



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

# Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

October 20th, 2021

“The Golden Psalm: Mem”

Psalm 119:97-104

## MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

in א (*alef*), Psa 119:1

in ב (*beyt*), Psa 119:11

in ג (*gimel*), Psa 119:18

in ד (*daleth*), Psa 119:29

in ה (*heh*), Psa 119:37

in ו (*vav*), Psa 119:45

in ז (*zayin*), Psa 119:50

in ח (*cheth*), Psa 119:63

in ט (*teth*), Psa 119:66

in י (*yod*), Psa 119:73

in כ (*khaf*), Psa 119:81

in ל (*lamed*), Psa 119:89

in מ (*mem*), Psa 119:97

in נ (*nun*), Psa 119:105

in ס (*samek*), Psa 119:114

in ע (*ayin*), Psa 119:128

in פ (*peh*), Psa 119:133

in צ (*tzadiy*), Psa 119:137

in ק (*qoph*), Psa 119:149

in ר (*resh*), Psa 119:160

in ש (*shin*), Psa 119: 162

in ת (*tav*), Psa 119:172

### MEM מ, ׀

מ (*mem*) is the 13th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for mem is water...



The modern mem (מ) resembles our English 'm' sound.

מ placed before a word means "from," "of," or "more than"

מה (*may*) means "what" or "how" (Gen 2:19)

מי (*meey*) means "who" (Gen 3:11)

Mem is masculine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means "chaos," "blood," or "mighty." As the 13th letter, mem has the numerical value of '40.' Yet, because it is a sofiyt letter (ם), mem sofiyt has a numerical value of '600.' Mem sounds like the word מים (*ma-YEEM*), which means "water," which we first encounter on the 2nd day of creation: "And God said, 'Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters'" (Gen 1:6). Water represents the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39). Another name for God in Jewish tradition is מקום (*ma-QŌM*), which means "place." This name expresses that the presence of God exists in every place. Interestingly, 1st letter of מקום is מ, and that the last letter is ׀. In the middle is the word קו (*qav*), which means "line" (Isa 28:10). The "line" of God's Word separates the known world (מ) from the heavenly, not completely understood world (ם). More interestingly, Jewish tradition has another name for God: אמֶת (*em-ETH*) which means "truth." This word starts א (*alef*) and ends with ת (*tav*), referring to all of existence and the truth in it. מ connects the Self-existing God (א) with the final plans and purposes of God (ת). Jesus, the Alpha and Omega (Rev 22:13) taught, "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:23).

## PSALM 119:97-104 MEM WORDS

- v97 מה־אהבתי (*mah a-HAV-teeey*) = “what is my love?” or “what do I love?”  
The heart’s response to the love of God is to love His law by which He reveals Himself & His beloved Son. (1 Jn 3:1)
- v98 מאיבי (*me-OY-vay*) = “more than my enemies”  
Wisdom comes by obedience; & obedience comes through faith in the truth of God’s word. (John 7:17; Rom 10:17)
- v99 מכל־מלמדי (*mi-KHAL m’-LAM-day*) = “more than all my teachers”  
Our human teachers come by God’s providence; yet, we must trust in God’s Word above all, as it expresses Christ exalted thru His gospel. (Acts 17:11)
- v100 מזקנים (*miz-qe-NEEYM*) = “more than the elders”  
Older may be better in many respects: but Abraham only had what God revealed; Moses had the Law; David, the Law & some of the prophets; yet, we have Christ & His new testament. (Heb 7:21-22)
- v101 מכל־ארה (*mi-KHAL δ-RACH*) = “from every way”  
“There is no treasuring up the holy word unless there is a casting out of all unholiness: if we keep the good word we must let go the evil.”  
– C.H. Spurgeon, *Treasury of David* (Eph 6:15, 17)
- v102 ממשפתיך (*mi-MISH-pa-tay-kha*) = “from Your judgments”  
What man teaches may be learned & forgotten; but what Christ teaches thru the Holy Spirit is life-giving & life-transforming. (John 14:26)
- v103 מה־נמלצו (*mah nim-l’-TZOO*) = “what sweetnesses are...”  
Each & every word from God is sweet to the soul saved by grace, for every jot & tittle of God’s Word is fulfilled through Christ. (Matt 5:18)
- v104 מפקודיך (*mi-pi-qoo-DEY-kha*) = “from Your precepts”  
The more we grow in the goodness of God’s holy truth, the more distasteful to us are falsehoods leading to wickedness. (1 Thess 5:22)

## CHALLENGE

*Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.* **Psalm 119:97**, ESV

**Challenge:** Memorize v97 in your favorite Bible version. While we recognize the Lord Jesus Christ is the only One who has truly fulfilled these 8 verses, if we are saved by God’s grace thru faith in Christ, then we may be empowered to live according to each verse of these truths, as much as a sinner saved by grace is able, by God’s grace. Take 5 minutes each morning this week to prayerfully meditate upon these verses, and see how rich and honoring to Christ your life becomes in 7 days.

## What to Pray for This Week:

1. May the blessed truth of Your Word minister to us as we pray.
2. May our prayers begin sounding like those prayed in Scripture because You're conforming our lives to Christ.
3. May our focus in prayer be upon You, and not for the ears of man.
4. Pour out Your Spirit upon Christ's church, and upon the world.
5. Purify Your children, and unite us to worship You in Christ, with one heart, one mind and one accord.
6. Raise up godly ministers unto Your harvest, and bless those who are already laboring in Your field.
7. Be merciful unto us by bringing saving faith to our unsaved family, friends, neighbors, the village of Ninilchik, and all the residents of the Kenai Peninsula.
8. Remove from us all pride, haughtiness and arrogance, and make us ever watchful against the flesh and every temptation from the enemy.
9. Humble us as we commune with You in prayer, and keep us from lip-service, from deedless word religion and heartless works religion.
10. Teach us to abide in Christ each time we pray; that our hearts may be knit to His so we may glorify You.

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