



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

November 10th, 2021

“The Golden Psalm: Ayin”
Psalm 119:121-128

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 (*tzadiq*), 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

AYIN ע

ע (*a-YEEN*) is the 16th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for ayin is an eye...



Like the letter alef (א), modern ayin (ע) gives voice to the letters around it, with the syllable sounding to us like A, E, I, O, or U. Because the letter ayin (עין) is the word for “eye,” the rabbis say that ayin “sees in silence,” which represents ‘humility,’ Hebrew ענוה (*an-a-VAH*) and ‘service,’ Hebrew עבודה (*av-ō-DAH*).

עבד (*a-VAD*) means “work” or “labor” (Gen 2:5)

עזר (*a-ZAR*) means “help” or “assist” (Gen 2:18)

ענה (*a-NAH*) means “answer” (Gen 18:27)

Ayin is feminine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means “know,” “watch,” or “shade.” As the 16th letter, ayin has the numerical value of ‘70.’

A Jewish tradition also states that the eye, עין (*a-YEEN*), not only represents the physical sight, but also the spiritual insight of faith. It is written, “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor 5:7). One rabbi’s commentary presents that we have been give two eyes, one to see the wonders of the Creator and the cosmos, and the other to see the smallness of oneself. Another Jewish tradition states that as the blind, Hebrew עיוור (*aiy-VE-ur*) begins with ayin, just because one can see, doesn’t mean he or she can understand correctly. Another Jewish tradition states that while Messiah sees injustice in the world, He provides heavenly wisdom to His people because His eyes are focused upon God’s glory: “When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You’ (John 17:1).

PSALM 119:121-128 AYIN WORDS

v121 עשיתי (*a-SEY-tee*) = “I have done” or “I performed”

While this first portion is prophetic of the Lord Jesus Christ (Jer 23:5), you & I will not be left to our oppressors because of Christ (2 Pet 2:9).

v122 ערב (*a-RÖV*) = “be surety” or “give a pledge” or “guarantee”

Christ is our Surety (Heb 7:22) & the Holy Spirit is our pledge (Eph 1:13-14); therefore, one Day will no longer be oppressed by the proud.

v123 עיני (*ĀY-nay*) = “my eye” or “my eyes”

Even the eyes of our faith are weak until the return of the Lord Jesus; and we long to hear the Righteous One speak (Rom 8:23).

v124 עשה (*a-SEH*) = “deal”

While we may plead our righteousness before men, we must plead mercy before God, asking that His Christ teach us His statutes (Luke 18:13).

v125 עבדך־אני (*AV-d'kha a-NEEY*) = “Your servant am I”

Christ’s servant must receive from his Lord an understanding heart in order to have a knowledgeable mind (Matt 22:37).

v126 עת (*eth*) = “time” or “now”

While the Lord has been mercifully patient in executing His judgment, there has always been an anticipation, an expectation, and a longing for His intervention to right sin’s wrong (Gen 4:1; 2 Pet 3:12; Rev 6:10).

v127 על־כן (*al khen*) = “unto this cause” or “therefore”

To love Christ Jesus & not love the commandments He kept and loved is unthinkable in biblical Christianity (1 Jn 5:3).

v128 על־כן (*al khen*) = “unto this cause” or “therefore”

If we love what Christ loves, we will also hate what Christ hates. (Rev 2:6)

CHALLENGE

Therefore I consider all Your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.

Psalm 119:128, ESV

Challenge: Memorize v128 in your favorite Bible version. Think about Satan, who opposes God’s precepts (commandments, encouragements, instructions, prophecies of Christ & His gospel), & consider how He hates God’s truth— God’s precepts must therefore be right. Think about “*every false way.*” Think about what it means. Anything & everything that leads you away from Christ & the truth of His cross is a false way; anything & everything that causes your love for Christ to shrink is a false way. What are the false ways in your life? Can you take them to the cross & leave them there? Don’t take them all there at once; take them one at a time.

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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