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“Morning, Noon and Evening I Will Pray”

Prayer, Revelation, and the Key of Knowledge Framework: Psalm 55:17 · Matthew 26:39-44 · Quran 11:114 5787 HC / 2026–2027 CC / 1448 IC

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Preface

This course invites the reader to walk through the scriptures of the Torah, Gospel, and Quran with particular attention to the call to regular prayer and the search for understanding. Every section presents the plain sense of the texts alongside the interpretive tradition of the Keys of Knowledge as taught by the Elect of God Royal Academy and set forth in the Key of David materials at erickbennett.com. Readers are encouraged to examine both.

Dedication

To the Most High; to every soul who seeks the knowledge of God; and to the students of the Royal Academy who continue to ask, “Teach us more.”

The Commandment as Code of Wisdom, the Keys of Knowledge, and the Renewed Mind

Scripture connects keeping the commandment with seeking the knowledge of God. The Elect of God Royal Academy further teaches that this knowledge is discovered, in part, through the alphanumeric structure of the written Word itself.

The Commandment and the Knowledge of God
Proverbs 2:1-6 teaches that if a person receives the words, treasures the commandments, cries out for insight, and searches for understanding as for hidden treasure, then they will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God—for the LORD gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.

Deuteronomy 29:29 distinguishes between the secret things that belong to the LORD and the things that are revealed, which belong to us and to our children so that we may do all the words of this law. The goal of revelation is walking in what has been made known.

Alphanumeric Systems and the Teaching of the Keys
Both biblical Hebrew and biblical Greek are alphanumeric languages. In the traditional systems:

- Each Hebrew letter carries a numerical value (aleph = 1, bet = 2, and so on).
- Each Greek letter likewise carries a numerical value.

These values form the basis of gematria and isopsephy—historical methods in which the numerical total of a word or phrase is calculated. Roman numerals function on a related principle of letters representing numbers.

The Elect of God Royal Academy, following the Key of David teaching at erickbennett.com, presents the practice of turning letters to their numbers and counting the resulting values as a practical way of searching the Word as for hidden treasure (cf. Proverbs 2:4; Luke 11:52). In this reading, the commandment functions as a "code of wisdom." When the letters are engaged in this way, patterns appear—most notably the repeated presence of the number seven, long associated in Scripture with completeness and divine order. The discovery of such patterns is described as finding the "Power of Seven," understood within this tradition as a visible expression of the knowledge of God within the written text.

The New Testament itself directs believers to ask God for wisdom (James 1:5; Ephesians 1:17-18) and to give careful attention to the Word. The Royal Academy teaches that engaging the alphanumeric structure of the text is one concrete way of carrying out that search.

The Renewed Mind and Being Born Again

Jesus told Nicodemus, "Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Paul writes, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2). This renewal is the work of the Spirit, who takes the Word and makes it living and active (Hebrews 4:12; John 6:63).

Within the teaching of the Elect of God Royal Academy, the process of searching the Word—including the step of turning letters to numbers and observing the patterns that emerge—is presented as one way the mind is engaged with the text until understanding opens. When the letters ("keys") are turned, the power already present in the Word becomes visible. This visibility is understood as

part of moving from merely hearing the commandment to finding the knowledge of God. The Academy teaches that this generation is blessed to have these patterns set forth clearly, and that those who seek them find them.

Summary for Reflection

- The plain texts urge us to receive the Word, cry out for understanding, and keep the commandments so that we may know God.
- Hebrew and Greek letters have long been used with numerical values in historical interpretive traditions.
- The Elect of God Royal Academy teaches the act of calculating those values as a way of searching for the hidden treasures of the Word and seeing the recurring "Power of Seven."
- The New Testament centers the reception of knowledge on prayer for wisdom and the renewing work of the Spirit, culminating in being born again and having the mind transformed. The Royal Academy sees the Keys of Knowledge as uniting the witness of the Torah, Gospel, and Quran in this process.

I. Opening Framework

Core verses

- Psalm 55:17 – Evening, morning, and at noon I pray and cry aloud; He hears my voice.

- Matthew 26:39-44 – Jesus prays three times in Gethsemane, submitting His will to the Father.
- Quran 11:114 – Establish prayer at the two ends of the day and at the approach of the night; good deeds do away with misdeeds.

Opening discussion questions

1. Why do all three scriptures place prayer at the natural turning points of the day?
2. How does regular prayer prepare the heart to receive understanding?

