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

7:30 pm – Young people's meeting

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Burmese)

Holy Word for Morning Revival

 Living A Christian Life and Church Life Under the Government of God For the Economy of God – Week 6

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 64 Matt. 25:1-13

Announcements

Phoenix Monthly Brother's Training—5/17

- o Phoenix meeting hall; 8:30am
- o Vol. 1, lesson 21

International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- Subject: The Preparation of the Bride
- o Friday, May 23 Monday, May, 26
- Location: Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix, AZ

Summer School of Truth-The Two Spirits

- Thursday, June 5, 6PM– Lord's Day, June 8, 12PM
- o Tempe meeting hall Thursday to Saturday
- o Phoenix meeting hall Lord's Day
- o Register deadline: Lord's Day, May 11
- o 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	FRI	SAT	LD
7/2/2025	7/4/2025	7/5/2025	7/6/2025
	MSG 2	MSG 4	MSG 6
	MSG 3	MSG 5	MSG 7
MSG 1			
WED	FRI	SAT	LD
7/9/2025	7/11/2025	7/12/2025	7/13/2025
		MSG 10	MSG 12
		MSG 11	
MSG 8	MSG 9		
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2025 College Training

- o Oak Glen Camp, CA; Wednesday July 9 Lord's Day July 12
- o Registration: <u>collegetraining.org</u>
- o Registration deadline May 31
- o \$360/person

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 64 of the Life-Study of Matthew, "The Prophecy of the Kingdom (4)". This message covers Matt. 25:1-13. It is on the parable of the virgins and it completes the matter of watchfulness and readiness presented in chapter 24. Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

"The way to be watchful is through the infilling of the Holy Spirit; it is by having the extra portion of oil. By ourselves we can be neither watchful nor ready. The only way to have the extra portion of oil is by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. This is the way for us to be watchful and ready. Likewise, the way to be faithful and prudent in the Lord's service is through the spiritual gifts. Without the spiritual gifts, we do not have the ability to be faithful or prudent. Our faithfulness and prudence depend upon the gifts we have received of the Lord. Therefore, in chapter twenty-five we have both the infilling of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. The Spirit affords us the infilling for life and also the gifts for service. It all depends upon the Spirit. How can we be watchful? Only by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. And how can we be faithful? Only by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We need to be very clear about the lamps and the vessels. According to the Hebrew text, Proverbs 20:27 says that the spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord. Within the lamp is the oil, the Holy Spirit. The New Testament reveals that our spirit is the place the Holy Spirit indwells. According to Romans 9, we are vessels made by God. Our being, our personality, is in our soul. Therefore, the vessel in this verse signifies our soul. Through regeneration we have the Spirit of God in our spirit. This causes our lamp to burn. But the question is whether or not we have the extra portion of the Holy Spirit filling our soul. Although we have the oil in our lamp, we need the extra portion of the oil in our soul. This signifies that the Spirit must spread from within our spirit to every part of our soul. Then in our soul we shall have an extra amount of the Holy Spirit. If we have this extra portion, we are prudent. If we do not have it, we are foolish. In other words, if we are indifferent to the infilling of the Holy Spirit, we are foolish. If we are wise, we shall pray, "Lord, have mercy on me. I want to have Your Spirit not only in my spirit, but also in my soul. Lord, I need the infilling of the Spirit. I need the extra portion of the Holy Spirit to fill my entire being." Without this extra portion of the Spirit, we cannot be watchful or ready. In order to be watchful and ready, we need the infilling of the Holy Spirit, the spreading of the Spirit Himself from our spirit to every part of our inward being." (Witness Lee, Life-study of Matthews, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 64)

Verses for pray-reading: Proverbs 20:27, Matt. 25:4.

Study Questions:

- 1. Matthew 24:41-41 covers the two men in the field and the two women grinding at the mill; they represent the living believers at the time of the Lord's coming. However, when the Lord's Parousia comes, the majority of the believers will have died. How can we say the parable of the 10 virgins (Matt. 25:1-13) covers the rapture of the dead believers? Use the significance of the number 12 in your explanation.
- 2. Matthew 24:4 says, "But the prudent took oil in their vessels with their lamps." Please explain the meaning of lamps (Prov. 20:27), vessels (Rom 9:24), and the taking of oil in the vessels (Rom 8:9, 16). What is the way for us to be prudent and not foolish according to this parable?