

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

JANUARY 19, 2025

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Announcements

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)

❖ International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference

- Subject: Chapter 5 through 8 of Romans—the Kernel of the Bible
- Date: Friday, Feb. 14- Lord's Day, Feb. 16
- Location: LSM MCC 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim CA

❖ Mountain States Blending Conference

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

❖ Offerings

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Continue in the Ministry and
the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

The Christian Life – Week 4

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 48

Matt. 16:21-28

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 48 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, entitled The Pathway to Glory (7). This life-study covers Matt.16:21-28. In this message we come to the last station of the pathway to glory: the way of the cross. After the revelation of the great mystery concerning Christ and the church (Matt. 16:13-20), we have the unveiling of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ (21-28). In order to experience Christ and to have the church built upon Christ, we need to take the way of the cross.

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

"For Christ to build His church, He must go to the religious center, pass through crucifixion, and enter into resurrection. In verse 21 the Lord first revealed to His disciples His crucifixion and resurrection. ... Following the revelation of Christ and the church, the Lord Jesus revealed to His enlightened disciples His crucifixion and resurrection...

Matthew's view covers rejection, necessity, the storm, the accusation from religion, the leaven, Satan, the self, the mind, and the soul-life... The last step before entering into glory is the termination of the self. It is not sufficient merely to pass through rejection or to experience the Lord's supplying our material necessities. Also, it is not adequate to endure the stormy sea, to deal with the religious accusation regarding outward things, to feed on Christ, and to beware of leaven. Ultimately, the pathway to glory is a matter of being terminated.

Verse 27 says, "For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each man according to his doings." The word "For" at the beginning of this verse indicates that the Lord's rewarding of His followers at His coming back in verse 27 will be according to whether they lose or save their soul, as mentioned in verses 25 and 26. The reward will be given according to how we have borne the cross. It depends on whether or not we keep ourselves under the killing of the cross, on whether we save our soul-life in this age or lose it." (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 48).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 16:21-28.

Questions/Study Points:

1. In Matthew 16:21-23, the Lord first reveals to His disciples His forthcoming crucifixion and resurrection. However, verses 22 and 23 illustrate that the disciples only focused on His death and failed to see His resurrection. Furthermore, when Peter began to rebuke the Lord, Jesus responded by addressing Peter as 'Satan'. Based on the insights from the Life-Study and these verses, please fellowship with your study partner what is revealed in this section and how does this revelation relate to our personal experience?
2. In Matt. 16:23, Peter and Satan have become one in Peter's selfishness. It seems the solution is in 16:24-28. Please pray and consider this matter before the Lord and fellowship with others, how can we "*deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me,*" as Lord had said?
3. Describe the relationships of these terms: the self and opinions, concepts, ideas expressed by our mind, and Satan.
4. What is the Lord's reward for His followers at His coming back in Matt. 16:27?