

— Exodus 17.8-17 —
Exodus Series 24
Victory Over Amalek

Ex 17⁸ Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ⁹ And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." ¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹ And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹² But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³ So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. ¹⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." ¹⁵ And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner; ¹⁶ for he said, "Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

► **We come** to the last of five _____ Christ gave to his people following the exodus and on the way to Mt Horeb, also known as Mt Sinai. Five is significant, for we repeatedly see it showing up in connection with Christ's _____ and provision for his people. Examples:

- The OT begins with _____
- The NT begins with _____
- The Psalms consist of _____
- Leviticus gives us _____
- The Tabernacle is _____

► **These five tests** involve our most basic _____, all covered in the Lord's Prayer, which has _____ basic requests.

Mt 6⁹ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Rv 12⁴ [T]he dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. ⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron ... ⁹ [T]he great dragon was ... that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world ... ¹⁷ And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

► **The five tests** begin and end with hostile enemies.

– At the Red Sea _____

– When David faced Goliath _____

– Once those game-changing victories are won _____

► **The victory** over the Amalekites is not easy, despite the fact that the Israelites are clearly in the _____ and the Amalekites are clearly in the _____. They are well outside of the land of Seir which God allotted to their ancestral father, _____ or _____.

Gn 36⁸ Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is Edom ... ¹⁰ These were the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau ... ¹¹ And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. ¹² Now Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz ... ¹⁵ These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn son of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz, ¹⁶ Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief Amalek.

Dt 2⁴ "You are about to pass through the territory of your brethren, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir ... ⁵ Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession ... ¹² The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them

The Amalekites attack the Israelites out of settled animosity toward _____ and his people.

Dt 25¹⁷ "Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, ¹⁸ how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God. ¹⁹ Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the

remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.”

Even within this framework of dealing with peoples as peoples and nations as nations, God still distinguishes between individuals. Take _____, for example.

Num 32¹² Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite

Josh 15¹⁷ Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb

Jer 9²⁴ [L]et him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth

► **Israel's victory** over the Amalekites is difficult despite the fact that _____ is on Israel's side. It's not that his power is limited; It's that he is teaching his people important _____.

► **Lesson #1:** Participating in God's warfare is an essential part of being God's _____.

– Adam and Eve

– Jesus

Heb 5⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹And having been perfected [*teleioō – having reached the goal*], He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him ... 12¹ [L]et us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

► **Lesson #2:** How to seek God's _____ as a people, which is the most important key to victory.

– Moses is _____

Act 3²² Moses truly said to the fathers, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me ... Him you shall hear in all things ... ²³And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.” (Quoting Dt 18.15, 18-19).

Hb 1¹ God ... ²in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He

made the world. ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature

Rm 8³⁴ It is Christ ... who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Aaron is _____

Hur is _____

Ex 24¹³ Moses ... with his assistant Joshua ... went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us ... Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them.”

► **Lesson #3:** The basic structure of _____, all united in support of _____, all under the supreme authority of his _____. The OT saints were part of God's people in their _____; We are part of God's people come of _____.

Gal 4¹ [T]he heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, ²but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. ³Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage ... ⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son ... to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

► **Lesson #4:** God's people will have intractable enemies in this _____. I see two major intractable foes today: _____ and _____.