

Psalm 119 & the Hebrew Aleph Bet - Part 11



The eleventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called "Kaph" and has the sound of "k" as in "kite." It has the numeric value of 20. The sole difference between the letter Kaph and the letter Kaf is the presence or absence of the dot in the middle of the letter (called a **dagesh** mark). When you see the dot in the middle of this letter, pronounce it as a "k"; otherwise, pronounce it as "kh." In modern Hebrew, the *Kaph* appears in three forms:

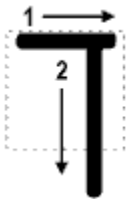
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Write the manual print version (or "block" version) of *Kaph* as follows:

Writing the Letter: *Kaph*

A single stroke, like a backwards "c" is used to form this letter.

	<p>Practice making the Kaph here:</p>
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Five Hebrew letters are formed differently when they appear as the last letter of a word (these forms are sometimes called "**sofit**" (pronounced "so-feet") forms). The five letters sound the same as their non-sofit cousins, so you do not have to learn any new sounds (or transliterations);

however, you will need to be able to recognize these letters.

Note that *Kaph* Sofit resembles a *Dalet* except that the second stroke descends well below the baseline of the text.



Mysteries of the Kaph



The two letters of the word "Kaph" are the initial letters of the two Hebrew words: *koach* ("potential") and *poel* ("actual"), suggesting that Kaph enables the spiritual (the potential) to be made actual in the physical:

Spiritual Meaning of the Kaph

Kaph = 20 and means "COVER" of *Yahweh* or "COVERING" of *Yah*.

The ancient Kaph also symbolized the palm of the hand. This too, when applied to Yahweh, depicts His protection and covering over His people.

Psalm 17:7-8 "Show Thy marvellous loving kindness, O Thou that savest by Thy right Hand them which put their trust in Thee from those that rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of Thy Wings..."

The letters *Yod* and *Kaph* denote different aspects of the hand. *Yod* is the Active Hand by which to grasp and hold things. It is a symbol showing the Power and Ownership of *Yahweh*. *Kaph* is the Open Hand meaning to give and receive things.



The ancient Kaph was drawn as "a wing". The "wing" of the Almighty, is our protective covering –

Psalm 91:4 "He shall cover thee with His Feathers, and under His Wings (*Kanaph*) shalt thou trust..."

The Bible gives another Promise: Malachi 4:2 "But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His Wings (*Kanaph*)..."



Rejecting the *Kaph* Experience is Rebellion against *Yahweh* and His Headship... This brings desolation and destruction:

Matthew 23:37-38 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."



Hebrew Words Beginning with *Kaph*:

Hebrew Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
כפר	<i>kippur</i>	<p>Covering – Atonement (<i>Yom Kippur</i> – Day of Atonement) The Day of Atonement meant “the Day of Covering”. What a beautiful picture of the love of <i>Yah</i>! When Messiah died for us, He COVERED our sins with His Own Blood. <i>Lev 16:30</i> For^{H3588} on that^{H2088} day^{H3117} shall <i>the priest</i> make an atonement^{H3722} for^{H5921} you, to cleanse^{H2891} you, <i>that ye may be clean</i>^{H2891} from all^{H4480} ^{H3605} your sins^{H2403} before^{H6440} <i>Yahweh</i>.^{H3068}</p>
כנף	<i>kânâph</i>	<p>The Extremity of a Garment – the Wings (feathers)- covering <i>Psa 57:1</i> ...Be merciful^{H2603} unto me, O God,^{H430} be merciful^{H2603} unto me: for^{H3588} my soul^{H5315} trusteth^{H2620} in Thee: yea, in the shadow^{H6738} of thy wings^{H3671} will I make my refuge,^{H2620} until^{H5704} <i>these</i> calamities^{H1942} be overpast.^{H5674}</p>
כלה	<i>kallâh</i>	<p>Bride – the one who He covers is His Bride (Ruth-Boaz) <i>Isa 49:18</i> Lift up^{H5375} thine eyes^{H5869} round about,^{H5439} and behold:^{H7200} all^{H3605} these gather themselves together,^{H6908} <i>and</i> come^{H935} to thee. As I^{H589} live,^{H2416} saith^{H5002} <i>Yahweh</i>,^{H3068} thou shalt surely^{H3588} clothe^{H3847} thee with them all,^{H3605} as with an ornament,^{H5716} and bind^{H7194} them <i>on thee</i>, as a bride^{H3618} <i>doeth</i>.</p>
כחד	<i>kâchad</i>	<p>Conceal - <i>Job 27:11</i> I will teach^{H3384} you by the hand^{H3027} of God:^{H410} <i>that which</i>^{H834} is with^{H5973} the Almighty^{H7706} will I not^{H3808} conceal.^{H3582}</p>

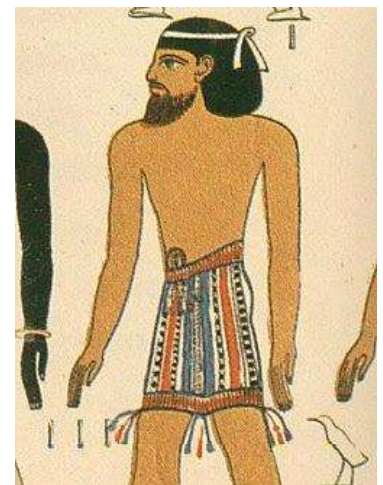
The *Kaph* is for *Kanaph*, meaning “an open palm” or “a wing”. The ancient *Kaph* was drawn as a wing or hand. It shows how God **COVERS** us in the shadow of His Wings. We are safe in the Palm of His Hand. We are never forgotten, for He has graven us upon the Palms of His Hands through His Atoning Sacrifice:
Isaiah 49:16 “Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of My Hands; thy walls (thoughts of your protection) are continually before Me.”

