

Becoming a MOSES and a JOSHUA

Intercession: A Seemingly Insignificant Activity

Exodus 17:8-16

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. 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."

So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. 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. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

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 memory of Amalek from under heaven."

Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. He said, "For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD. The LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."

Thoughts:

1. The spiritual realm determines what happens in the physical realm.
2. Moses apparently had more of an influence on the outcome of the battle than Joshua and the Israelites.
3. The Israelites that were fighting had a role in the outcome, but it was a minor role. They did need to "show up".
4. The outcome of the battle did not have much to do with Joshua's abilities, methods, or even his number of fighting men. It had much to do with God's abilities.
5. If we are not spending quality time with God, we will typically be blinded to the spiritual realm and will only see the physical realm.
6. Much of the preparation we provide for ministry is mostly centered on the physical realm and the spiritual realm is left out.
7. God wanted to make sure that this event was recorded so that it would be remembered. May we not forget it.
8. For whom are you a Moses?
9. Who fills the role of Moses in your life?
10. Who fills the role of Aaron and Hur in your life?

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