

Prayer Focus

August 23 - 29, 2021

Remember Amalek - Fear the LORD

The admonition to the Jewish people to remember Amalek is found in Deuteronomy 25:17-19, which is at the end of last week's (August 15 - 21) parashat portion, *Ki Teitzei* ("when you go out").

"17Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, 18how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God. 19Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget."

I discussed Amalek in the Prayer Focus from March 1 - 7, The Just Shall Live by Faith, and it remains a word of admonition and encouragement for this moment.

This past week however, especially considering current world events, the aspect the Lord had me focusing on was that Amalek did not fear God.

Psalm 36

¹An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes.

²For he flatters himself in his own eyes, when he finds out his iniquity and when he hates.

³The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; he has ceased to be wise and to do good.

⁴He devises wickedness on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not abhor evil.

⁵Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O Lord, You preserve man and beast.

⁷How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

⁸They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

⁹For with You is fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

¹⁰Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹¹Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹²There the workers of iniquity have fallen; They have been cast down and are not able to rise.

There is no comparison between the wicked and our God.

Fear of the Lord

The word is clear that "[t]he fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge." Proverbs 14:26

"The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death." Proverbs 14:27

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28

May we have wisdom, strong confidence, and knowledge of the Holy One - that we may rightly fear Him, and not man, nor anything that man could do to us.

"You must not fear them, for the Lord your God Himself fights for you." Deuteronomy 3:22

"You shall not be terrified of them; for the Lord your God, the great and awesome God, is among you." Deuteronomy 7:21

"And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, 'Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses." Nehemiah 4:14

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves...Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known." Matthew 10:16, 26

Pray

- For our brothers and sisters who are suffering in so many places around the
 world right now. Pray for them to be strengthened, to have strong confidence,
 protected under the shadow of His wings, and that the Lord Himself would lead
 them, be their rear-guard, and defend them against "Amalek." See Psalm 27, 73,
 91, 121
- For the Bride of Christ to fear God and have knowledge and understanding of the Holy One.
- That we may be humble, and walk in faith, hope, and love. See 1 Corinthians 13.
- For the exposure of wickedness by God's own light, and that the darkness would flee from before Him. See Ephesians 5:8-14, 1 John 1:5. See also Prayer Focus from April 12th My Light and My Salvation.

Shofar Blasts!

https://youtu.be/p_RXi1DNnJw

Pray for the Saints (A Song for Afghanistan)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ps6jf1k450Y

Events

Prayer Force Website: http://www.prayerforce.live/

Prayer Force Room Sign-Up

Prayer Force Weekly Equipping Hour - Tuesday at 1:00pm, Pacific