Kanaf: The Healing Covering

In the *Torah*, *Yahweh* instructed His people were to wear tassels or fringes on the four corners of our Garments. This is done so that they might look upon the tassels and remember the commandments of *YAH*:

Numbers 15:37-41 “*And YAH spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue. And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the YAH, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be SET APART unto YAH. I am YAH your MIGHTY ONE, which brought you out of the land of Egypt...*”

The picture on the right is from an Egyptian hieroglyphic. It shows a



A Hebrew Captive in Egypt
 from around the time of Hezekiah (probably of the Tribe of Joseph) notice the light skin, blue eyes, and the colour, arrangement and positioning of the *tzitzit*

Hebrew captive, wearing the “tassels or fringes” (called *tzitzits* in Hebrew).

The border of the garment was called the *Kanaph* (Covering or Wings) and was where the *tzitzits* were attached to the garment.

The Bible teaches us at the husband is the covering of the wife, in a shadow-picture of how *Yahshua* is the Covering of His people – His Bride (1 Corinthians 11:3-10).

Ephesians 5:23-25 “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it.”

When Ruth desired to be under Boaz’s protective covering – as her husband – she asked him to cover her with his garment, showing her desire to be under his wings (a shadow picture of Christ and His Bride).



Ruth 2:12 Yahweh^{H3068} recompense^{H7999} thy work,^{H6467} and a full^{H8003} reward^{H4909} be given^{H1961} thee of^{H4480} H5973 Yahweh^{H3068} God^{H430} of Israel,^{H3478} under^{H8478} Whose^{H834} **Wings**^{H3671} thou art come^{H935} to trust.^{H2620}

Ruth 3:9 “And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid. Spread therefore thy **skirt** (*kanaph*) over thine handmaid...”

Yahshua, the Messiah wore the fringes (*tzitzits*) in His *kanaph*... We spiritually find healing, covering and protection under *Yahshua*’s spiritual “wings”

Malachi 4:2 “But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His Wings (*kanaph*)...”



But healing was also foretold to be literally in His Wings. It was this prophecy which gave the woman with the issue of blood, courage to touch *Yahshua*’s *kanaph*!

Matthew 9:19-22 “...And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him (*Yahshua*), and touched the **hem** of His garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole. But *Yahshua* turned Him about, and when He saw her, He said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.”

The word HEM comes from the Greek word *Kraspedon* which MEANS A FRINGE OR TASSEL. (STRONG’S #2899)

Thus, in the word “*Kanaph*” we find a powerful picture of the letter *Kaph*. Being under the protective Covering of *Yahweh* is what it means to be UNDER HIS WINGS! When we ask to be hid under the “shadow” of His Wings”, we are asking to be covered and protected – healed – and set apart to be His Bride.

This is our only shelter in the coming plagues, trials, and Judgment:

Psalms 36:7 “How excellent is Thy loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy Wings.”

Under Yah’s Kanaf: The Place of Peace

The Nature of Peace

- Peace of a quiet conscience (Rom. 8:33-35)
- Peace of a restful mind (Phil. 4:7)
- Peace of a surrendered Will
- Peace of a hopeful heart (Isaiah 50:7)
- Peace of loving fellowship with Yahweh
- "Yahweh of peace Himself give you peace always by all means" (2 Thess. 3:16)

Long ago a great man sought the perfect picture of peace. Not finding one that satisfied, he announced a contest to produce this masterpiece between the two best artists in the land. Both artists immediately set to work, keeping their paintings and subject matter a great secret until the day of revelation. Finally the great day of revelation arrived. A crowd gathered to join the great man in viewing and judging the works. As the great man pulled the cover from the first painting, a hush fell over the crowd.

A mirror-smooth lake reflected lacy, green birches under the soft blush of the evening sky. Along the grassy shore, a flock of sheep grazed undisturbed. Surely this was the winner.

The great man uncovered the second painting himself, and the crowd gasped in surprise. Could this be peace?

A tumultuous waterfall cascaded down a rocky precipice; the crowd could almost feel its cold, penetrating spray. Stormy-gray clouds threatened to explode with lightning, wind and rain. In the midst of the thundering noises and bitter chill, a spindly tree clung to the rocks at the edge of the falls. One of its branches reached out in front of the torrential waters as if foolishly seeking to experience its full power.

A little bird had built a nest in the elbow of that branch. Content and undisturbed in her stormy surroundings, she rested on her eggs. With her eyes closed and her wings ready to cover her little ones, she manifested peace that transcends all earthly turmoil.

In the end, it was the second picture, which the great man felt best conveyed true peace. Because peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. Peace comes from trusting the watchcare of the One Who Created you, knowing that He will provide and protect, no matter the circumstances. It comes from knowing:

GOD IS MY REALITY – NOT MY CIRCUMSTANCES!

Under His Wings

Under His wings I am safely abiding,
Though the night deepens and tempests are wild,
Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me,
He has redeemed me, and I am His child.

*Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever.*

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I find comfort, and there I am blessed.

*Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever.*

Under His wings, oh, what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me,
Resting in Yahshua, I'm safe evermore.

*Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever.*



If \$100,000 was your whole life savings, would you give every penny of it to someone in need? William O. Cushing did something like that. In the nineteenth century, when \$1,000 was a lot of money, he gave his entire life savings to pay for the education of a blind girl.

