Experiencing God as Jehovah Nissi
The Lord Is Our Banner
Exodus 17:8-16

Deuteronomy 25:17-19
17 “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt,
18 how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God.
19 Therefore when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your enemies around you, in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget.

Remember 9/11 - We should not forget!!!!!!

Exodus 17:8-16
8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim.
9 So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.”
10 So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
11 Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.
12 But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
13 And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.
14 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”
15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner,
16 saying, “A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

Psalms 9:10 “And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.”

To know God’s name is to know God. God is honored and glorified by men knowing Him.

Elohim – God Genesis 1
This name speaks of His Personality

El Elyon – God The Most High God
This name speaks of His Position (He is both Sovereign and Supreme in Position and Power.)

Genesis 14:17-20

El Roi - He is the God Who Sees.
This name speaks of His Perception –

Genesis 16:13-15
El Olam – The Everlasting God
This name speaks of His Permanence –
Genesis 21:33

El Shaddai – The Almighty God
This name speaks of His Power in our Lives
Genesis 17

Adonai – Lord  
Genesis 15
This name speaks of His Place, His Preeminence in Our Lives

Jehovah – The Personal name of God

Jehovah – Jireh (Gen. 22:13-14)
The LORD will provide

Jehovah – Rapha (Ex. 15:26)
The LORD our Healer

Jehovah – MiKaddesh – (Ex. 31:13)
The LORD thy Sanctifier

Today we will begin our study on Jehovah – Nissi (Ex. 17:15) The LORD, my banner

Jehovah – Sabbaoth (Jos. 5:13-15; Isa. 6:1-3)
the LORD of Host

Jehovah – Shalom (Judges 6:24)
the LORD is Peace

Jehovah – Rohi – (Psa. 23)
the LORD my Shepherd

Jehovah – Tsidkenu – (Jer. 23:5-6)
the LORD our Righteousness

Jehovah – Makkeh – (Ezek. 7-1-9)
the LORD Who Smites

Jehovah – Shammah – (Ezek. 48:35)
The LORD is there

Only a few weeks since Marah.
The people of Israel – crossed Red Sea – salvation
In wilderness – Marah
Chapter 15 - At Elim – place of refreshing
then Chapter 16 – Manna – v. 3 (so easily forget)
Exodus 17 – No water – v. 6 (Rock in Horeb)

Now They will Experience God as He reveals Himself as Jehovah Nissi

“Then” – Amalek – grandson of Esau

“Remember…. Do not forget”

Getting to Know God Jehovah Our Banner

The Cross is the Banner of Jehovah

How to win in your personal spiritual battles.
Have you ever known a bully?
What is a bully like?

You have some bully temptation – every morning
It ultimately beats you up
You make Resolutions – it works for a while…
A Physical Habit – Moral Habit

It could be a secret sin – a past sin - lustful thoughts
Something you know that until you deal with it, you will never be all that God wants you to be

Might have been with you since your youth
But there is constant warfare

But God intends for you to have victory

You’re not the only one that has personal spiritual battles

Are you fighting, but not winning?

You must learn how to gain victory in these battles to move on.

Exodus 17 – Esau – rebellious – Amalek

Forces of Israel – large – 2-3 million
Amalek - a fierce warrior - did not fear God –

Deuteronomy 25:17-18 – “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, 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.”

Attacked his blood kin

Attacked Israel at rear – elderly – wean – expectant

Moses – Rod of God – power of God, threw it down – gave all to God
  • Serpent
  • River – blood
  • Held back Red Sea
  • Struck the Rock

That Rod was the symbol and pledge of His presence and power and working.

As an ensign or standard, it was a signal to God’s people to rally to Him – it stood for His Cause – His Battle

It was a sign of deliverance – of salvation
This is a signal – a symbol – that we are under Jehovah’s protection

Moses on Mountain
Rod up/Win –
Rod Down/Lose

Aaron – Hur – not known – hold up arms of Moses
After the battle he built an altar and called the name of the LORD – Jehovah-Nissi
This Morning the question is how we can win – gain victory over the bully sins, the flesh...

Three Things will be Necessary

What keeps you defeated spiritually?
A bad habit or maybe it is the lack of a good habit
Wrong music, videos, magazines, books, friends

1. You Must Accept the Reality of Spiritual Attack

We don’t realize or understand it is spiritual warfare!!!!!!
Example: Daniel fasted and prayed for 21 days…

Daniel 10:12-14
12 Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.
13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,
14 and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

We just try to live better

No one mentally, just mentally resolved to become a believer and was born again mentally.

Every believer in Christ is in spiritual warfare

Must know your enemy:
Ephesians 6:12 – People are not our enemies
For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

1 Peter 5:8 – The devil is our adversary
Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

The problem is not your boss, husband, wife, not your body

A. The Forces of This Attack was Amalek

Amalek represents:
- Everything that is sensual
- Everything that is selfish
- Everything that is worldly
- Everything that is in rebellion to God
- Everything that would tempt you – pride above God
- Everything that would lead you into idolatry

The spirit of Amalek is A Possessive Spirit

The spirit of Amalek is a Selfish Spirit

“I want what I want and I want it right NOW!”
This is the forces of Attack of Amalek
Notice next:

**B. The Focus of This Attack – Where they attack**

Deuteronomy 25:17-19

“Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt,”

Upon everything in your spiritual life that is untreated, unsurrendered, unprotected

So many people come when their family is broken, their lives are broken and they ask, “Where did I go wrong?”

