



Lesson #6: Jehovah-Nissi

When we come to Exodus 17 we find that the Israelites must have felt like the trials were starting to compound on top of each other. In chapter 14 they were only days removed from escaping Egypt when they came to a place filled with bitter water. In chapter 15 they finally found a place with water but then in chapter 16 they landed straight in the “wilderness of _____.” Here they would once again lack food and water and in 16:3 they even complain that they want to go back to Egypt. Now in chapter 17 they come to Rephadim and they are initially again without sustenance (17:1-3). The people now pose a question: “Is the _____ among us, or not?” (17:7). They are confused and upset but then things get worse: “Then came Amalek...” (17:8). That is when their leader (Moses) stoop up and declared unto Joshua, “Choose out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the _____ of _____ in mine hand” (17:9).

Here in the presence of all the people Moses held up a rod. We could call that rod a “_____.” You see a banner in ancient times was not a flag, it was most often a bare pole with a shining ornament. As Moses holds up this banner for all to see the message was clear. Because Jehovah-Nissi is your _____ of protection, you can trust in His almighty power.

JEHOVAH-NISSI IS THERE FOR YOUR _____

The children of Israel were struggling. They had left the captivity of Egypt but now they were repeatedly facing hardship. They needed something, SOMEONE, to lean on!

- A. You can lean on Him when you are _____ by sin (Ex. 17:8)**
The Amalekite warriors had the home field advantage. Deut. 25:17-18 informs us that their attack was a _____ one. They came from the backside and attacked the stragglers. Israel’s experience is somewhat analogous to our own spiritual warfare. Our walk will be challenged.
- B. You can lean on Him when you are _____ sin (Ex. 17:9)**
The _____ was to be in Joshua’s hand and the _____ was to be in Moses’ hand. Once again divine _____ and human _____ are linked in carrying out the will of God. Even so we are called to earnestly contend for the faith. We are to be good _____ of Jesus Christ. We are called to put on the _____ of God.

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So how do we appropriate or how do we apply these things to our lives?

- A. Live supported by an _____ of _____ (Ex. 17:10-12)**
As Moses raises his arms high with his banner in his hands, Joshua and his men prevail. When Moses’ arms grew weary and began to lower the Amalekites prevailed. Observing the weariness of their leader, _____ and _____ came to the aid and support of Moses. It is certainly a blessing when believers come to the aid of leaders but we all, likewise, need each other in this life. No man is an _____ unto himself (Gal. 6:2; 1 Thess 5:11,14; Heb. 20:24; Phil. 2:4).
- B. Live supported by the assurance of God’s _____ (Ex. 17:13)**
“The edge of the sword would have been unavailing, had it not been for the uplifting of the rod” (F.B. Meyer). What appeared as a simply shepherd’s staff, had become a symbol of God’s _____ and _____. It was this rod that brought all the plagues on Egypt. It was this rod that opened a path to the Red Sea. It was this rod that brought water from a rock. Whenever Moses held up this rod, he was reminded of God’s powerful presence.

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This wasn’t simply Moses’ rod (as we often refer to it) this was the rod of God. It was the banner of God and it would be memorized (Ex. 17:14).

- A. Never forget what God has _____ for you (Ex. 17:14)**
Memory serves as a fact that God is our banner, His activity is recorded in the story of His children’s lives. It is good for us to remember what God has done but it is not enough just to write down in our memories what He’s done; His goodness needs to be spoken to our _____!
- B. Never stop _____ God for what He has done (Ex. 17:15-16)**
Jehovah-Nissi, “God is my banner.” This interpretation is confirmed in the subsequent action of Moses in building an altar. This is the key to _____. Not that we look to man’s strength but you look beyond man and to God. Even so Jehovah-Nissi is to be the _____ banner. With him on her side, she is assured victory. His name is her sure and all-sufficient trust.

Concluding Thoughts

Everyone marches to some banner, even if it is not placed on a placard and held up for all to see. The Scripture’s teach us that God’s people are to raise high the _____ as our Banner for all men to see! Which banner are you waving today? There are plenty of “banners” (or “causes”) that seem noble but are not necessarily godly or even biblical. Many “banners” are temporal. By themselves they will never bring lasting change into the world, only the “_____ our banner” can do this! In your life wave before the world the real banner – JEHOVAH-NISSI!