That is not what he is remembered for, however. His fame is as a hymn-writer. One of his earliest hymns was the song, "When He Cometh," which compared Christians to jewels whom Christ would gather when he came. Other notable hymns were written after he had experienced great grief and loss. But that is getting ahead of the story.

William Orcutt Cushing was born in Hingham, Massachusetts on this date, December 31, 1823. His parents raised him as a Universalist, but by reading the Bible for himself as a teenager, he became an orthodox believer. At eighteen he was convinced Yahweh wanted him to become a minister and he trained for it.

His first pastorate was at Searsburg, New York. There he met and married Rena Proper in 1854 (which was also the year he wrote "When He Cometh"). After that he served in Auburn, Brooklyn, Buffalo and Sparta, New York. With the decline of his wife's health, William returned with her to Searsburg where she died in 1870.

After that, "creeping paralysis" stole his voice and prevented him from preaching any longer. He pleaded with Yahweh to allow him to continue to serve in some capacity.

His prayer was granted. He wrote over 300 hymns. "Under His Wings," sprang out of Cushing's personal suffering and was suggested by Psalm 17:8, "Hide me under the shadow of Your Wings."

Kaphar (“Atonement”): Shadow-picture in the Flood



The story of the Flood is a prophetic shadow-picture of the End of the World.

Matthew 24:37-39 “*But as the days of Noe (Noah) were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*”

2 Peter 3:7 “*And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the Day of Judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.*”

There is only one protection against the Fire on the Day of Judgment: the Atoning Covering of Yah. Those who



are kept within the protective Atonement of the Almighty, will be safeguarded through the Judgment. Like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, *Yahshua* will be with them and they will pass through the fire unscathed.

Over and over throughout Scripture we see shadow-pictures of Judgment. But one of the most powerful is the picture found in the Flood story.

The “pitch” applied to the Ark, is what made it water-tight and able to weather the Judgment of *Yahweh*.

Gen 6:14 Make^{H6213} thee an ark^{H8392} of gopher^{H1613} wood;•H6086 rooms^{H7064} shalt thou make^{H6213 (H853)} in the ark,^{H8392} and shalt pitch^{H3722} it within^{H4480 H1004} and without^{H4480 H2351} with pitch.^{H3724}

The word PITCH in this verse is the word translated as ATONEMENT in other places:

- **PITCH = H3722**
- פֶּחַךְ
- kâphar
- *kaw-far'*
- “A primitive root; to *cover* (specifically with bitumen); figuratively to *expiate* or *condone*, to *placate* or *cancel*: - appease, make (an) atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation).”

Kaph: How to Experience it Personally



When we look at the message of the *Kaph*, who can help but want It? When viewed as *Yahweh's* Hand: Providing for and Protecting us – we love this concept and seek it. But there is more to the Hand. There is a COST TO US for this Atoning Covering - as well as COSTING *Yahshua*. Hand represents GIVING, as well as RECEIVING. We GIVE our Will to *Yahweh*. We SURRENDER to be Under His Covering. The cost to experience *Kaph* is nothing short of TOTAL SUBMISSION TO *YAHWEH*.

Aligning under *Yahweh's* Protection – as a Heavenly Husband or Divine Father – means submission under His Authority. GOD'S PROTECTION is a gift which He longs to give to each of His children. The Bible reveals the key to having His guidance and protection, continually: *“Let every man be subject unto the higher powers, For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God,” Romans 13:1.*

What does the Bible symbol, “wings of an eagle” teach us about protection under God’s authority in our lives?

ANSWER: The “eagle’s wings” is a Hebrew idiom which appears twenty times in Scripture. Although generally associated with God’s protection of His people, there is more. We sing, “Under His wings I am safely abiding,” without realizing that the promise implies the responsibility of submission. In Psalms 91 we find this symbolism used to express the promise for our abiding: “He who dwells...shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” We must choose to come under the protection and authority of the Eagle, a metaphor for our Heavenly Father who protects and shelters His own.



· “His feathers,” – is from the same root as the Hebrew name of God, meaning “The Almighty.”

· “Under” – refers to submission to authority

· “His wings” – were seen above the Ark of the Covenant, as cherubim, and representing protection to those who obey the instruction within and submit under His Authority.

Thus, it is those who submit to the authority of the Almighty who are protected “under His wings.” Under the sheltering Presence of God, we will mount up on high, according to Isaiah 40:31.

Satan is well aware of this protection given to those who love and obey *God*, as shown in **Job 1:9,10: *Doth Job fear God for naught? Hast not Thou made an hedge and all about him... and all that he hath, on every side?***

Many metaphors are used in Scripture to describe God’s Authority and Protection, but none more often than the symbol of being “under eagle’s wings.” Under His authority (wing), we will not trust the arm of flesh, but will abide in the “shadow of the Almighty.” When facing temptations and trials, we will find our refuge “under His wings,” as we submit to His authority in our lives. When we are perplexed, He will carry us through the clouds to the place where we can see more clearly His purpose for us. By remaining close to Him for comfort, guidance, and protection, we abide “in the shadow of the Almighty.” We are in submission to His authority.

In What Context Does the Bible Symbol of “Eagle’s Wings” Appear?

ANSWER: David and Moses used the symbol of Heavenly Wings to represent God’s over-shadowing protection in the lives of His people.

