

SCCC – MY BATTLE ON THE JOURNEY

S - Scriptures

“As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.” Exodus 17: 11

C – Consideration

The Israelites were moving on to meet God on Mount Sinai, and then, to enter the Promised Land. They had seen the Lord’s wonders of God against Israel’s enemies in Egypt, and in their journey, the Almighty had opened the sea, had provided bread from heaven and quails for them to eat. The last miracle had happened in Rephidim, in a rock at Horeb, where God provided water to the community. When they moved on, a new enemy came and attacked Israel. There is a report from Moses about them in Deuteronomy, “Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and attacked all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God.” As the enemy attacked, Moses sent Joshua with some warriors to fight the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed a hill to pray. The narrative says that as long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered them, the Amalekites were winning. Then, Aaron and Hur, held his hands up – one in one side, one on the other side, therefore, Joshua overcame the enemy’s army. In verses fifteen and sixteen we read “Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner. He said, “Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

C – Commitment

This event brought to my heart the Amalekites that are attacking God’s people since Pentecost are the devil and his angels. Deuteronomy 25: 19 says “When the Lord your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land he is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget!” The Lord gave a command to Moses to fight Amalek, and remove his name upon the earth. Jesus told us that one day he will remove forever the devil and his angels from God’s creation; however, the enemy is here, I am not in the Promised Land yet, and my community of believers needs me on the battlefield and to climb up the hill of prayer. The Scriptures say “The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world, and that my fight is not against flesh and blood.” In other words, I am fighting a spiritual battle, my fellow warriors are facing strong opposition, the devil is like a roaring lion trying to destroy the weaker ones, to destroy our children, our families with his followers, which are the wicked ones of this world, who hate God, hate God’s words and have been fighting the church for almost two thousand years. As the Lord was with Israel in the battles, so is He with us. Jesus said: “and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

C – Call

My God, You have called us from the slavery of sin, out of Satan's kingdom, and are moving Your people to the Heavenly Jerusalem. My Father, as You called Moses and Joshua as Your servants, this helps me to be a faithful servant as well. Help me to be a blessing to my brothers and sisters. Some that at this point, might not be strong enough to fight or to climb the hill of prayer. Show me always during our journey to the Promised Land the "Moses', Joshuas, Aarons, and Hurs" in the church, so I can count on them, and I pray that they could also count on me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.