

BE ROOTED, KNOW GOD BY HIS NAMES: YAHWEH NISSI

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WORSHIP

Joy to the World, In
Jesus' Name, Whom
Shall I Fear (God of
Angel Armies)

WELCOME

What is the most
memorable war
movie you've seen?
Who emerged
victorious in that
movie and what
made them
victorious? Your
choice could be a
real or fictional story.

WORD

READ IT!

EXODUS 17:8-16

⁸Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim. ⁹So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." ¹⁰Joshua did just as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹So it came about, when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed; but when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. ¹²And Moses' hands were 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 one on the other. So his hands were steady until the sun set. ¹³And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. ¹⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly wipe out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." ¹⁵And Moses built an altar and named it The Lord is My Banner; ¹⁶and he said, "Because the Lord has sworn, the Lord will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about following God?
- How does knowing that the LORD is your Banner help you face your challenges?

POINT IT OUT!

1. OUR ENEMIES

(Exodus 17:8; Deuteronomy 25:17-18)

- Amalek" who used to refer to an individual who descended from Esau, and here Amalek refers to a people group, his descendants.
- Israel's first official enemy on the way to the Promised Land.
- They were described as ruthless and merciless, attacking the most vulnerable among the Israelites

In the Bible, three enemies of God's people are pointed out:

The World -- aspect of the world, society, or environment which tends to lure us away from God and his ways
(1 John 2:16; John 16:33)

The Flesh -- our sinful nature; our tendency to give in to temptation or things that God doesn't want us to do
(Galatians 5:17).

The Devil -- explicitly is an "adversary"— the accuser of the brethren. He is also a supernatural enemy. We are not able to do battle with him in our own strength but God's
(1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12).

2. OUR RESPONSE

(Exodus 17:9-10; Exodus 4:1-2; Exodus 17:11; Exodus 17:12-13)

- We are not just to surrender to the enemy. We have a part to play in this battle.
- The way that we wage war in this battle in our lives is supernatural.
- Moses' staff had no magical powers, but a picture of how a supernatural, all-powerful God can do amazing things through ordinary people with ordinary resources.
- We should be dependent in our prayer, worship, and daily walk with God.

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- “**Aaron and Hur supported his hands**” also show how we can support one another.
- Many “**one another**” verses in the Bible (e.g. **Galatians 6:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, James 5:16, and John 13:34**).
- In general, we are meant to respond to our enemies in **prayer, worship, and in supporting one another**.

- **Specific ways to respond to our enemies:**

The World (1 John 2:15): Do not worship nor crave the things of the world. Love God alone. The best expression of our love for God is through our life by keeping his commands (**John 14:15**).

The Flesh (Ephesians 5:18): We must practice the Spirit-filled life — the greatest secret of the Christian life.

The Devil (James 4:7-8a) - “Submit” or come under the authority of God. “Resist” the devil in the power of the Holy Spirit. “Come close to God”; spend time in His Word. Let Him speak to you as you speak to Him.

3. GOD’S PROMISES

(Exodus 17:14; Genesis 3:21; Revelation 13:8; 1 Peter 1:18-20; John 8:57-59; 1 Chronicles 4:42-43)

In the final part of the story, God told Moses to write His promise. The enemies will not have the final say. God will have the final victory.

- Specific promises God made about our enemies.

The World (John 16:33) - We who trusted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior are sure to live in a place where these troubles and enemies no longer exist.

The Flesh (Galatians 5:16) - God promises that we will not carry out the desires of the flesh if we live a Spirit-filled life.

The Devil (Revelation 20:10) - Someday, God will deal a final blow to the ultimate enemy of our lives and he will be in the lake of fire and brimstone forever.

The Final Enemy: Death (1 Corinthians 15:26, 50-55)

Believing Jesus as our Lord and Savior assures us that this world is not our home and when we experience the final victory over death, we will be with Jesus forever. Surrender your life to Jesus now!

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on God’s name: **YAHWEH NISSI** write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make this your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T guideline to come up with a do-able action point

- Simple
- Measurable
- Appropriate
- Realistic
- Time-bound

“I will _____
_____”

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that people will come to know God as Yahweh Nissi, their Banner. Share to people that God can make us victorious over every enemy we face in our lives through Jesus Christ alone. Give friends, family, co-workers and neighbors the greatest Gift this Christmas by sharing Jesus to them!

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

Upright and moral governance of Public Servants
A God-centered Philippines
Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

Worship and Training Center
Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

Deeper intimate relationship with God
Righteous living
Salvation of family and friends