



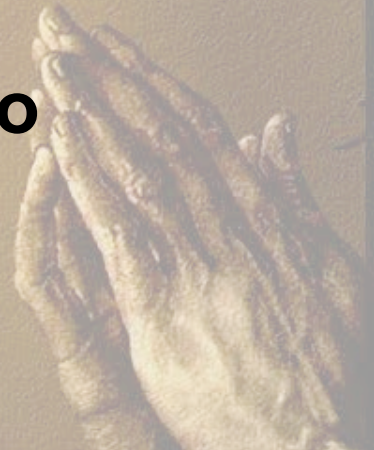
Keep Our Banner Lifted High

Exodus 17:8-16

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Introduction


- **What is a banner?**
- **A flag that bore the name or the symbol of a tribe.**
- **Used by the units in the army to rally its troops.**



Exodus 17 : 8-16 (NKJV)

⁸ 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.

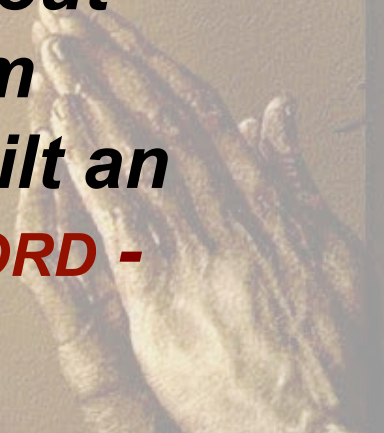
Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." ***¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.***



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.”***

Exodus

17 : 8-16



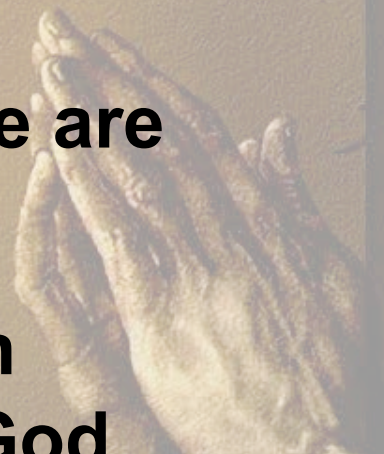
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- **The fight was significant because the Lord was leading the Israelites, who were slaves, in their first fight.**
- **The Israelites were transiting from a way of life in Egypt towards the promises of God.**

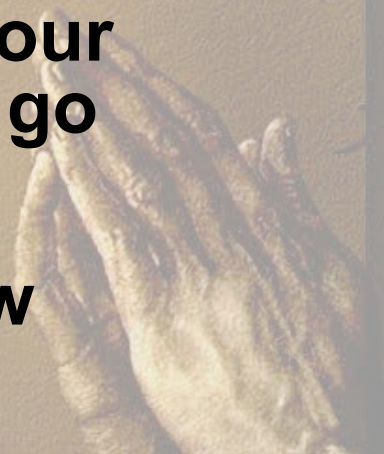


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- **There will always be opposition when people try to follow God's leading.**
- **The enemy will attack during transitions because the people are least prepared.**
- **We must learn to be vigilant in order to see the promises of God**



Introduction

- **Individually, our destiny is tied up with the church and many of us will be in transition personally as well.**
 - **Is the Lord trying to capture your attention and directing you to go another way?**
 - **It is time to be awoken to know what God is saying.**
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Road Map

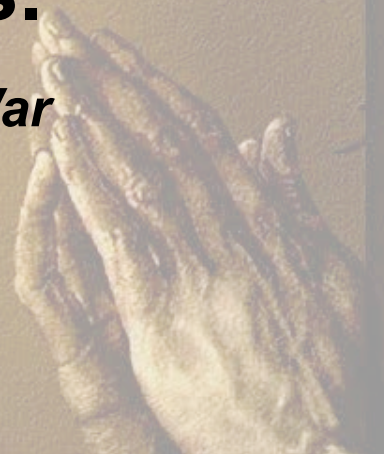
- 1. Understanding Our Enemy**
- 2. Fulfilling Our Roles as Soldiers**
- 3. Lifting Our Banner High**



1. Understanding Our Enemy

“Know the enemy and know ourselves, we need not fear the outcome of a thousand wars.”

