

Don't Forget To Forget!

Deut 25:17-19

17. Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt.

18. When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and cut off all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God.

19. When the LORD your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land he is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget!

What does Amalek mean?

Amalek = Evil eye of doubt or severed eye (Spiritual blindness)

Ex. 17:16 - He said, "For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD. The LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."

Amalek was the grandson of Esau.

Esau's record in the bible was that of a man who despised his birthright

Gen. 25:34 - Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Despised = baw-zaw'- to disesteem, to think less of than one should

Here was the descendants of Esau's grandson,

This spirit that was in Esau is now full blown,

And not only does it now despise the birthright,

It seeks to destroy all those who have received the promised inheritance of the birthright.

Now remember how Israel came out of Egypt's bondage:

Ps 105:37 - He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold, and from among their tribes no one faltered.

Then God instituted a covenant of divine healing

Ex. 15:25-26

25. Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them.

26. He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

But somewhere between exe 15 and exe 17 the Israelites had broken covenant with God,

They had become stubborn, rebellious, & self willed and they murmured and complained against Moses,

Ex, 17:7b - ...the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

It was then that Amalek was able to come upon them and devour some of them!

Deut 25:18 - When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and cut off all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God.

Jn. 13:17 - If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.

1Pet. 5:8 – Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Peter told us in the preceding two verses what keep us from being "Lion lunch"!

1Pet. 5:6-7

6 - Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

7 - Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

We saw that those in Deut 18:25, just like many today were walking unsteady and self sufficiently and were lagging behind!

They were doing it on their own terms, in their own time and in their own way!

The point I'm moving toward this morning is that as long as the children of Israel were keeping covenant with God there was no feeble among them.

God was their healer!

They never lost in battle!

He was their protector!

He went before them and behind them!

The spirit or characteristics of amalek still exist today,

He hates those who are part of the inheritance of the birthright and looks for every opportunity to destroy them!

He watches the flock and when he sees someone who begins to drift...

Those who lose their vision of their inheritance...

Those who start lagging behind...

Those who start forgetting the value and power of the covenant with God they have inherited!

That's when he comes in like a roaring lion!

What was David's secret power as he faced Goliath?

He knew the value and power of the covenant with God!

He said... "Hey you big ugly giant... You're done!"

"You're not messing with a mere man here... You're messing with the God of the universe!"

"And you're about to get your world rocked!"

"My God showed me how to get 'a head' in this fight!

"A big ugly head!"

What was Joshua's secret power that made him a mighty leader and captain of God's people?

He knew the value and power of the covenant with God!

Every move they made was done following the ark of the covenant!

He knew that God would keep His Word!

And God had told him in...

Joshua 1:6 - "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them."

He knew the value and power of the covenant with God!

For his faithfulness to God, he was thrown into a lion's den...

Dan. 6:23b - ...And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

These men were not self sufficient!

They were not bound and determined to do it their way!

They truly knew how to cast their cares on the Lord!

They walked in humility recognizing their desperate need for God's leadership in their lives!

They refused to lag behind in their walk with God!

What was it that enabled Jesus to say to deaf ears and blind eyes, "Be opened!"?

And to the lame, "Rise up and walk!"?

And to the sinful, "Your sins be are forgiven!"?

He knew the value and power of the covenant with God the Father!

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When Saul became king God sent him on a mission

1Sam. 15:3 - Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys."

1 Sam. 15:9 - But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs--everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.

It was an Amalekite who took the credit for killing Saul!

2 Sam 1:13-14

13. David said to the young man who brought him the report, "Where are you from?" "I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite," he answered.

14. David asked him, "Why were you not afraid to lift your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?"

The Amalekite is anything that should have been destroyed, anything that is of the world.

What you fail to destroy will destroy you!

There is only one way to destroy the Amalekite from your life = Total obedience.

God didn't call us to fight this battle alone!

Ex. 17:8-13

8. The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

9. Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

10. So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

11. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

12. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up--one on one side, one on the other--so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

13. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

In vs 12 Aaron and Hur held Moses' hands up and his hands remained steady...

Steady = (Emunah) same word in Hebrew for faithfulness and moral fidelity

In this fight against amalek we fight together!

We uphold each others arms!

We help each other stay in a posture of praise and surrender!

That's why the gates of hell will not prevail against (who?)... The Church!

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