



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

August 11th, 2021

“The Golden Psalm: Gimel”

Psalm 119:17-24

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

GIMEL ג

ג (*Gĭ-māl*) is the third letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt* (or alphabet). The ancient symbol/letter for gimel was drawn as a foot or lower leg...



The sound of gimel most closely resembles our English hard 'g' sound (g), as in 'gap' or 'give' and a soft 'gh' sound (gh), as in 'ghost' or 'aghaſt.'

גג (*gâgh*) means "roof"

גן (*gân*) means "garden"

גר (*gêr*) means "foreigner" or "stranger"

Gimel is also masculine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means "walk" or "gather." As alef has the numerical value of "1," and beyt, the value of "2," gimel has the value of "3." In some Jewish traditions, the number three significantly represents stability, viz., the three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob form the foundation of God's people. For the Christian, the number three represents the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; moreover, three is exemplified in the Hebrew Testament's gospel, viz., Abraham is the father of faith (Gen 15:6), Isaac is the son of promise (Gen 15:4), and Jacob (Israel) and his sons were the beneficiaries of God Almighty's blessings through Abraham's inheritance.

Another ancient Jewish tradition states that the world was founded on three things: [1] God's law (Torah); [2] God's labor through faithful men (prayer); and [3] God's loving kindness to and through fallen men (mercy).

PSALM 119:17-24 GIMEL WORDS

v17 גַּמַּל (gê-MÖL) means “deal bountifully”

According to His merciful riches, our great prayer is to seek the spiritual resources to empower us to live out God’s Word, and to cherish and protect His Word. (see Phil 4:19)

v18 גַּלְעֵינִי (gâl-Ä-yi-nāy) means “open my eyes”

Since Adam’s fall, our flesh is naturally blinded to the beautiful truths of God’s law (Torah). (see 1 Cor 2:14)

v19 גֵּר (gêr) means “stranger” or “foreigner”

“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Heb 11:13).

v20 גָּרְסָה (gär-SÄH) means “crush,” “dissolve,” or “break”

Because the flesh wars against the Spirit (Gal 5:17), we need a power stronger than the weakness of our flesh to embrace and carry out the least of God’s judgments. (see Rom 7:24)

v21 גַּעַרְתָּ (gâ-AR-tä) means “You rebuke”

Arrogance (pride) is presumptuous idolatry, which was rebuked by God in Eden’s garden, was rebuked by God from the empty garden tomb of Messiah, and will be rebuked again by God at Messiah’s return. (see 1 Pet 5:5)

v22 גָּל (gâl) means “remove”

Because we’ve been changed by God’s grace in Christ, we cherish and keep the gospel testimonies of Christ, behaving according to the testimony of God’s Word, as much as a sinner saved by grace is able; and when we are reproached with contempt, we must pray as the psalmist, and the LORD will either remove the reproach, or at least remove reproach’s sting (see 2 Tim 3:12).

vv23-24 גַּם (gam) means “also”

While the heathen raged against the Messiah (Psa 2:1), and while the kings of the earth also set themselves against the LORD and against His Anointed (Psa 2:2), the Lord Jesus Christ meditated upon His heavenly Father’s statutes (Lk 23:10-11). ALSO: *“Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all” (1 Tim 4:15).*

v24 ALSO: *“For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man” (Rom 7:22)*

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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