- Ps. 17:8 Hide me under the shadow of Thy Wings,
- Ps. 36:7 Our trust is under the shadow of Thy Wings.
- Ps. 57:1 In the shadow of Thy Wings will I make my refuge.
- Ps. 63:7 In the shadow of Thy Wings will I rejoice.

The eagle is a fit symbol for the wise, loving, and protective care of God:

“He found him (Jacob, who represents the saved)... He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, So God alone did lead him...” Deuteronomy 32:10-12.

This metaphor first appears in the Exodus from Egypt, when God told His people that He was carrying them “on eagle’s wings.” (Ex. 19:4). Revealing God’s wise authority and loving care, this metaphor reappears in Revelation 12:14. Not only does the symbol of an Eagle sheltering her nestlings suggest protection, it also shows that God is the Authority over us.

Did God Intend for Humans to Hold Positions of Authority, Under His Head-ship?

ANSWER: In the Beginning, God created mankind in His image and told our first parents to have dominion over the earth. This was the first time God delegated authority to man, as it says in Genesis 1:27-28.

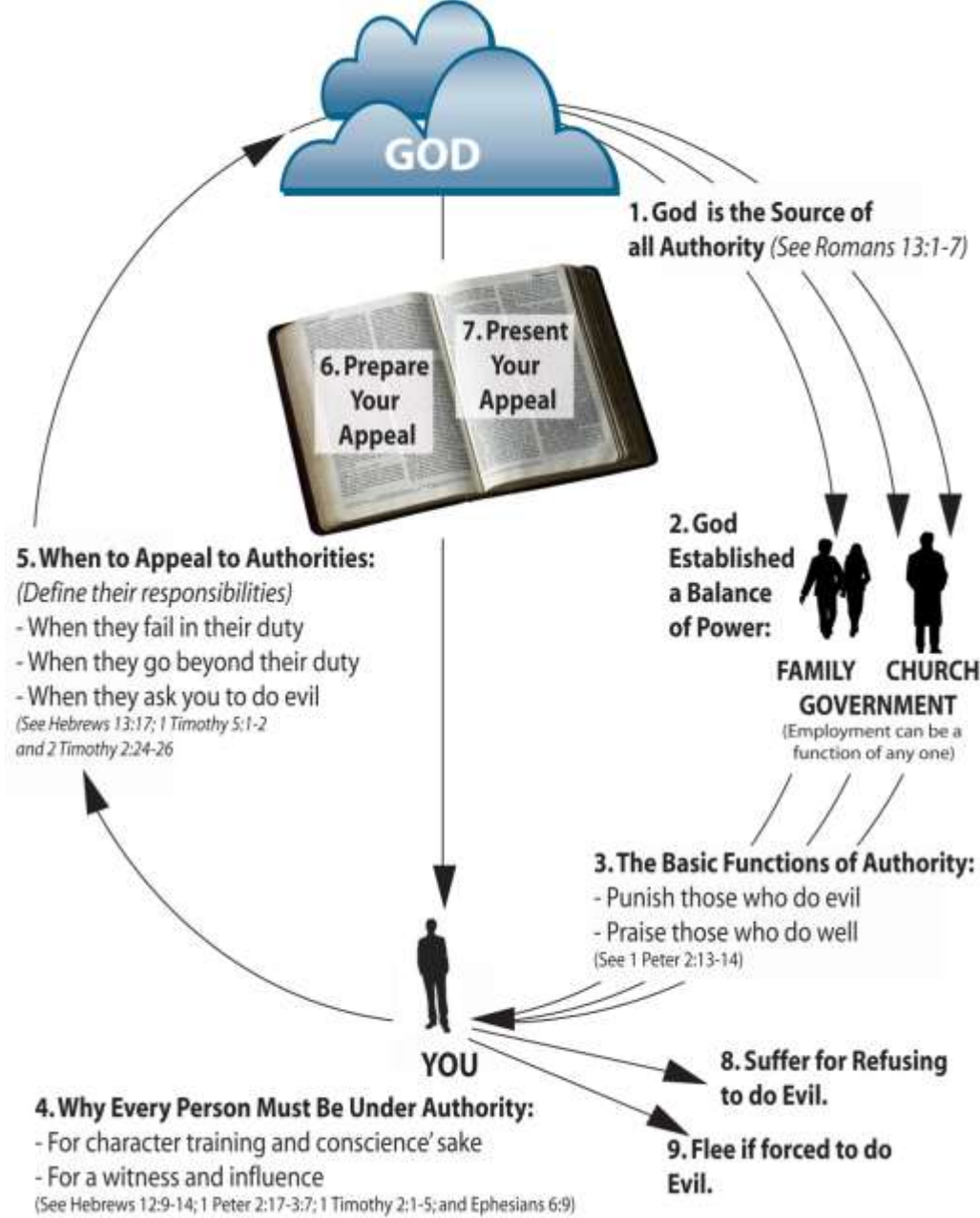
“So God created man in His own image... male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion... over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” Genesis 1:27-28.

God also established a “chain of command” in human authority under Him; which He expects His children to re-spect, obey, and submit under. There is a Heaven-or-dained authority structure in the home, the Body of Christ, and in society. For example, in the home, both parents have authority to instruct and command the children under God. (Ephesians 6:1). But, God has ordained that the husband be the highest human authority, as the Bible says in Ephesians 5:22-23:

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto Yahweh. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the Saviour of the body.”

All humans, in positions of authority are only able to hold this post because it is allowed by God. Submission to the human authorities in our lives is submission to God. And we cannot abide under Heaven’s protective Wings unless we remain under the authority structure God established.