II. Torah (Hebrew Bible) on Prayer and Seeking Understanding

Key texts

- Psalm 55:17
- Deuteronomy 11:13 (“serve Him with all your heart”)
- Daniel 6:10 (three times daily)
- Proverbs 2:1-7
- Psalm 119:18 (“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law”)
- 1 Kings 3:5-12 (Solomon asks for an understanding heart)
- Deuteronomy 29:29
- Isaiah 45:3

- Job 29:4

Observations

- Daily prayer is the “service of the heart.”
- Fixed times developed alongside the examples of the patriarchs and the Temple sacrifices.
- Proverbs 2 presents a clear sequence: receive the words → incline the heart → cry out for knowledge → search as for hidden treasure → then understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
- Asking for opened eyes and wisdom is itself a form of prayer.
- Scripture distinguishes between secret things that belong to God and revealed things given so that people may live by them.

Discussion questions

1. How is serving God with the heart connected to prayer?
2. What is the difference between praying only for needs and praying for an understanding heart?
3. In Proverbs 2:1-7, what conditions are given before the promise “then you will understand… and find the knowledge of God”?
4. How do Deuteronomy 29:29 and Isaiah 45:3 speak of hidden things? What is promised, and to whom?

III. Gospel on Prayer, Solitude, and Revelation

Key texts

- Matthew 26:39-44 (Gethsemane)
- Matthew 6:5-13 / Luke 11:1-4 (the Lord's Prayer)
- Matthew 6:6
- Luke 11:1-13
- James 1:5
- Ephesians 1:17-18
- Colossians 1:9; 2:2
- Hebrews 4:12
- 1 Corinthians 2:7
- Revelation 2:17
- 1 Peter 1:2
- Ephesians 3:9; Revelation 10:7

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Related text on hidden manna

Revelation 2:17 – “To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna…”One reflective reading (as taught within the Elect of God tradition):

“Daily bread” is seen as pointing toward the hidden manna of deeper understanding (cf. Revelation 2:17); the call to forgive as participation in God’s character; the petition against temptation as a warning against the wide and easy path; and the final ascription of kingdom, power, and glory as the place where the living power of the Word becomes visible. These connections are the teaching of the Royal Academy and should be examined alongside the plain sense of the prayer.

Observations

- Jesus models earnest, repeated, private prayer that submits the will.
- He repeatedly withdrew to solitary places to pray and instructed his followers to pray in secret (Matthew 6:6).
- The New Testament repeatedly directs believers to ask God for wisdom and understanding.
- Prayer and careful attention to the Word are the primary pattern given for receiving knowledge.
- Several passages speak of mysteries, hidden wisdom, and hidden manna as things God reveals in his time.

Discussion questions

1. What does Gethsemane teach about the balance between asking and submitting?
2. According to James 1:5 and Ephesians 1:17-18, what should a disciple ask for first when understanding is lacking?
3. How does the living nature of the Word (Hebrews 4:12) relate to the secrets and mysteries mentioned in the Gospels?
4. Why do the Gospels emphasize withdrawing to pray alone? How does Matthew 6:6 reinforce this?
5. When you pray the Lord's Prayer, which line most draws your attention, and why? How does Revelation 2:17 speak of hidden manna?

IV. Quran on Prayer and Remembrance

Key texts

- Quran 11:114
- 4:103
- 2:3
- 2:186
- 2:60
- 2:142; 2:238
- 17:78
- 20:114
- 29:45

- Surah 1 (Al-Fatiha)

Observations

- Prayer (salat) is commanded at appointed times and is closely linked to remembrance and belief in the unseen.
- Al-Fatiha functions as both praise and petition for guidance on the straight path.
- There is an explicit prayer for increase in knowledge.
- Regular prayer is presented as a means of purification and constant awareness of God.
- Quran 2:60 recounts Moses praying and then striking the rock so that water flowed for the people.
- The Quran itself is the primary text.

Discussion questions

1. How does 11:114 connect prayer with the removal of misdeeds?
2. What is the significance of asking for increase in knowledge (20:114)?
3. How does Al-Fatiha's request for guidance on the straight path compare with the Lord's Prayer?
4. How does the account of Moses in Quran 2:60 compare with Exodus 17?
5. In what ways does the Quran present prayer as both duty and nearness to God?

V. **Luke 11:52 – The Key of Knowledge**
"Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

Plain meaning

- The key of knowledge is what gives access to the true knowledge of God.
- Religious leaders were rebuked for withholding it and for not entering themselves.