Sun Tsu, Art of War



1. Understanding Our Enemy

- **Who was Amalek?**
 - **Grandson of Esau, who was the brother of Jacob.**
 - **When Esau was hungry, he carelessly traded his birth-right for just a bowl of soup.**



1. Understanding Our Enemy

- **He just yielded to his flesh and lost his inheritance to Jacob.**
- **Esau hated Jacob and sought to kill him.**



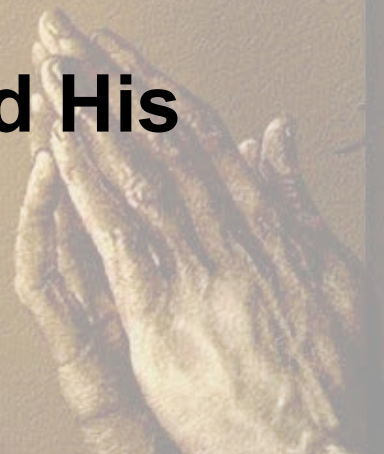
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- **Jacob became the founder of the Israelites; the people of the promise.**
- **For Esau, his grandson Amalek became the founder of the Amalekites.**
- **They represent the people of the flesh and had sought to destroy**



1. Understanding Our Enemy

- The Lord was against the Amalekites because they knew God or at least, they knew about God but yet they would deliberately oppose God and His people.**



1. Understanding Our Enemy

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 attacked all who were lagging behind; **they had no fear of God.**

Deuteronomy

25:17-18

1. Understanding Our Enemy

²⁸ Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

Galatians

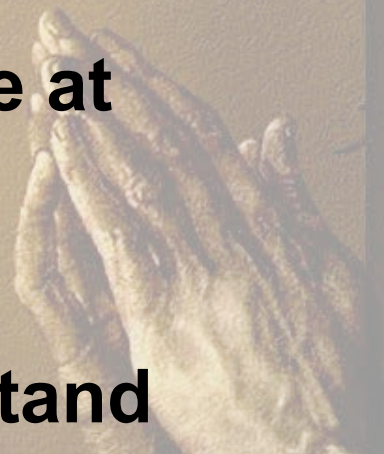
4:28-29



1. Understanding Our Enemy

Who is our Enemy?

- **Our enemy is the devil and the spirit of the world where he is lord.**
- **The people of the flesh will be at odds with God and with Christians.**
- **We will be pressured not to stand**

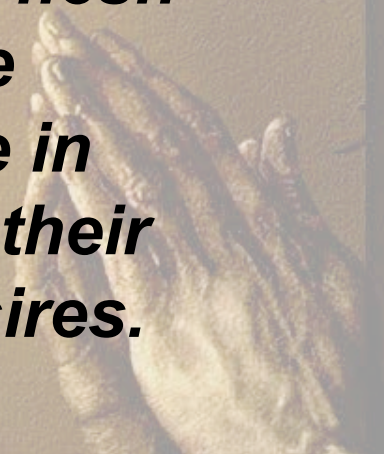


Who is our Enemy?

- **Our flesh or our sinful nature is the enemy from within.**

Romans 8:5-7

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.



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Who is our Enemy?

⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Romans 8:5-7

1. Understanding Our Enemy

Who is our Enemy?

- **We are our worse enemy both naturally and spiritually.**
- **The flesh or our sinful nature is still alive within us.**



Our Mind – the Battlefield





1. Understanding Our Enemy

Who is our Enemy?

- **The flesh is strongest when the body is tired or when the mind is weary.**
- **If we are not aware or vigilant, the flesh will win.**



- It is not just a matter of eating.

***“The acts of the flesh are obvious:
sexual immorality, impurity and
debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and
witchcraft; hatred, discord,
jealousy, fits of rage, selfish
ambition, dissensions, factions
²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies,
and the like.”***

Galatians

5:19-21

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Time-Stealers



1. Understanding Our Enemy

- **2020 is a pivotal year where God will reveal His plans and purposes.**
- **Let us not allow the enemy to prevent us from receiving all that the Lord has for us.**



2. Fulfilling Our Roles as Soldiers

- The enemy came to steal, to kill and to destroy.**
- Whether you like it or not, we are at war.**
- We should prepare to defend ourselves against the enemy's attacks or to overcome and defeat the enemy.**