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation... Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake,” Romans 13:1-5



Why is Submission Under Godly Authority so Important?

ANSWER: Submission under godly authority is a living demonstration of faith. The connection between submission under the Heaven-appointed “chain of command” and living faith is revealed in the Bible story of the Centurion with the sick servant (Matthew 8:5-13).



The centurion beseeched the Saviour to heal his sick servant, yet said he was unworthy for Yahshua (Yahshua) to come to his home to do it. He then

explained the human chain-of-command and revealed his own understanding of submission under the authority. Within this framework of understanding, the centurion asked Christ to simply say the Word, and his servant would be healed. This Roman Centurion understood that God exercises His power and protection, through a chain of command, just as did the government of Rome. Yahshua was amazed at the man’s comprehension of godly authority. He said this understanding of Heaven’s chain-of-command demonstrated great faith.

“When Yahshua (Yahshua) heard it, He marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel,” Matthew 8:10.

What Does it Mean to Be Submitted Under Heaven’s Authority?

ANSWER: Submission under godly authority is a choice. The one who submits must choose to do so (Joshua 24:15). The word “submission” is important to understand. In 1 Peter 2:13, the Greek, the word “submit” is: **ὑποτάσσω** (*hoop-ot-as'-so*)

It is used in the middle voice, which indicates that the one doing the submitting participates both in the action (submission) and in the results of the action (obedience).

Submission also carries the military connotation of “lining up under.” This concept can be seen in our military

today. Our involvement in the military is voluntary, but once we choose to enlist, or “line up under” that authority, there are binding obligations upon us, and we must obey. By choosing to line up under Heaven-ordained authority it shows that we understand several important, Biblical principles:

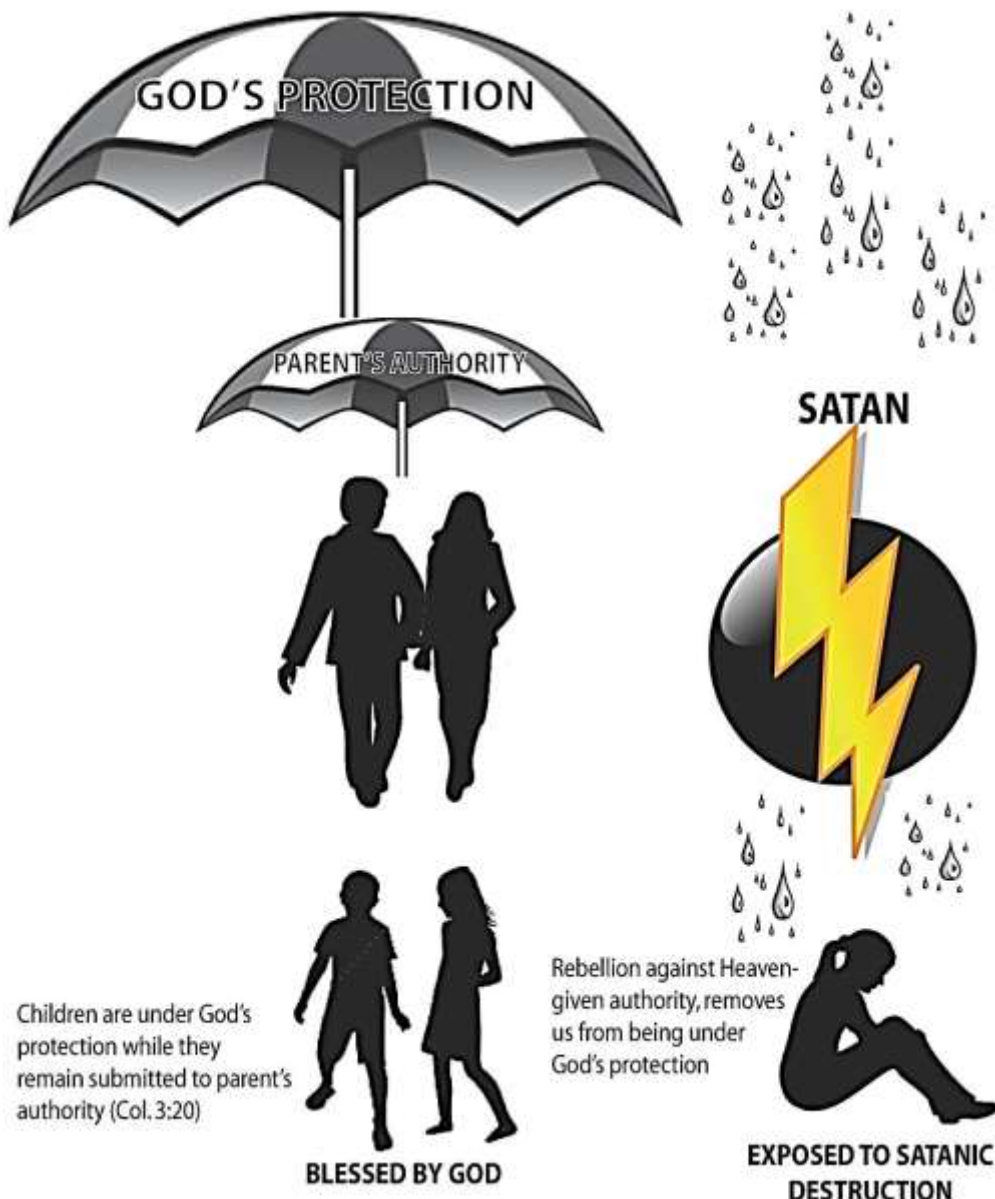
- GOD is the supreme Ruler over all, 1 Timothy 6:15.
- GOD ordained all human authority, Romans 13:1.
- GOD is the One who establishes those in authority over us and influences their decisions, Proverbs 21:1.
- GOD doesn’t force us to get under His Authority or the authority of those He establishes for us during our lifetime, Joshua 24:15.
- GOD uses these powers and authorities to work His ultimate will.

