

8—The Lord My Banner

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INTRO:

I. → Exodus 17:8-16

Then came Amalek and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

→ 10 So Joshua did as Moses had told him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it happened, when Moses **raised up his hand**, Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

→ 12 But hands of Moses grew heavy; so they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur **held up his hands**, one on this side, and one on the other. His hands were **faithful** until the sun went. Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

→ 14 Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial on a scroll, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly wipe out the memory of Amalek from under the heavens." Then Moses built an altar, and called the name of it "**Yahweh-Niciy**". He said, "As a hand was raised as the **banner of Yah**, Yahweh will be at war with Amalek from generation to generation."

II. Heb (nace) banner, flag, ensign, pole

BODY:

I. Raising the Banner

when Moses raised up his hand, Israel prevailed

A. If we want to win the battle we need to be on the Lord's side.

1) Psalms 60:4-5

*You have given a **banner** to those who fear you,
that it may be **displayed** in the face of certainty.
That your beloved ones may be delivered;*

O save with your right hand, and hear me.

2) MOM FLYING HER FLAG—NOT FOR A PERSON

B. The world can only see the Savior as long as we lift him high.

1) MOSES AND THE BRONZE SNAKE (Num 21:9)

2) John 3:14-15

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

3) CASEY TAKING HIS BIBLE TO SCHOOL

II. Rallying to the Banner

But hands of Moses grew heavy; so Aaron and Hur held up his hands

A. The banner is what rally's us together for one cause.

1) Isaiah 11:10

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

2) HARVEST PARTY, LOVE BASKETS, REINDEER RUN

B. There are some burdens that art too heavy to carry alone.

1) Isaiah 35:3-4

*Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come to save you."*

2) LEWIS SAYING HE WOULD HOLD UP MY HANDS

III. Faithful to the Banner

His hands were faithful until the sun went down

A. No matter what the outcome the Lord is our Banner.

1) Galatians 3:26-28

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

2) NO COLORS IN YOUTH GROUP

B. It is up to us to keep Him raised so the world will know.

1) **Mark 8:38**

"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

3) GLORY—"WHO WILL LIFT UP THE FLAG"

a) Battle of Ft. Wagner, 1863

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 62:10

10 Pass through, pass through the gates!

Prepare the way for the people.

Build up, build up the highway!

Remove the stones.

Raise a banner for the nations.

Luke 11:46

Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them."

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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