SERMON NOTES



Let the Weak Say I Am Strong Pastor Carl Toti July 11-12, 2020

Exodus 17:8-13 (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.

1. We All Have _____ to Fight

Exodus 17:8 (NKJV) 8 Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

Paul calls such battles "the evil day."

Ephesians 6:13 (NKJV) "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

A time for war!

Ecclesiastes 3:8 (NKJV) "A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace."

There is a battle between good and evil.

What is evil? Simply, that which is opposed to the nature and will of God. Evil is wickedness, the opposite of goodness, that which has been marred by sin.

A battle for truth!

John 18:38a (NKJV) 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

2. Never Fight _

Exodus 17:9 (NLT) 9 Moses commanded Joshua, "Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us. Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand."

Aaron & Hur

Exodus 17:12 (NLT)

12 Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset.

Matthew 18:20 (NKJV) 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

3. In Life, There are Winners and _____

Exodus 17:11 (NIV)

11 As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

4. _____ Comes from the Lord

Exodus 17:11, 13-16 (NLT)

11 As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage. 13 As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle. 14 After the victory, the LORD instructed Moses, "Write this down on a scroll as a permanent reminder, and read it aloud to Joshua: I will erase the memory of Amalek from under heaven." 15 Moses built an altar there and named it Yahweh-nissi (which means "the LORD is my banner"). 16 He said, "They have raised their fist against the LORD's throne, so now the LORD will be at war with Amalek generation after generation."

Proverbs 21:31 (NLT)

"The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord."

ANSWERS:

1. BATTLES

2. ALONE

3. LOSERS

4. VICTORY