Because God is in control over our lives, so long as we remain submitted under His chain of authority, these authorities will be used of God to accomplish His good purpose our lives. Romans 8:28 tells us, “*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.*”

Who has our Heavenly Father set up as our Heaven-given Authorities?

ANSWER: God has established three main authority structures. In order of authority, these are: the family, which was established in Eden; the church, defined as a body of believers who have experienced the life changing work of in their lives; and the government, on all it’s different levels.

FAMILY—It is significant to note that the family was the first human authority structure. It is the highest human authority structure under *God*. Within this authority structure, children are to submit to their parents. This means that children are to honor and obey their fathers and mothers, as it says in Colossians 3:20, “Children, obey your parents in all things:



for this is well pleasing unto *Yahweh*.” (See also Exodus 20:12.)

When the child matures and leaves the home, obedient submission to parents ends, but respect and honor continue throughout life. In fact, *GOD* intends that the young will always honor not only their parents, but also those of the elder generation.

Leviticus 19:32 *“Thou shalt rise up (stand up if you are sitting) before the hoary head (grey-haired person), and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am Yahweh.”* (See also Proverbs 16:31).

There is a promise for those submitting to the Heaven-given authority of family in Ephesians 6:1-3, *“Children, obey your parents in Yahweh: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”* In other words, *God* extends a special measure of blessing and protection to those who submit under the God-given chain of authority.

The next authority level within the family is *God*’s establish-ment of husbands in authority above wives.

Ephesians 5:22 *“Wives, sub-mit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto Yahweh.”*

THE BODY OF CHRIST—The next level of authority is the Body of Christ, or the believers in the Faith. It is under the leadership of authorities that the body of believers is instructed, nurtured, and edified. Hebrews 13:17 counsels believers to heed their spiritual leaders within the Body of Christ, because these leaders *“watch for your souls.”*

Hebrews 13:17 *“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”*

Within the Body of Christ authority is structured by office, within the congregation and by Spiritual Gifts.

Ephesians 4:11-13 *“And Yahshua gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”*

We are warned that rejection of *God*’s work through His human authorities is the same as rejecting the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 *“Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”*

THE GOVERNMENT—The third area of authority *God* has established is governments. 1 Peter 2:13-14 instructs us to obey our government, *“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for *God*’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.”*

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but, when the wicked rule, the people mourn (Proverbs 29:2).

The Bible makes no provision for *God*’s children to only submit to “good” and kind leaders. We are to submit to the gentle and froward “masters” will equal obedience, as the Bible says in 1 Peter 2:18.

When Human Authorities over us Make Demands or Commands that Disobey the Higher Authority of *GOD*, What Should We Do?

ANSWER: The answer is found in the experience of the Apostles after the Day of Pentecost. When arrested for obeying the authority of Heaven, we read:

- *Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men, Acts 5:29*
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego also faced such a test, when king Nebuchadnezzar demanded they bow to his golden image. Notice that these godly young men did not act in a rebellious or disrespectful manner toward the king. **They maintained a submitted spirit, even while refusing to obey his Lawless command** (see Daniel Chapter 3). In this manner, we are all called to remain in

submission to our human authorities, even while we must not comply with any commands which disobey God.

Are there Rewards for Submitting Under Godly Authority?

ANSWER: Definitely! Here are a few of the many benefits:

- Things will go well for you, Ephesians 6:2-3
- You will have a long life, Ephesians 6:1-3
- Discernment will be gained, Proverbs 15:5.
- You will be given clear direction, Proverbs 6:20-22.
- You will be protected from evil people, Proverbs 6:23-24.
- You will obtain a good report, Heb. 13:17.
- You will avoid fear of condemnation, Romans 13:5.
- Yahweh will be pleased with you, Col. 3:20.
- You will not blaspheme God or His Word, 1 Timothy 6:1.
- You will receive the reward of God’s inheritance, Col 3:23-24

Psalm 119:81-88 Shows the Kaph:

In Psalm 119:81-88, we find the *Kaph (or Kaf)* section. In this part of Psalm 119, we see awareness of our need – as a type of Ruth – desperately needing the shelter and Protection of our Heavenly “Boaz”. It is expressing our realization that without being under His Covering, we have no hope! We ask Him out of our need – without pride.

