



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

October 13th, 2021

“The Golden Psalm: Lamed”

Psalm 119:89-96

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

LAMED ל

ל (*LAM-ed*) is the 12th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for lamed was drawn as an shepherd's staff...



The modern lamed (ל) resembles our English 'l' sound.

ל placed before a word means "to," "from," "into," or "towards"

לא (*lō*) means "no," "not," or "without" (Gen 2:5, "not")

לב (*lev*) means "heart" (Gen 6:5)

Lamed is feminine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means "to," "yoke," "bind," or "teach." As the shepherd or farmer's staff was used for animals in order to guide them, and thus teach them the way to go, lamed is a word for instruction and studies. למד (*lâ-MÂD*) means "learn" or "study" while למד (*le-MED*) means "teach" or "instruct." Both words are used in the Law: "...the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear My words, so that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.'" (Deut 4:10). The Jewish commentary upon the Scriptures is called the "Talmud" (תלמוד), while a student (or disciple) of the Talmud is called תלמיד (*tal-MEEYD*). As the 12th letter, lamed has the numerical value of '30.' It is also the tallest letter in the Hebrew alef-beyt; and according to the rabbis, it signifies royalty, and thus, lamed also represents the King of kings, almighty God. Also according to some rabbis, because Israel (ישראל) begins with yod, the smallest letter, and ends with lamed, the tallest letter, although God's people begin with very little knowledge of God, through much study (למד), by God's grace, they will grow spiritually "tall" in the end. Jesus said, "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40).

PSALM 119:89-96 LAMED WORDS

v89 לעולם (*l'-Ō-lam*) = “forever”

As high, vast, & eternal are the heavens, so is God’s Word. (Mark 13:31)

v90 לדור (*le-DŌR*) = “to generation (and generation)”

Since Adam, until Christ’s return, no generation will pass by without encountering the faithfulness of God’s fulfilled Word. (Matt 5:18)

v91 למשפטיך (*l'-MISH-pa-tee-y-kha*) = “by Your command”

Referring to the previous verse: “By Your ordained command, they endure this day; because they are all Your servants” (PJT). (Matt 10:29)

v92 לולי (*loo-LAY*) = “unless” or “except that”

The heavens & earth did not vanish at the fall or in the flood; likewise, the people of God, though afflicted, will endure to see the fulfillment of Messiah in their lives. (Rom 8:28-29)

v93 לעולם (*l'-Ō-lam*) = “forever” (same as v89)

The gospel precepts of Christ are eternal, & can never be forgotten once imprinted upon the heart by God; our memories may falter, but God’s truth is forever. (Ezek 36:27)

v94 לך־אני (*l'-KHA a-NEEY*) = “I am Yours” (literally, “to You, I am”)

The more we search out & study God’s gospel precepts in His Word, the more convinced we will be that we belong to Jesus; & the more we will live according to that truth. (1 Cor 6:20)

v95 לי (*leey*) = “to me”

There is great comfort in the testimonies of Christ; to which the vilest attacks of the wicked are neutralized. (Jas 5:7)

v96 לכל (*l'-KHAL*) = “to all”

“Of all perfection [upon the earth], I have seen its limit; broad are Your commandments— very exceedingly!” (PJAT). (Phil 3:12)

CHALLENGE

Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Psalm 119:89, ESV

Challenge: Memorize v89 in your favorite Bible version. Consider the eternal truth of God’s Word, especially the gospel of Christ, & the promises we have in Christ. Reflect upon (1) why the heaven of God’s dwelling (3rd heaven) is immovable; (2) what glories await you in the heavenly habitation of God; & (3) why the corruptions of your flesh do not want you to ponder such thoughts & meditations.

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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