

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 30, 2025

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)

Holy Word for Morning Revival

- ❖ Being a Vessel unto
Honor, a Fully Equipped
Man of God, by Being
Empowered in the Grace
which is in Christ Jesus to
Fully Accomplish Our
Ministry in the Unique
Ministry of God's
Economy – Week 8

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 58
Matt. 22:1-14

Announcements

❖ Phoenix Monthly Brother's Study Group Meeting—4/5

- 8:30 am at Phoenix meeting hall
- Review vol. 1, lesson 20

❖ Church in Phoenix Annual Business Meeting— 4/20

- 11:00 am at Phoenix meeting hall

❖ International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- Friday, May 23 – Monday, May, 26
- **Location:** Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix, AZ
- **Address:** 340 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004
- **Lodging:** Sheraton Phoenix Downtown
 - Special group rate of **\$129.00 USD** per night plus tax for single and double occupancy rooms
 - a **\$20.00 USD fee per person, per night** will be applied for triple and quadruple occupancy rooms.
 - room reservations: (the Living Stream Ministry group rate)
 - call 866-837-4213
 - Online reservations at the special group rate, please go to:
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50863439>
 - Reservations must be made on or before **April 28, 2025**
- **Parking:**
A discounted overnight and daytime self-parking rate of \$16.00 USD per day with in and out privileges is available at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown for all conference attendees. Valet parking is also available at a discounted rate of \$22.00 USD per day with in and out privileges for all attendees.
- **Meeting schedule**
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

❖ 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
- **Video** – Wed, July 2, 2025; to Lord's Day, July 13, 2025.
- Registration donation: Live – \$210.00; Video 130.00. (including 1 outline)
- **Deadline: April 27, 2025**
- <https://forms.gle/5SHYJiXAxjiTu9Nw5>

❖ 2025 College Training

- Wednesday July 9- Lord's Day July 12 at **Oak Glen Camp, CA**
- Registration: collegetraining.org
- Early bird registration fee: **\$320/person** by **April 15**

❖ 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 58 of the Life-Study of Matthew, "The Heavenly King Being Tested (2)". This message covers Matt. 22:1-14, regarding the parable of the wedding feast. Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

"According to Revelation 19, those invited to the marriage feast are clothed in white linen. The white linen in Revelation 19 is the marriage garment in Matthew 22. This white linen signifies the surpassing righteousness. Matthew 5:20 says, "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens." This surpassing righteousness which qualifies us to participate in the manifestation of the kingdom in the coming age is typified in Psalm 45, where we are told that the queen has two garments. We, the believers, should also have two garments. We all have the first garment, the garment that qualifies us to be saved. This garment is the objective Christ whom we received as our righteousness before God. In Christ, who is our righteousness, we have been justified and saved. But after receiving Christ, we need to live Him out. We need to live by Christ so that Christ may become our subjective righteousness. This subjective righteousness, Christ lived out of us in our daily life, is the white linen, the second garment, the marriage garment that qualifies us to participate in the marriage feast.

In the parable of the vineyard, the Lord was strict with the husbandmen, requiring that their labor reach a certain standard. We need to drop the idea that because we are under grace the Lord is not strict with us. Many misunderstand the Lord and misuse His grace. Most Christians think that the Lord is not strict with us and that as long as we have His grace, everything is all right. However, the Lord is more strict with those who are under grace. Both the parable of the vineyard and the parable of the marriage feast reveal the strictness of the Lord in dealing with His people, whether Jews under the law or believers under grace. Do not think that because we have been invited to the marriage feast, we can afford to be careless. On the contrary, the Lord may come into the feast and pick you out as one not having the second garment. Yes, you have received Christ as your righteousness to be justified before God. But are you living by Christ? Is He your subjective righteousness?

The requirements of the second garment are strict, more than a matter of keeping a few commandments or regulations. Rather, day by day we need to live by Christ and live out Christ. This is not a matter of doing, but of living. In the New Testament economy, God does not mainly deal with our doings, but with our living, by whom and by what way we live. The small things in our daily living expose whether or not we live by Christ. It is easy to grasp the doctrine that we have been crucified with Christ, that we live no longer, and that Christ lives in us. But do we experience this as a reality in our daily life? Whenever we are careless in our daily living, we are not living by Christ. If we live in a loose, careless manner, we are not those with the marriage garment." (Witness Lee, Life-study of Matthews, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 58)

Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 22:4, 7-13.

Study Questions:

1. How do the parables of the vineyard in Matt 21 and the marriage feast in Matt 22 convey the difference between God's chosen people's experience in the Old and New Testaments?
2. What does the wedding garment in Matt. 22 signify? How do we obtain a wedding garment today so that we are qualified for the wedding feast when the Lord returns? How can we say that the person without a wedding garment is saved? What type of believer is qualified to participate in the wedding feast?