



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

November 17th, 2021

“The Golden Psalm: Peh”

Psalm 119:129-136

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

PEH פ, ף

פ (*peh*) is the 17th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for peh is a mouth...



The modern peh (פ) has two sounds, one hard, like our English 'p' sound, and one soft, like our English 'f' sound. A few common words beginning with peh are....

פדה (*pa-DAH*) means "redeem" or "deliver" (Ex 13:13)

פסח (*PE-sach*) means "Passover" (Ex 12:11)

פקוד (*pi-QOOD*) means "precepts" or "statutes" (Psa 19:8)

Peh is masculine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means "blow," "edge," or "scatter." As the 17th letter, peh has the numerical value of '80;' and having a final form, peh sofiyt (ף) has a numerical value of '800.' The letter peh, spelled פה, is the Hebrew word for "mouth" (spelled the same).

Peh (mouth) follows ayin (eye) in the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. According to Jewish tradition, as ayin (the eye) is the view of reality, peh (the mouth) speaks reality into being. It was the voice of Jesus Christ that said, "Let there be light" (Gen 1:3) because it was through Him that God "created the world" (Heb 1:2).

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov 18:21), so the mouth can be a source of trouble or token of salvation, "because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Rom 10:9-10).

PSALM 119:129-136 PEH WORDS

v129 פלאות (*p'-la-ŌT*) = “wonderful”

Christ’s testimonies are manifold, continuing to this day, & they are overwhelmingly wonderful; therefore, our souls keep, cherish, treasure & protect them. (Isa 9:6)

v130 פתח (*pe-TACH*) = “opening”

The wisest descendant of Adam is but a simpleton in heavenly matters, needing wisdom from above. (1 Cor 1:25)

v131 פִּי־פִּעַרְתִּי (*peey pa-ar-TEEY*) = “my mouth I opened wide”

Panting like a stag fleeing a hunt, we long to know God’s commandments, to obey them, to be conformed to them, & to teach them to others. (Psa 42:1; 1 Pet 2:2)

v132 פְּנֵה־אֵלַי (*p'-NAH e-LĪY*) = “turn unto me”

The psalmist praises the wonderfulness of Christ’s testimonies (v129), their illuminating power (v130), & his longing for them (v131); so he turns to prayer to receive grace upon grace. (Heb 6:10)

v133 פְּעָמַי (*p'-a-MĪY*) = “my steps”

In the presence of God by prayer, the psalmist recognizes his need to be led of Christ & to be delivered from temptation. (Matt 6:13)

v134 פְּדֵנִי (*p'-de-NEEY*) = “deliver me” or “redeem me”

Repeating our lack & need (v133). “Redeem me from the distress of Adam so I may keep, cherish, & protect Your precepts” (PJLGT). (Rom 3:10-12)

v135 פְּנִיךָ (*pa-nāy-KHA*) = “Your face”

One cannot be graced by the presence of the Lord without being taught His statutes. (Titus 2:11-12)

v136 פְּלִגְיֵי־מַיִם (*pal-GĀY ma-YIM*) = “streams of water”

Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but weeps over it, as the Lord Jesus did for Jerusalem’s rejection. (1 Cor 13:6; Luke 19:41-42)

CHALLENGE

Keep steady my steps according to Your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Psalm 119:133, ESV

Challenge: Memorize v133 in your favorite Bible version. Consider your walk of faith before the Lord (behavior). For the next week, put into practice praying each morning for the Lord to “order” your steps (KJV) or “keep steady” your steps (ESV), being the same as praying, “Lead me not into temptation” (Matt 6:13). Next week, give testimony of how the Lord has helped you to walk according to the promise of His Word.

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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