3 ROLES :

1

**Joshua and the soldiers
engaging the Amalekites in
direct battle.**

2

**Moses interceding for the
people who were fighting the
physical battles.**

3

**Aaron and Hur supporting
Moses to ensure that he can
perform his role.**

2. Fulfilling Our Roles as Soldiers

- To advance the Kingdom of God, we need soldiers who are walking in the world daily.**
- To ensure that God's purposes can be accomplished as we journey towards our promised land.**



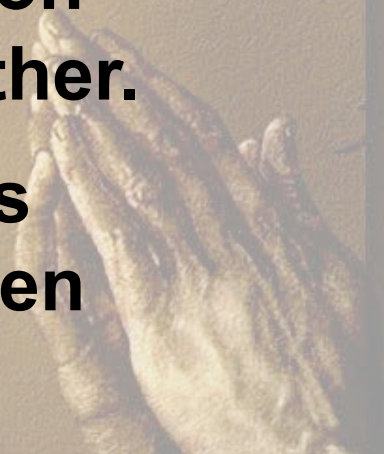
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- To advance the Kingdom of God, we need soldiers who would be willing to lift up holy hands in prayer to God.
- To change our posture to say ***“Before we can do anything, we must make sure it is covered by prayer!”***



2. Fulfilling Our Roles as Soldiers

- To advance the Kingdom of God, we need soldiers who would be willing to support those in need.**
- There is strength and protection when Christians journey together.**
- Rambo does not exist in God's kingdom and solo soldiers often die young.**



2. Fulfilling Our Roles as Soldiers

- Have you decided to be in battle?**
- You can choose to conform to the pattern of the world and try to make peace with the devil.**
- Or you can choose to live your life as a Christian soldier.**



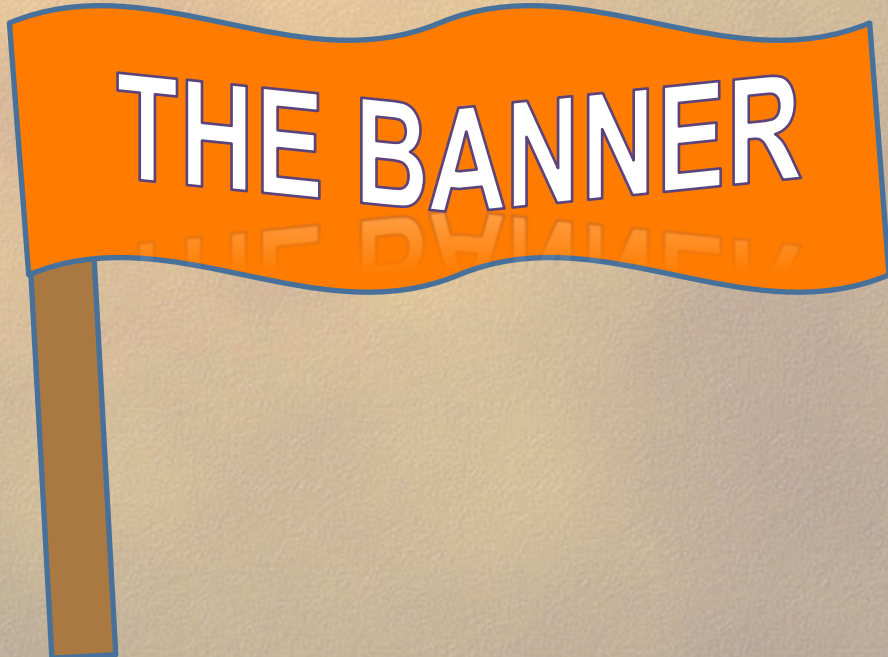
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- When you are fulfilling your roles as a soldier, there is a higher chance that you will fulfil the plans of God in 2020.**
- And you will have the pleasure of helping someone fulfil their call in God as well.**



3. Lifting Our Banner High

- What was Israel's secret weapon?



