



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

January 5th, 2022

“The Golden Psalm: Qoph”

Psalm 119:145-152

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

QOPH ק

ק (*qōf*) is the 19th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for qoph is the sun on the horizon...



The modern qoph (ק) has a sound resembling the English “k” sound, as in ‘**q**ueen.’ A few common words beginning with qoph are....

קדש (*qa-DASH*) means “to be holy” or “sanctify” (Gen 2:3)

קול (*qōl*) means “voice” or “sound” (Gen 3:8)

קום (*qoom*) means “rise,” “arise,” or “establish” (Gen 4:8)

Qoph is masculine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means “time,” “circle,” or “condense.”

As the 19th letter, qoph has the numerical value of ‘100.’

Because the word קדוש (*qa-DŌSH*), which means “holy,” and begins with the letter qoph, some rabbis teach the letter itself is said to be holy. The letter qoph, therefore, represents the Lord Jesus Christ since He is the Holy One of Israel.

Even the ancient symbol for qoph, ☉, the sun on the horizon, speaks of Christ’s holiness: “From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!” (Psa 113:3).

PSALM 119:145-152 QOPH WORDS

v145 קראתי (*qa-RA-teeey*) = “I cried” or “I called out”

Because the Lord Jesus cried out to His heavenly Father with a whole, undivided heart, & kept His statutes, our prayers are heard & answered for Christ’s sake & exaltation. (John 14:13)

v146 קראתיך (*qa-ra-TEEY-kha*) = “I cry unto you” or “I call to you”

A great truth! Unless we are saved, we cannot keep God’s law; for only the redeemed endeavor to obey God. (1 John 5:3)

v147 קדמתי (*qid-DAM-teeey*) = “I anticipated” (קדם = “before”)

Christ’s habit was to rise before dawn to commune with the Father; it should be ours as well. (Mark 1:35)

v148 קדמו (*qid-MOO*) = “before [it]”

As prayers & meditations upon the word are appropriate early in the morning (v147), they are also blessed early in the evening before bed.

v149 קולי (*QŌ-leeey*) = “my voice”

Our voices are only heard because of God’s mercy toward us in Christ; & we are only made alive because of Christ’s receiving judgment on our behalf. (2 Cor 5:21)

v150 קרבו (*QAR-voov*) = “they approach” (קרב = “near” or “approach”)

Those who know not Christ’s cross love darkness, are offended by Christ’s light in the cross, & will do anything to douse the light. (John 3:19-20)

v151 קרוב (*qa-RŌV*) = “near”

As near as the enemy may seem, the Lord Jesus is closer, for we are humbled by the truth of His commandments. (Psa 34:18)

v152 קדם (*QE-dem*) = “long ago”

Christ’s redeemed are awakened to the truth of His eternal testimonies implanted into the image of mankind. (Rom 1:20)

CHALLENGE

Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love; O LORD, according to Your justice give Me life. Psalm 119:149, ESV

Challenge: Memorize v149 in your favorite Bible version. Early in the morning (v147), and in the evening before bed (v148), consider the mercy of God, His loving kindness, and His steadfast love, in, by and through Christ’s crucifixion. How do these thoughts make you more alive? Does it increase through the week as your meditations draw you closer to Christ? Have you suffered more temptations, tribulations or persecutions (v150) by doing this? Did Christ comfort you (v151) despite this?

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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