

LIFE OF MOSES
WINNING THE BATTLE BEFORE US
EXODUS 17:8-16

I. THE ATTACK THE ISRAELITES FACED v.8

A. The timing of the attack

1. After multiple testing
2. After multiple blessings
3. At Rephidim 17:1
4. About two months after the Israelites left Egypt

B. The enemy of the attack

1. Amalek
2. The Israelites and the Amalekites will have ongoing troubles

C. The method of the attack

1. A surprise attack
2. An un-provoked attack
3. The cruelty of the attack Deuteronomy 25:17-18

II. THE ISRAELITE RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK v.9-13

A. Joshua v.2

1. This is the first time Joshua is mentioned
2. When he is mentioned there is no background given on him
3. Joshua was appointed to something like a general

B. "Choose men for us and go out fight against Amalek"

1. Why would those words be unusual?
2. Who was a military leader who could train them?

C. "Tomorrow"

1. Why tomorrow?

D. Joshua did as Moses told him v.10

E. Moses went up on top of the hill v.10,11

1. "station myself" v.10
2. "with the staff of God in my hand"
3. Aaron and Hur went with Moses

F. "When Moses held his hand up, Israel prevailed"

1. What is Moses doing on top of the hill?
2. Why would Israel prevail if his hands were held up?

G. Moses' hands were heavy v.11

1. They put a stone under him
2. Aaron and Hur supported his hands
3. His hands were steady until the sun set

H. The Israelites won the battle v.13-16

1. Joshua overwhelmed Amalek with the sword
2. What really won the battle?
3. Moses was to write a memorial v.14
4. That God will utterly blot out the memory of the Amalek
5. Why would God declare that?

I. Moses built an altar there v. 15

1. Moses named it "The LORD is my Banner"
2. Why an altar?

J. God swore war against Amalek v.16

III. THE CONFLICT WE FACE

A. The enemy in the conflict

1. Bible is clear that it is Satan
2. Ephesians 6:12
3. It takes place in the spiritual realm not an earthly battlefield
4. Satan declared war on us the moment we trusted in Christ
5. It is a very real enemy we face and a very real battle
6. The Amalekites were the most powerful army in that area at the time
7. The Amalekites were nothing compared to Satan and his army Eph. 6:12

B. The timing of the attack

1. Like Israel, often when we least expect it
2. Often after great blessings and victories
3. Often when we are tired and worn out spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally
4. Satan knows when we are vulnerable
5. 1 Peter 5:8

C. The enemy's strategy

1. He seeks to hinder us
2. He seeks to defeat us
3. He seeks to discourage us

4. He uses weapons of people, situations, thoughts

D. Our weapons

1. The armor of God Ephesians 6:13-17

a. Having girded your loins with truth v. 14

b. The Breastplate of righteousness

c. The Gospel of Peace v. 15

d. The Shield of faith v.16

e. The Helmet of Salvation v.17

f. The sword of the Spirit

2. Prayer v. 18

E. Just as with the Amalekites, our enemy's future is certain Revelation 20

F. Just as with the Israelites, our trust is in God alone

G. What makes this conflict so difficult?

H. What weapon do we often neglect as we face this battle?

I. Pray for victory in this battle