



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

January 26th, 2022

“The Golden Psalm: Resh”
Psalm 119:153-160

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 (*tzadiq*), 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

RESH ר

ר (*rāsh*) is the 20th letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for resh is a man's head...



The modern resh (ר) resembles the English "r" sound, as in 'run,' but is guttural, and is rolled upon the tongue to produce a trill. A few common words beginning with resh are....

רב (*rav*) means "great" or "many" (Gen 6:5)

רחץ (*ra-chatz*) means "wash" or "bathe" (Gen 18:4)

רפא (*ra-FAH*) means "heal" or "cure" (Gen 20:17)

Resh is feminine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means "top," "first," or "beginning."

As the 20th letter, resh has the numerical value of '200.'

The letter resh, symbolically represented by a man's head, and the word for 'head,' 'chief,' or 'principle' is ראש (*rōsh*), resh represents Christ Jesus because He is the head of His church, "And He is the head of the body, the church" (Col 1:18).

As sovereign God, Jesus is also the authoritative head over all things, "and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority" (Col 2:10).

PSALM 119:153-160 RESH WORDS

v153 ראה־עניי (*r'-EH on-YIY*) = "look at my sorrow"

God's law was a living reality & testament to the Man of Sorrows, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Isa 53:3-5)

v154 ריבה (*ri-VAH*) = "plead"

The vindication of Christ for His sufferings & death was His resurrection. (Col 2:12)

v155 רחוק (*ra-CHŌQ*) = "far" or "distant"

How far is fallen mankind from salvation apart from the grace of God in salvation? (Matt 26:67-68)

v156 רחמִיךָ (*ra-cha-MĀY-kha*) = "Your tender mercies" "Your compassions"

So merciful is the grace of God in Christ, although every disciple betrays Him, because Jesus is the Man of God's Word and the Man of His Word, He leaves His disciples with a promise. (Matt 26:31-32)

v157 רבים (*ra-BEEYM*) = "many" or "abundant"

God's testimony of the death of His Son was unswerving in Jesus. (Matt 26:59-64)

v158 ראיתי (*ra-TEEY-teey*) = "I look" or "I behold"

The vile condition of the reprobate sinner is a sickening grief to the heart of the Pure (& to you & who are pure in Him). (Matt 26:49-50)

v159 ראה (*r'-EH*) = "consider" "look" or "behold"

A glance away from the Lord Jesus is a look away from LOVE & LIFE. (Matt 26:6-13)

v160 ראש־דברך (*rosh d'-var-KHA*) = "sum of Your Word"

True & forever is God's Word. The same Word that contains in it condemnation against His betrayal (Matt 26:21-25), contains also the comfort of Christ's blood covenant (Matt 26:26-29).

CHALLENGE

The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever. Psalm 119:160, ESV

Challenge: Memorize v160 in your favorite Bible version. Look! Behold!

God's Word is eternal; and it would behoove us to daily immerse ourselves in God's Word, so we may know more and more the full counsel of God's truth. This week, consider daily how often we deny Christ in our hearts; then rejoice in the grace of God in Christ's atoning mercy.

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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