

## *Deuteronomy Chapter 25:17-19*

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V: 17-19 Remember what Amalek did to you when you came out of Egypt.

**Romans 12:19** “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.”

**Exodus Ch. 17:** As the children of Israel were coming out of Egypt, they had just left the wilderness of Rephadim.

1. The children of Israel had just experienced the miracle of God bringing water out of the Rock, and as they were headed towards Sinai.
  2. The Amalekites came and attacked the children of Israel near the rear.
  3. 1<sup>st</sup> ones to attack the nation of Israel as they were leaving Egypt. (Because they had no fear of God.)
  4. **Amalek:** dweller in the valley (low life); a grandson of Esau – son of the flesh.
- Jacob made his mistakes in life, but he had a capacity for the things of God; he is eventually called Israel – governed by God. Esau was a man that was ruled by his flesh, with no apparent capacity or appreciation for the things of God.

**Romans 9:13** “As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”

- Is this harsh? God hates sin.

**Proverbs 8:13** “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.”

- Amalek is a type of the flesh, our struggle with the flesh.
- The tactics of the Amalekites were to attack from the rear, hitting the weak, the stragglers, those that were weary.

**1 Peter 5:8** “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

1. Moses commands Joshua to gather the men, the army of Israel and go out and fight with Amalek.
2. Moses was up on the hill, and as long as his hands were raised to heaven – Joshua and the army of Israel prevailed, but when he let his hands down – the Amalekites prevailed.
3. As Moses’ hands got heavy, Aaron and Hur came to help hold Moses’ hand up – and the children of Israel prevailed.
4. At that time the Lord took an oath that He would utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

- Now in our passage God is reminding them not to forget what Amalek / the flesh did to them, and that they are going to blot them out.

Fast forward to 1 Samuel Ch. 15 – God sends the prophet Samuel to king Saul.

**1 Samuel 15:3** “Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.”

- King Saul was commanded to wipe them out completely for what they had done but also because the Amalekites represent the works of the flesh in our lives.
- Saul gathers the army, God delivers the Amalekites into his hands and he has the victory – but he saved king Agag alive and some of the other, and he took the choicest of the sheep and cattle.
- When Samuel arrives to see what is going on Saul declares:

**1 Samuel 15:13-14** “<sup>13</sup>... blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord. <sup>14</sup>And Samuel said, what meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?”

- Samuel then takes a sword in his own hands and kills Agag in front of Saul.
1. As with the Amalekites, God wants us to completely eradicate the works of the flesh in our lives.
  2. Once we begin to walk in the spirit, we suddenly discover that we are in a real battle.
  3. The flesh is lusting against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh – at war with each other in our lives.
  4. It is a battle for supremacy in our lives, will I be ruled by the flesh, or will I be ruled by the Spirit.
  5. Our bodies, our physical bodies are not the real us, they are simply the instrument through which we express ourselves. Our consciousness or soul with which we think, reason, and learn; directs our body to express us in various ways which apart from the Spirit simply seeks to gratify the needs of the body of our flesh.
  6. Once the Holy Spirit comes into us – then the battle is on. The Spirit is intended to rule over the consciousness of man, his mind, and his body. We are intended to be Spirit beings, just as before the fall of man in the garden.

**Romans 6:11-13** “<sup>11</sup>Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. <sup>13</sup>Neither yield ye

your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

1. When Adam was created and God breathed life into him, he was ruled by the Spirit. The Spirit ruled over his mind, his consciousness.
2. Adam lived with the continual awareness and consciousness of the presence of God.
3. Basically Adam was in communion with God, having fellowship with Him.
4. When Adam obeyed the desires of the flesh – because the fruit was good for food, pleasant to look upon, and desired to make one wise – he allowed the flesh to rise up and dominate the consciousness.
5. In so doing, Adam broke communion and fellowship with God – he died spiritually, now living for the flesh.
  - Jesus would later say concerning the heathen: All they think about is what we’re going to eat, what we’re going to drink, and what we’re going to wear – fleshly things.

**John 4:23-24** <sup>23</sup>“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup>God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.”

God is a superior Trinity, He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

1. God doesn’t approach man on a physical level – because He is Spirit.
2. God doesn’t approach man on an intellectual level, the level of the soul or consciousness – because He is Spirit.
3. God approaches man in the realm of the Spirit.

And this is where we touch God, and have contact with God, but I can only have that when the Spirit is uppermost – over my soul and body.

- This is what being “born again” is all about. When there is no Spirit there is no battle we just live according to our fleshly appetites – but eventually the wages of sin is death – both physically and spiritually.
- When the Holy Spirit comes along side of us as some point to convict us of our sin, to show us our need for salvation and we respond – receiving Jesus as our Lord and Savior we are born again, the Spirit ruling in our lives.

- Just like king Saul when he was commanded to kill all the Amalekites - If we don't deal with the flesh – crucifying it – then it will come back to haunt us – seeking dominion over us, seeking to kill us.
- Later it would be an Amalekite that delivered the final death blow to Saul.

**Romans 6:14** “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”

- God's empowering, liberating grace that enables us to live the Christian life.

**Romans 6:16-18** “<sup>16</sup>Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. <sup>18</sup>Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

1. So where are you today? A servant of sin, a slave to the flesh?
2. Are you born again of the Spirit? Are you walking in the Spirit?
3. These are the choices, we have the ability to choose and I exhort you – choose life, life in the Spirit that you may live.