

Victory in Battle

As the children of Israel marched through the Wilderness of Sin on their way to Mount Sinai, Amalek brought an army against them. Moses sent Joshua to choose some men to fight against them, but Moses himself went with Aaron and Hur to the top of a nearby hill. So, when Moses held the rod of God up by his hands, the Israelites prevailed, but when he lowered the rod, the Amalekites began winning. "But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun" (Exodus 17:12).

If Christians, God's people today (2 Corinthians 6:17-18), are to be strong and victorious in spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:10-17), we must recognize that we must each be willing to participate and fulfill our respective roles. The Israelites needed the strong leadership of Moses. They needed men such as Joshua who were preparing for leadership. They needed people who were willing to engage the enemy and fight for the cause. They needed those who supported the hands of Moses. And, most of all, they needed the LORD. Today, we need strong leadership. We need men preparing themselves for leadership. We need all people to participate and be active members of the Lord's army. We need people who will support the hands of the leadership when they grow weary from the weight of their responsibility. And we need the Lord. We often wonder why it seems that the church is not growing as in former times. Perhaps we first need to ponder the strength of our own faith that causes us to do our part. Remember, "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

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