

Welcome To The Battlefield!

Jn. 10:10 - The thief comes for no other reason but to steal to kill and to destroy...

Eph 6:12 (KJV)- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

#1 The devil

#2 Our own carnal mind!

Rom. 8:7 - Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

James 4:4 - You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

2Cor. 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.
 4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Ex. 17:8-13

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.

13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

Ex. 17:9 -10

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.

I. What is the significance of the "top of the hill"?

1. Because real prayer requires effort!
2. Because the hill represents the Higher realm!

vs. 9 - "I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

II. What is the significance of the staff of God?

1. It represents the word of God!
2. It represents the authority we have as the children of God!

A. How's my Word life?

B. How's my prayer life?

Mt. 6:6 - "...Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you!"

James 5:16 - ...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Effectual = Powerful, full of power to achieve results.

Fervent = to be hot, to boil

Ex. 17:12a - When Moses' hands grew tired...

Ex. 17:12b - "...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—"

III. What is the significance of, held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—”?

1. It represents stabilizing, supporting, establishing, strength
2. It represents (rest) even though you are in a battle you can rest now because you are not in it alone!

Ex. 17:12c - ...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—

Ex. 17:12d - “so that his hands remained steady till sunset.”

#1 We are in a battle!

#2 The battle is not imaginary; the battle is real!

#3 The real battle is Spiritual not physical!

#4 We must fight it in the Spirit with spiritual weapons!

#5 We cannot win alone!

#6 You are in a battle that you cannot lose if you do it God’s way!

Ex. 17:13 - So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

Amalek = The evil eye of doubt or The severed eye

That’s why in Ex. 17:16b God says, “...the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

Mt. 25:21 - “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’