



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

February 2nd, 2022

“The Golden Psalm: Shin”

Psalm 119:161-168

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

SHIN שׁ שׂ

שׁ (*sheen*) is the 21st letter of the Hebrew *alef-beyt*. The ancient symbol/letter for shin is two front teeth...



The modern shin (שׁ) resembles the English “sh” sound, as in ‘ship,’ but also has another form, sin (שׂ), which resembles the “s” sound, as in ‘sun.’ A few common words beginning with shin or sin are....

שָׁלוֹם (*sha-LŌM*) means “peace” (Gen 15:15)

שֵׁם (*shem*) means “name” (Gen 2:11)

שָׂר (*sar*) means “prince” or “ruler” (Gen 12:15)

Shin is masculine in gender, and by its ancient pictograph, means “eat,” “two,” “press,” “sharp,” or “consume.”

As the 21st letter, shin has the numerical value of ‘300.’ The Hebrew word for tooth is שֵׁן (*shān*); which makes sense, since shin’s ancient symbol is two front teeth. Shin is said to represent God because one of the names for God is שְׂדֵי (*sha-DĪY*), which means ‘Almighty.’ Since one of the meanings for shin is ‘consume,’ some of the rabbis conclude its shape looks like the eternal fire from the altar. This certainly speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is eternal God as the second person of the Trinity, and it is written of Him, “for our God is a consuming fire” (Heb 12:29). Moreover, the Lord Jesus is our שָׁלוֹם (Eph 2:14), for God’s Messiah is the Prince of Peace, שָׂר שָׁלוֹם (Isa 9:6).

PSALM 119:161-168 SHIN OR SIN WORDS

v161 שרים (*sa-REEYM*) = “princes”

Religious leaders were called princes or rulers of the Jews, like Nicodemus (John 3:1). The Lord Jesus was persecuted by the princes of Israel. (John 5:16; 15:20)

v162 שש (*sas*) = “rejoice”

Christ’s victory at the cross came because every truth from His Father was a joy to Him. (Heb 12:2)

v163 שקר (*SHE-qer*) = “lies,” “untruth,” or “falsehoods”

He who is the Way, the Truth, & the Life (John 14:6) must surely hate lies; so hypocrisy is of particular disdain to the Lord Jesus. (John 8:44)

v164 שבע (*SHE-va*) = “seven”

Seven, being the number of perfection or completion, the Lord Jesus praised the heavenly Father in continual excellence. (John 8:29)

v165 שלום (*sha-LŌM*) = “peace”

The great peace existing in the Prince of Peace was such that He could sleep in the midst of storms that terrified the stoutest of men’s hearts. (Mark 4:38; 2 Thess 3:16)

v166 שברתי (*si-BAR-TEEY*) = “I hope” or “I have hoped”

Had our salvation relied upon our mustering hope in ourselves, it would be as far from our grasp as attempting to touch the stars on tip-toes. The sinless Son, who needed not salvation for Himself, has hoped on our behalf; & we can trust His stamina to hope for us, because He has done God’s commandments perfectly. (Isa 61:10; Heb 7:25)

v167 שמרה (*sham-RAH*) = “keep,” “guard,” or “cherish”

While my flesh may despise Christ’s gospel, the soul made alive in Christ cherishes His gospel & loves them exceedingly. (Rom 7:18-19, 22)

v168 שמרתי (*sha-MAR-teey*) = “I keep” or “I have kept”

There is nothing hidden from our enthroned King, so an honest report with regard to His commandments is best. (2 Tim 2:19)

CHALLENGE

I rejoice at Your word like one who finds great spoil. Psalm 119:162, ESV

Challenge: Memorize v162 in your favorite Bible version. Consider the victories rejoicing in God’s Word has brought to your life. This week reflect upon each one. Write one special instance down this week and share it with someone.

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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