



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

October 6th, 2021

“The Golden Psalm: Khaf”

Psalm 119:81-88

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

KHAF כ

כ (*khaf*) is the 11th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for khaf was drawn as an open palm...



The modern khaf (כ) may sound like a soft, scraping ‘kh’ or hard, scraping ‘ch’ sound, with air passing across the middle of the tongue.

כד (*khad*) means “pitcher” (Gen 24:14)

כי (*kheey*) means “for,” “that,” or “because” (Gen 1:4)

כל (*khal, or khōl*) means “all,” “whole,” or “every” (Gen 1:21)

Khaf is masculine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means “tame,” “open,” “bend,” or “allow.” As the 11th letter, khaf has the numerical value of ‘20.’ Modern khaf is also the 1st of the 5 sofiyt letters, which has a different form when used at the end of a word (ך). The word khaf, כף, means “palm” of the hand, “sole” of the foot, or “hollow” of the thigh. It is translated “hand” in Exodus 33:22, “and while My glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with My hand until I have passed by.” Khaf not only speaks of an open palm, but also a closed fist, whereas the fingers “bend” into the hand. Matthew records violence against the Lord Jesus by both a closed fist and open palm slap: “Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him” (Matt 26:67). One of the most important khaf words for us in the Hebrew Scriptures is the word כפר (*kha-FAR*), which means “covering” or “atonement.” Yom Kippur, יום הכפרים (*yōm ha-KHI-pur-eeym*), literally, “Day of Atonements” (a single day with many atonements), observed on the 10th day of the 7th month (Lev 23:27), is fulfilled in Christ: “And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement” (Rom 5:11, KJV).

PSALM 119:81-88 KHAF WORDS

- v81 כלתה (*khal-TAH*) = “faints” or “longs” from root for “end” (Gen 2:1)
“My soul longs for the completion of Your salvation; meanwhile, in Your Word I trust with hopefulness” (PJAT). (Rom 8:23)
- v82 כלו (*kha-LOO*) = “fails” or “longs” from same root in v81
The KJV seems to serve the translation best. As our salvation is not yet complete until Christ’s return, we must confess that we often fail to be comforted by God’s Word; for we misunderstand the Scriptures due to the corruptions still remaining in our flesh. (Rom 8:26)
- v83 כִּי־יִיתִי (*kheey ha-YEEY-teeey*) = “for I have become”
Though persecution may parch us, & slander may age us with wrinkles, by God’s grace, we will cling to Christ & God’s Word. (2 Tim 3:12)
- v84 כמה (*khe-MAH*) = “how many” or literally, “for what are...”
This verse is attached to the previous. Our prayers hasten the coming of the Lord in judgment. (Rev 6:9-10)
- v85 כרוּ־לִי (*kha-ROO leey*) = “dug for me”
While God is sovereign over all things, the arrogant ones who attempt to ensnare us with many pitfalls do so of their own wickedness, doing so apart from God’s Torah (law). (John 3:19)
- v86 כִּלְ-מִצְוֹתֶיךָ (*khal mitz-oo-TEEY-kha*) = “all Your commandments”
“All Your commandments are amen; falsely I am persecuted; help me” (PJLT). (2 Cor 1:20)
- v87 כמעט (*khim-AT*) = “almost” from root for “few” or “little”
We must recognize how little power we have apart from the grace & strength in Christ, finding encouragement from God’s truth. (Matt 24:24)
- v88 כחסדך (*kh’-CHAS-d’-kha*) = “according to Your mercy”
“According to Your mercy, make me alive, so I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth” (PJT). (1 Thess 2:13; 2 Tim 3:16-17)

CHALLENGE

My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word. Psalm 119:81, ESV

Challenge: Because of the weakness of our corrupt flesh (vv81-82), & because of the persecutions & tribulations we endure in a wicked world (vv83-87), we must rely daily upon the truths of God’s Word for strength & life (v88). Memorize v81 in your favorite Bible version & meditate upon how God’s Word causes you to desire the coming of the Lord Jesus; & also how His Word gives you hope to endure until He comes again.

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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