כ	11 KAF
כָּלֶתָהּ לְתַשׁוּעָתְךָ נַפְשִׁי לְדַבָּרַךְ יְחִלְתִּי: DABAR	81 My soul faints for your salvation. I hope in your word.
כָּלוּ עֵינַי לְאַמְרֹתֶיךָ לֵאמֹר מִתִּי תִנְחַמְנִי: IMRAH	82 My eyes fail for your word. I say, “When will you comfort me?”
כִּי־הִיִּיתִי כְּנֹאד בְּקִיטוֹר חֲקִיד לֹא שָׁחַחְתִּי: CHOQ	83 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke. I don’t forget your statutes.
כַּמָּה יְמֵי־עֲבָדְךָ מִתִּי תַעֲשֶׂה בְרִדְפֵי מִשְׁפָּט: MISHPAT	84 How many are the days of your servant? When will you execute judgment on those who persecute me?
כְּרוּלֵי זָדִים שִׁיחֹת אֲשֶׁר לֹא כְתוּרְתֶיךָ: TORAH	85 The proud have dug pits for me, contrary to your law.
כָּל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֱמוּנָה שֶׁקֶר רִדְפוּנִי עֲזַרְנִי: MITSVAH	86 All of your commandments are faithful. They persecute me wrongfully. Help me!
כַּמַּעַט כְּלוּנִי בְּאַרְצְךָ וְאֲנִי לֹא־עֲזַבְתִּי פְקוּדֶיךָ: PIQUWD	87 They had almost wiped me from the earth, but I didn’t forsake your precepts.
כַּחֲסֹדְךָ חַיֵּנִי וְאַשְׁמְרָה עֲדוּת פִּיךָ: EDUWTH	88 Preserve my life according to your loving kindness, so I will obey the statutes of your mouth.

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:81-82 (words starting with *Kaph* are highlighted)

“CAPH. My soul **fainteth** for Thy Salvation: but **I hope in Thy Word**. **Mine eyes fail** for Thy Word, saying, When wilt Thou **comfort** me?”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Fainteth	H3615	kâlâh	accomplish, cease, consume (away), destroy (utterly), be (when . . . were) done, (be an) end (of), expire, (cause to) fail, faint, wholly reap, make clean riddance, spend, quite take away, waste.
For Thy Salvation	H8668	t ^ê shû ^{âh}	<i>rescue</i> (literally or figuratively, personal, national or spiritual): - deliverance, help, safety, salvation, victory
I Hope	H3176	yâchal	to <i>wait</i> ; to <i>be patient, hope</i> : - (cause to, have, make to) hope, be pained, stay, tarry, trust, wait
Give me Understanding	H1697	dâbâr	a <i>word</i> ; a <i>matter</i> (as spoken of) of <i>thing</i> ; answer, message, power, promise, provision, purpose, word, work.
Mine Eyes	H5869	‘ayin	an <i>eye</i> (literally or figuratively); by analogy a <i>fountain</i> (as the <i>eye</i> of the landscape): outward appearance, countenance, favour.
For Thy Word	H565	'imrâh	commandment, speech, word
Comfort	H5162	nâcham	properly to <i>sigh, breathe</i> strongly; to <i>be sorry, to pity, console</i> to <i>avenge</i> (oneself): - comfort (self), ease

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

My soul languishes *and* grows faint as I wait for Your Rescue, Salvation, and Victory. But I hope, waiting patiently, trusting in Your Promises. My eyes fail, watching for the fulfillment of Your Word. I say, “When will You comfort me, breathe upon me, and console me?”

Cross References:

Psa 42:1-2, Psa 73:26, Psa 84:2; Song of Solomon 5:8; Rev 3:15-16; Psa 69:3; Deu 28:32; Pro 13:12; Isa 38:11; Psa 86:17, Psa 90:13-15

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:83-84 (words starting with *Kaph* are highlighted)

“For I am become like a **bottle in the smoke**; yet do I not forget **Thy Statutes**. How many are the days of Thy servant? When wilt Thou execute **judgment** on them that **persecute** me?”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Bottle	H4997	nô'd	a (skin or leather) <i>bag</i> (for fluids): - bottle
In the Smoke	H7008	qîyôtôr	a <i>fume</i> , that is, <i>cloud</i> : - smoke, vapour
Thy Statutes	H2706	chôq	an <i>enactment</i> ; an <i>appointment</i> (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage): - appointed, bound, commandment, custom, decree law, necessary, portion, set time, statute
Judgment	H4941	mishpât	a <i>verdict</i> (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a <i>sentence</i> or formal decree, (particularly) divine <i>law</i> , the penalty; <i>justice</i>
Persecute	H7291	râdaph	to <i>run after</i> (usually with hostile intent; figuratively (of time) <i>gone by</i>): - chase, put to flight, follow (after, on), hunt, (be under) persecute (-ion, -or), pursue (-r).

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

I am nothing more than a skin holding liquids. I am like a vapor which has no strength against my oppressors. But even yet I do not forget Your Divine Appointments and Your Torah. How long must I endure this suffering? When will You bring justice upon those who persecute me and hunt me down?

Cross References:

Psa_39:4-5, Psa_89:47-48, Psa_90:12; Job_7:6-8; Psa_7:6; Rev_6:10-11; Psa_22:15, Psa_102:3-4; Job_30:30

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:85-86

“The proud have **digged pits** for me, which are not after **Thy Law**. All Thy Commandments **are faithful**: they persecute me **wrongfully**; help Thou me.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Digged	H3738	kârâh	to <i>dig</i> ; to <i>plot</i> ; to <i>bore</i> or <i>open</i> : - dig, X make (a banquet), open
Pits	H7882	shîychâh	a <i>pit</i> fall: - pit (from the root meaning “ditch”)
Thy Law	H8451	tôrâh	a <i>precept</i> or <i>statute</i> , especially the <i>Decalogue</i> or <i>Pentateuch</i> : - law
Are Faithful	H530	'ēmûnâh	<i>firmness</i> ; <i>security</i> ; moral <i>fidelity</i> : - faith (-ful, -ly, -ness, [man]), set office, stability, steady, truly, truth, verily
Wrongfully	H8267	sheqer	an <i>untruth</i> ; a <i>sham</i> (often adverbially): - without a cause, deceit (-ful), false (-hood, -ly), feignedly, liar, + lie, lying, vain (thing), wrongfully
Help	H5826	'âzar	to <i>surround</i> , that is, <i>protect</i> or <i>aid</i> : - help, succour

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

Those who are proud and presumptuous, despising Your Torah, have plotted against me, laying ditches in my path. But I find security in being faithful to Your Truth. They plot against me and work to cause my ruin for a lie. False things are being said and believed against me. Please help me. Please surround, protect, aid and succor me.

