

Message Notes

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – Summer...

Today's Message:
The Battle belongs to the Lord
Exodus 17:8-16

Who are the Amalekites?

Exodus 17:8
Genesis 36:12

One day to get an army together?

Exodus 17:9a

"Here's what I am going to do"

Exodus 17:9b

The Battle belongs to the Lord

Exodus 17:10-13

It is NOT the strength of the army that wins the war.

It is NOT even the strength of the leader (Moses) and his reliance on God that wins the war.

It is God alone, even though we cooperate with him, that wins the war.

Never Forget

Exodus 17:14-18

Summary of this passage

(principles they would have picked up):

1. The Battle belonged to the Lord
2. There is Holy War
3. They were to worship and Never Forget

Summary of the passage for us

(Gospel Implications for us):

1. The Battle belonged to the Lord
Colossians 3:13-16
2. There is Holy War
BUT – it is not a physical war (nations),
but rather a spiritual war!

Ephesians 6:12-13a

Matthew 5:43-45

Micah 6:8

3. We are to worship and Never Forget

Gospel Applications:

Is the Battle the Lord's for you?

Are you waging spiritual war with the Lord's power?

Are you worshipping and raising your Ebenezer?

Exodus 17:8-16

⁸The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹Moses 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."

¹⁰So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹²When 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. ¹³So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven."

¹⁵Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. ¹⁶He said, "Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the LORD, the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."

Colossians 3:13-15

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Ephesians 6:12-13a

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God...

Matthew 5:43-45

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.