They became careless in their Bible reading & study.

They became careless in their responsibility in Christian service...

They were putting out more than taking in...

They kept saying – “That’s an area of my life I’ve got to put in order & take care of” – but never get the time for…”

Where is your devotional life?
If you don’t have one, your are:
Unprotected – vulnerable to attack

My greatest spiritual danger is especially in those areas of my life I give very little attention to, very little thought to.

**The reality of spiritual attack**

**What part of your life is:**
- Unprotected –
- Unsheltered –
- Not paying attention to (finances, family life, reading books, personal life, service to the Lord)
- Become careless in your thought life
- Now critical, negative thoughts have come in
- Now maybe, you have come to a place where you don’t care at all

If time would permit I could tell you dozens of stories and illustrations of people I’ve known who have lost the war with Amalek, the flesh and it happened because they allowed or had some small areas of their spiritual life unprotected.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*
2. Assign Responsibilities for Spiritual Advance

You’re not meant to do it all
You can’t do what only God can do!!

V. 9 – Assigned Joshua to fight for your deliverance from Amalek. Jesus is our Joshua

Moses stood on top of hill

You are no match for Satan…
What work is Christ’s work?

Remember in Jude 9, Michael the archangel said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you”

Remember in Exodus 14:14 at the Red Sea Moses told the people “The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

You must release Christ to do His work.

1. How? v. 11 Moses held up his hands with rod

   The symbol of God’s authority over my life!

   Moses – I’m bringing myself totally under the authority of the Lord – absolute surrender – submission (Banner)

   Moses, when he let his hands down, Amalek prevailed

2. When? You bring yourself under the authority of God!! Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ

Psalm 75:6
For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

Psalm 75:10
“All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.”

Psalm 34:15
The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.

Psalm 34:19
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Bring yourself totally under the authority of Jesus Christ

Assign the job to the right person – Christ’s work
Read Psalm 94 and Psalm 124:6-8

Blessed be the LORD, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth. Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
You must bring yourself under the authorities in your life… husband, boss, parents, government, etc… spiritually – the Lord, Church, Bible

Why am I still looking for deliverance?
Still one more thing!!!!

3. Acquire Relationships for Spiritual Agreement

Get some people who believe what you believe about this!

Where do I find them?
Not some fancy person – preacher

Moses had two people - Aaron – Hur –
Who is Aaron – Moses’s brother the High Priest
Who is Hur – He is unknown basically… but if you research as little… he was son of Caleb… and the grandfather to Bezaleel the master craftsman of the Tabernacle…. Particularly the Ark of the Covenant...
Exodus 36-38

But he held up his friend’s hands and saved Israel.

Find some people who will be an encouragement to you and pray for you!

You need 2-3 people or friends to hold up your hands every day!!!!!

How many of you here today need someone?

How to Find Someone and Reap What You Sow

Are you praying for someone?

Find someone to be Accountable to….

Find someone to Agree with You in Prayer

All of us need this.
Without this we constantly lose.
Who are you praying for?
Who is praying for you?

Moses says, I’m tired, pray for me.

Notice – Joshua does not tire, Moses gets tired.

Our Jesus never gets tired fighting our battles for us….. we do… that’s why we must have help!!!!!! Holding the Banner, The Authority of the Lord Jesus Christ over our lives!!!!!

Is Jehovah Nissi your Banner today?

Trust Him first to be your Savior!!!!
Trust Him to by your Sanctifier!!!!
Trust Him today to be your Victory!!!!
Additional Note from Oswald Chambers this week…
I thought this really went with the message!!!!  

**My Utmost for His Highest. September 8**

"Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God"

(2Cor. 10:5).

**Determinedly Demolish Some Things.**

Deliverance from sin is not deliverance from human nature. There are things in human nature, such as prejudices, which the saint has to destroy by neglect; and other things which have to be destroyed by violence, i.e., by the Divine strength imparted by God's Spirit.

There are some things over which we are not to fight, but to stand still in and see the salvation of God; but every theory or conception which erects itself as a rampart against the knowledge of God is to be determinedly demolished by drawing on God's power, not by fleshly endeavor or compromise (v. 4).

It is only when God has altered our disposition and we have entered into the experience of sanctification that the fight begins. The warfare is not against sin; we can never fight against sin: Jesus Christ deals with sin in Redemption.

The conflict is along the line of turning our natural life into a spiritual life, and this is never done easily, nor does God intend it to be done easily.

It is done only by a series of moral choices. God does not make us holy in the sense of character; He makes us holy in the sense of innocence, and we have to turn that innocence into holy character by a series of moral choices.

These choices are continually in antagonism to the entrenchments of our natural life, the things which erect themselves as ramparts against the knowledge of God. We can either go back and make ourselves of no account in the Kingdom of God, or we can determinedly demolish these things and let Jesus bring another son to glory.