Note: This metaphor is taken from the mode in which wild beasts are caught in the East. Deep pits are dug in the earth, and slightly covered over with reeds, turf, etc., so as not to be discerned from the solid ground; and the animals attempting to walk over them, the surface breaks, they fall in, and are taken alive. Thus the Psalmist's enemies employed craft as well as power in order to effect his ruin.

Cross References: [Psa 7:1-5](#), [Psa 35:7](#), [Psa 35:19](#), [Psa 38:19](#), [Psa 59:3-4](#); [Jer 18:20](#); [Psa 70:5](#), [Psa 142:4-6](#), [Psa 143:9](#); [Psa 19:9](#); [Rom 7:12](#); [Psa 7:15](#), [Psa 35:7](#), [Psa 36:11](#); [Pro 16:27](#); [Jer 18:20](#)

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:87-88 (words starting with *Kaph* are highlighted)

“They had almost **consumed** me upon earth; but I **forsook** not Thy **Precepts**. **Quicken** me after **Thy loving kindness**; **so shall I keep** the testimony of Thy Mouth.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Consumed	H3615	kâlâh	accomplish, cease, consume (away), destroy (utterly), be (when . . . were) done, (be an) end (of), expire, (cause to) fail, faint, wholly reap, make clean riddance, spend, quite take away, waste.
Forsook	H5800	ʿâzab	to <i>loosen</i> , that is, <i>relinquish, permit</i> , etc.: - commit self, fail, forsake, fortify, help, leave (destitute, off), refuse, X surely.
Thy Precepts	H6490	piqqûd	<i>appointed, a mandate</i> (of God; plural only, collectively for the <i>Law</i>): - commandment, precept, statute
Quicken	H2421	châyâh	to <i>live</i> literally or figuratively; to <i>revive</i> : - keep (make) alive, give (promise) life, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), be whole
Loving Kindness	H2617	chêsêd	<i>kindness</i> ; (towards God) <i>piety</i> ; rarely (by opprobrium) <i>reproof, beauty</i> : - favour, good deed (-liness, -ness), kindly, (loving-) kindness, merciful (kindness), mercy, pity
So Shall I Keep	H8104	shâmar	to <i>hedge</i> about (as with thorns), <i>guard</i> ; to <i>protect, attend to</i> , etc.: - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep, mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), watchman

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

Those who persecuted me nearly destroyed me, almost ridding me from the world. But even in this I did not relinquish nor fail to keep Your Commandments and Statutes. Please make me alive, revive me again and nourish me in Your Mercy and Goodness so that I will have strength to guard, protect, and keep Your Word, as Your Witness.

Cross References:

Psa_25:10, Psa_78:5, Psa_132:12; 1Sa_20:3, 1Sa_23:26-27; 2Sa_17:16; Mat_10:28; 1Sa_26:24

Psalm 119:81-88 Reveals the *Kaph* Message:

(write your own personal “Bible Commentary” Message about these verses, now that you’ve studied them. Include Cross-reference Scriptures.)

It is only under Your Wings, O *Yahweh*, that I may safely abide. I seek Your healing Covering. Please claim me. Be my Heavenly Bridegroom, saving me for Your Name’s sake, as did Boaz for Ruth. My soul languishes *and* grows faint as I wait for Your Rescue, Salvation, and Victory. But I hope, waiting patiently, trusting in Your Promises. My eyes fail, watching for the fulfillment of Your Word. I say, “When will You comfort me, breathe upon me, and console me?”

I am nothing more than a skin holding liquids. I am like a vapor which has no strength against my oppressors. But even yet I do not forget Your Divine Appointments and Your *Torah*. How long must I endure this suffering? When will You bring justice upon those who persecute me and hunt me down?

Those who are proud and presumptuous, despising Your *Torah*, have plotted against me, laying ditches of destruction and concealed traps in my life-path. But I find security in being faithful to Your Truth. They plot against me and work to cause my ruin for a lie. False things are being said and believed against me. Please help me. Please surround, protect, aid and succor me.

Those who persecuted me nearly destroyed me, almost ridding me from the world. But even in this I did not relinquish nor fail to keep Your Commandments and Statutes. Please make me alive, revive me again and nourish me in Your Mercy and Goodness as I guard, protect, and keep Your Word, as Your Witness.

Personal Application:

1. What was the most personally meaningful message of the *Kaph* that you found in this study?

I was touched by the picture of the letter *Kaph* in the word “*Kanaph*”. Being under the protective Covering of *Yahweh* is what it means to be UNDER HIS WINGS! When we ask to be hid under the “shadow” of His Wings”, we are asking to be covered and protected – healed – and set apart to be His Bride. This is our only shelter in the coming plagues, trials, and Judgment:

Psalm 36:7 “How excellent is Thy loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy Wings.”

2. What insights about *Yahweh* did you gain?

Aligning under *Yahweh*’s Protection – as a Heavenly Husband or Divine Father – means submission under His Authority. GOD’S PROTECTION is a gift which He longs to give to each of His children. The Bible reveals the key to having His guidance and protection, continually: “*Let every man be subject unto the higher powers, For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God,*” *Romans 13:1*.