



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

# Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

September 8th, 2021

“The Golden Psalm: Zayin”

Psalm 119:49-56

## 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

### ZAYIN ז

ז (*zâ-YEEN*) is the 7th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for zayin was drawn as a mattock...



The sounds of zayin (ז) most closely resembles our English 'z' sound, as in 'zoo' or 'zebra.'

זה (*zāyh*) means "this" (masculine) or "it"

זהב (*zâ-HÂV*) means "gold"

זבוב (*zâ-VOOV*) means "fly" (the insect)

Zayin is masculine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means "cut," "food," or "nourish," because, while the word זין (*zâ-YEEN*) means "sword" or "sharp weapon," the Hebrew word זן (*zân*) means "food" or "nourish." The ancient mattock was used for tilling the ground to plant food, harvest the grain when the food was grown, to harvest meat from animals for food, and was used as a weapon of warfare in conflicts.

Zayin has the numerical value of "7," and thus, its spiritual meaning is significant. The saying, "Let go and let God!" may be applied to zayin; for the 7th letter represents 'rest,' 'holiness,' 'release,' and 'completion' in Jewish tradition. The Sabbath, Hebrew שבת (*shâ-BÂT*), is the 7th day of the week, the 7th month, the 7th year (of release, called שמיטה), as well as the 7 holy Sabbath days in the commanded Feasts of the LORD (Lev 23:4-44). In these Sabbaths, all are commanded to put down sword or mattock, cease from war, planting, and harvest, to allow the LORD God to protect and provide. Our English word 'remember' is the Hebrew word זכור (*zâ-KHÖR*), linking the Sabbath commandment forever with zayin (Ex 20:8-11).

## PSALM 119:49-56 ZAYIN WORDS

- v49 זכר־דבר (zâ-KHÛR dâ-VÂR) means literally “remember word”  
God doesn’t have a memory problem. When we pray for God to remember His promised Word, we are actually saying that we remember His Word, and thus, pleading for His mercy. (see Rom 10:17)
- v50 זֹאת (zõt) means “this” or “it” (feminine)  
“This is my comfort in my affliction; for what You have spoken gives me life and makes me alive” (PJAT). (see John 6:63)
- v51 זדים (zê-DEEM) means “proud ones” or “arrogant ones”  
As Christ Jesus was mocked while hanging upon the cross, so will we be greatly derided for believing in His atoning sacrifice. (see Jude 1:8)
- v52 זכרתי (zâ-KHÂR-teey) means “I remember”  
“As I remember Your judgments, YHVH, and You comfort” (PJT). (see 2 Cor 1:3-4)
- v53 זלעפה (zâl-â-FÂH) means “consuming horror” or “hot indignation”  
The wickedness of the world that still surrounds us provokes us to fear the LORD more reverently and more earnestly. (see Prov 9:10)
- v54 זמרות (zmîr-ÔT) means “songs”  
Singing God’s Word is a biblical and blessed activity whenever and wherever we gather in Christ’s name. (see Col 3:16)
- v55 זכרתי (zâ-KHÂR-teey) means “I remember”  
There’s power in the name of the Lord Jesus; even at night, or in our darkest hour, or when temptations arise. (see John 14:13-14)
- v56 זֹאת (zõt) means “this” (feminine); see v50  
“This has come to me; for Your precepts I’ve guarded” (PJT). All the blessings of vv49-55, are our possession since we have hidden Christ’s gospel in the depths of our being. We ask to be empowered to remember God’s Word; and when we’ve made His Word our own blessed possession, we ask to be empowered to remember more and more of God’s Word (see John 14:23)

### CHALLENGE

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

Each day this week, for 7 days, pick out verses from God’s Word that bring you comfort. Memorize your favorite verse (or Psa 119:50).

## 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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