and hide the Lord's possessions? What does the Lord ultimately want from us regarding the status of the talents which we return?