Discussion questions

1. Why is the Key of Knowledge mentioned right after the teaching on prayer?
2. What does it mean to take away the Key of Knowledge? How did the Rabbis do it in Jesus day and how can that happen today?
3. How does this chapter connect prayer with the receiving of knowledge?

Proverbs 16:10 – "A Divine Sentence"

Text (KJV)
"A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgress not in judgment."

Hebrew word: קֶסֶם (qesem)

Most often used negatively for forbidden divination; in Proverbs 16:10 used positively for a king's reliable, God-guided judicial decision. The way to identify the King is He teaches you this.

Observations

- The positive sense describes trustworthy judgment under God's authority.
- It does not reverse the clear prohibitions against occult divination found elsewhere.
- Further application to letter-to-number methods is an interpretive step taken within the Royal Academy tradition.

Discussion questions

1. How does the meaning of qesem in Proverbs 16:10 differ from its meaning in Deuteronomy 18:10?
2. Does this verse authorize specific methods of seeking hidden knowledge, or does it describe the reliability of a righteous king's judgment?
3. How does the surrounding context of Proverbs 16 shape the meaning of verse 10?

VII. Historical Interpretive Traditions (Gematria and Numerical Practices)

- Jewish gematria and related Greek numerical practices exist as historical interpretive methods.

- These traditions assign numerical values to letters and look for patterns (including the frequent appearance of the number seven).
- The number seven is significant throughout Scripture independently of gematria.
- The Elect of God Royal Academy teaches that the commandments (mitsvah) function as a “code of wisdom” whose letters carry deeper operational meaning when turned to their numbers.

Discussion questions

1. What is the difference between the plain meaning of the Key of Knowledge and later numerical systems?
2. Why has the number seven been considered important in Scripture?
3. How can a person pray for wisdom and understanding while also engaging the alphanumeric structure of the text?
4. What safeguards does Scripture provide when numerical patterns are claimed to be the proof of revelation?

VIII. Comparative Overview

Element	**Torah**	**Gospel**	**Quran**
Timing	Morning, noon, evening	Regular & persistent	Ends of day + approaches of night

Main Attitude	Service of the heart	Submission of will	Remembrance & obedience
Path to Understanding	Ask for wisdom & opened eyes	Ask God + attend to the Word	Prayer + ask for increase in knowledge
Primary Goal	Daily dependence	Alignment with the Father	Purification & constant remembrance
Solitude	Patriarchs and prophets withdrew	Jesus and Matthew 6:6 emphasize private prayer	Moses' prayer in 2:60

IX. Application

Suggested pattern

1. Keep fixed times of prayer (morning, midday/afternoon, evening).
2. Begin by asking for wisdom, understanding, and opened eyes to the Word.
3. Use the Lord's Prayer and/or Al-Fatiha.
4. When possible, withdraw to a private place.
5. Bring personal needs while submitting the will.

6. Remain with the Word itself, engaging it according to the plain sense and, for those who choose, according to the Keys of Knowledge as taught by the Royal Academy.

Final discussion questions

1. What has usually been the first request in your prayers? How would it change if the first request became a request for understanding?
2. How do the fixed times of prayer create space for seeking?
3. Where do the three scriptures agree, and where do they differ, on how understanding is received?
4. How does the call to pray in secret affect your practice?
5. What practical steps will you take this week?

Closing

Shalom, Beloved Disciple,

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All Love,
Elect of God Royal Academy Team

Next Lesson Preview
How prayer leads to the revelation of the secrets, mysteries, and hidden things in Scripture—and how that revelation loops back to the Keys of Knowledge.

Shalom.



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crown that flows downward into a graceful, sword-like vertical blade, then curves into a gentle yet powerful hook at the base — like a divine weapon that has been transfigured into a key of light. It radiates soft ethereal energy, as if pulsing with the very heartbeat of creation. The light is not harsh but warm and inviting, carrying subtle sparks and halos that hint at infinite multiplicity within perfect unity. Zeta Zayin is the visual embodiment of the Power of 777 — the 7th letter (Zayin) representing both the sword of the Spirit and the completed divine order. It stands as a bridge between ancient languages and future revelation, a seal upon the majestic plural nature of Elohim, and a personal invitation for every soul to remember they are forged in the image of the Divine Collective. When you gaze upon it, feel it as a living activation: a sword that cuts through illusion and a key that unlocks your place within the infinite family of light.

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