



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

September 29th, 2021

“The Golden Psalm: Yod”

Psalm 119:73-80

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

YOD י

י (*yûd*) is the 10th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for yod was drawn as an arm with a closed hand...



The modern yod (י) resembles our English 'y' sound.

יהי (*yah*) is the shortened name of "Yehovah"

יָד (*yad*) means "hand"

יָם (*yam*) means "sea" or "ocean"

Yod is feminine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means "work," "throw," or "worship."

Yod is the most frequently used letter in the alef-beyt, appearing approximately in 11% of the Hebrew text.

As the 10th letter, yod also has the numerical value of '10.' Because of its value, yod represents righteousness and completeness in Jewish tradition, as the work of God in His commandments given to Moses on stone tablets numbered 10 (Ex 20:1-17). Moreover, because yod represents worship and completeness, many rabbis view yod as a symbol for the world to come. Because the letter has morphed into the smallest modern Hebrew letter, its modest size represents wisdom to many rabbis today, as truly wise individuals are in small supply.

The letter yod, יי (*yûd*) sounds very closely to the Hebrew word for hand, יָד (*yad*). While the "hand" of the LORD is known for strength in deliverance and redemption (Ex 13:9), the Messiah sits at the right hand of God (Psa 80:17; Heb 1:3). The Hebrew word for "right hand" is יְמִינֵי (*ya-MEEYN*).

PSALM 119:73-80 YOD WORDS

v73 ידיך (*ya-DĀY-kha*) means “Your hands”

We must seek wisdom to learn & understand God’s commandments from He who created us anew and gave us His law. (Isa 64:8; 2 Cor 5:17)

v74 יראיך (*y’-RĀY-kha*) means “the fear of You” (future tense)

Blessed by God’s grace through Christ, we become a blessing to others in Christ. (1 Pet 3:15)

v75 ידעתי (*ya-DA-teeY*) means “I know”

God was faithful to afflict Jesus for our sakes; therefore, our afflictions too, come forth by God’s faithfulness to fulfill His Word in us, exalt Christ through us, & glorify Himself by us. (Phil 3:10)

v76 יהי־נא (*y’-HEEY na*) means “let it be, I pray” (future tense)

We need NOT seek escape from our afflictions, but Christ’s comfort thru them; & that, by the promises found in God’s Word. (Rom 15:4)

v77 יבאוני (*y’-VĀ-oo-neeY*) means “let come to me” (future tense)

If in the depths of our soul we delight in God’s law, our prayer must be to seek His mercy to live according to His gospel. (Rom 7:22; Heb 4:16)

v78 יבשו (*ye-VĀ-shoo*) means “his shame” (future tense)

If unbelievers mocked Christ & lied about Him, we should expect nothing less since Christ abides in us; & meditating upon the precepts of His gospel removes shame from us, while shaming the proud. (Rom 1:16)

v79 ישובו (*ya-SHOO-voo*) means “turn him” (future tense)

May we grow in maturity so that others who fear God may know Christ more intimately through our witness. (1 Cor 11:1)

v80 יהי־לבי (*y’-HEEY li-BEEY*) means “let my heart be” (future tense)

While God has given us a new heart & new spirit, may we walk with a pure heart in God’s statutes by the Spirit so we may see Christ now, & not be ashamed in that Day. (Ezek 36:26-27; Matt 5:8; 1 Jn 2:28)

CHALLENGE

Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments. Psalm 119:73, ESV

Challenge: Memorize v73 in your favorite Bible version. Meditate upon the truth that it was the nail-pierced hands of the Lord Jesus Christ that has made us new creations in Christ and is molding us, shaping us, and fashioning us to be God’s children who understand Christ’s commandments, learn Christ’s commandments, and display Christ’s commandments with the testimonies of our lives lived for Him.

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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