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- **When Moses named the altar Jehovah Nissi, he was declaring that :**
 - **the Israelites belonged to God**
 - **they were under God's protection**



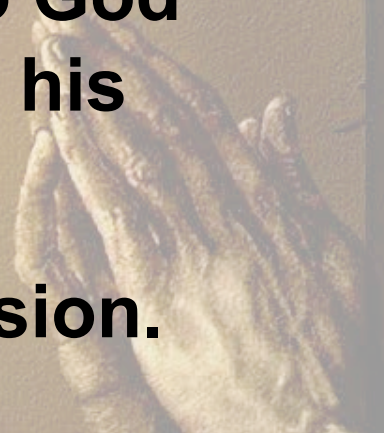
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**It was God who
led the Israelites and
fought for them in battle.**



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- The Lord who granted them victory as Moses lifted the rod high.**
- As Moses lifted his hands high to the Lord, he was calling out to God for help; for his mercy and for his power.**
- That was a picture of intercession.**



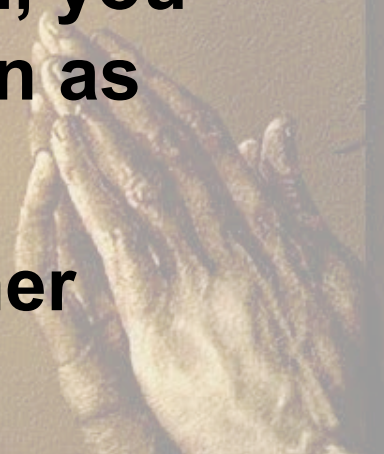
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- Is the banner applicable for us today?
- We are Christians carrying His name and carrying that banner.
- Jesus said in *John 12:32*
“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.”



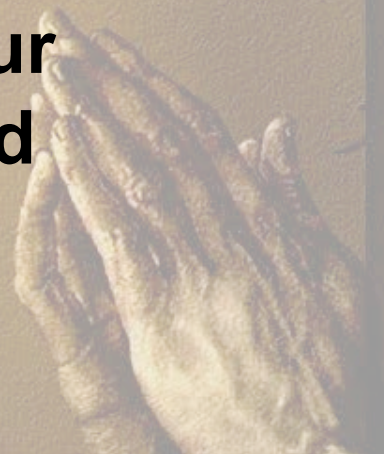
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- As we lift Jesus up as the banner over our lives that He will draw all men to himself.**
- When you draw people to God, you will draw the enemy's attention as well. It comes as a package.**
- Are you willing to lift the banner high?**



3. Lifting Our Banner High

- When you have the enemy's attention, you will have God's attention as well.**
- When Jesus is lifted up as your banner, you belong to God and you are under His protection.**

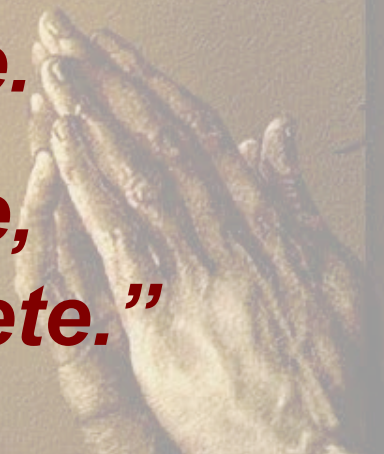


3. Lifting Our Banner High

You can confidently claim *John*
16:24

*“Until now you have not asked
for anything in My name.*

*Ask and you will receive,
and your joy will be complete.”*

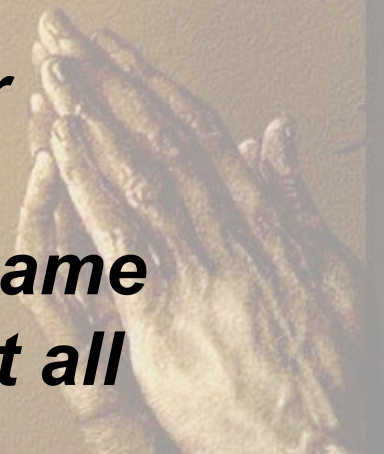


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Psalm 20 : 4-5

⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

***⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and lift up our banners in the name
of our God. May the Lord grant all
your requests***





PRAY SINGAPORE @12

**For such a time as this, unity is the key.
We believe in the power of prayer
agreement.**

**For such a time as this, we need every
believer to arise and seek God together
for Singapore**



PRAY SINGAPORE @12

We will synchronise prayers daily

- **at 12noon sharp**
- **set our phone alarms to ring at 12noon**

Imagine all our alarms ringing at the same time across the city!

So, wherever we are, at 12noon, we will pause and pray ONE MINUTE together for Singapore.



PRAY SINGAPORE @12

**And for as long as the Spirit leads, we can
go 5 minutes or 15 minutes or 1 hour.**

**Our God hears.
Our God sees.
Our God will act!**