

The Fifth Crisis of Israel in the Wilderness — Warfare: Victory Through Prevailing Prayer, Exodus 17: 08–16

1. *The crisis*

- a. The Amalekites attacked Israel
- b. Moses appointed a commander to mobilize an army: Joshua
- c. Moses promised to seek God, to prevail in prayer

2. *The prevailing prayer*

- a. Was made while the battle was being waged
- b. Was made on a hill in sight of all:
To show that victory was through the LORD alone
- c. Was of critical importance
 - 1) Prevailing prayer led to advance
 - 2) Weak prayer led to retreat
- d. Needed a stone for rest and support in order to prevail in prayer
- e. Needed others who could support and hold up God's servant: Aaron and Hur

8 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

9 Moses 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.”

10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

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

12 When 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.

3. *The results of prevailing prayer*

- a. The enemy was defeated
- b. The victory
was to be written down
and remembered forever
- c. Judgment was pronounced
upon the enemy:
To be completely blotted out
- d. God's name
was established forever:
Jehovah-Nissi,
the LORD is my banner

13 So Joshua overcame
the Amalekite army with the sword.

14 Then 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.”

15 Moses built an altar and called it
The LORD is my Banner.

16 He 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.”