



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

# Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

February 16th, 2022

“The Golden Psalm: Tav”

Psalm 119:169-176

## 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

## TAV ת

ת (*tav*) is the 22nd and last letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for tav is two crossed sticks...



The modern tav (ת) resembles the English “t” sound, as in ‘tall.’ A few common words beginning with tav are....

תָּם (*tam*) means “plain” or “perfect” (Gen 25:27)

תודה (*tō-DAH*) means “thanks” (Lev 7:12)

תורה (*tō-RAH*) means “law” or “statute” (Gen 26:5)

Tav is feminine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means “mark,” “sign,” “signal,” or “monument.”

As the 22nd letter, tav has the numerical value of ‘400.’

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) in the Greek New Testament, the First and Last, the Beginning and the End (Rev 22:13, et al). In Hebrew, Jesus would be the Alef (א) and Tav (ת). As the Lord Jesus is the Truth (John 14:6), and the Hebrew word for ‘truth’ is אמת (*Ā-māt*), we should take note that the first letter of truth is alef, and the last letter is tav. The middle letter of Hebrew truth is מ (*mām*), which means ‘water.’ Since we are “in Christ” as sinners saved by grace, and Jesus is *the Truth*, then, as the Lord Jesus said, “Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water’” (John 7:38).

## PSALM 119:169-176 TAV WORDS

- v169** תִּקְרַב (*tiq-RAV*) = “Let... come near” or “Let... approach”  
Here is an aspect of godly fear. Because we’ve been saved by God’s grace in Christ, our triumphant shout (cry) trembles to approach the holy God who saved us. (Prov 9:10)
- v170** תְּבוֹא (*ta-VŌ*) = “Let... come” or “Let... go”  
As if to say, “While there are still corruptions in my most noble of requests, I plead for Your mercy based upon Your promises.” (Eph 3:20)
- v171** תִּבְעַנָּה (*ta-BA-nah*) = “will utter” or “will gush forth”  
Because of Christ’s faithfulness, & because He has given me understanding (**v169**), and deliverance (**v170**), praise gushes forth from my heart like rivers of living water. (John 7:37-39; 14:26)
- v172** תִּעַן (*TA-an*) = “will speak,” “will sing,” or “will shout”  
Not only do we break forth in praise because Christ, through the Holy Spirit, teaches us His statutes (**v171**), it moves the enlightened soul to speak, sing, preach to others of the holiness, goodness, and righteousness of God’s commandments. (Mal 3:16; Heb 10:24-25)
- v173** תְּהִי יַדְּךָ (*t’-HEEY yad-KHA*) = “Let Your hand”  
ESV is a better translation than KJV, IMHO. Because I have chosen gospel precepts rather than submitting to temptation, I need God’s helping hand ready because I may stumble in attempting to do right. (Matt 6:13)
- v174** תִּאֲבָחִי (*ta-AV-teey*) = “I long,” “I have longed,” or “I desire”  
To be satisfied with salvation as it is today, rather than longing for the glory it shall become, is a false deliverance & the lie of devils. (Rom 8:23; Matt 5:6)
- v175** תְּהִי נַפְשִׁי (*te-CHEEY naf-SHEEY*) = “Let my soul live”  
While my flesh is content to exist day by day with the mere promise of something better to come, my soul desires life with He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; & Christ’s commandments, which are not burdensome (1 Jn 5:3), will help me to truly live. (John 10:10)
- v176** תִּעִיתִי (*ta-EEY-teey*) = “I have gone astray” or “I wander”  
For a sinner saved by God’s grace to deny our tendency to wander or backslide is the acme of foolishness. (Rom 7:18-25)

## CHALLENGE

Memorize **any one of these eight verses** from your favorite Bible version. Why did you pick this verse? How did this verse help you to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ? How did you apply this verse in the week? Be prepared to share next week.

## 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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