

Theme: God's name Yahweh-Nissi - the Lord my Banner - speaks of God's provision to deliver His people from their true enemies.

I. Importance of Why Something Named

- A. Names often given due to history or circumstances
- B. True with these names of God
- C. We learn a lot by looking at background stories
- D. Certainly true today - Yahweh Nissi

II. Yahweh Nissi - Background Incident

- A. Israel in wilderness; just provided water (vv1-7)
- B. Amalekites come and attack Israel (v8; Deu 25:17-18)
 - 1. First to attack Israel (v8)
 - 2. Cruel attack; no fear of God (Deut 25:17-18)
- C. Plan - Joshua fights; Moses on hill (v9)
- D. Progress - Moses' hands determine (v11)
- E. Problem & solution - tired; helpers (v12)
- F. Outcome - Israel's victory (v13)
- G. The Name - and continued strife (v15-16)

III. The Meaning of Yahweh Nissi

- A. Banner - its basic meaning
 - 1. Banner - pole (Num 21:8-9); sign (Num 26:10)
 - 2. Banner - seen/observed

- 3. Came to be rallying point like our flag (Is 5:26)
- B. Central idea - reminder that God is our deliverer
 - 1. Special banner - Moses' part in battle
 - a. Takes staff of God - plagues; Red Sea (v9)
 - b. Moses' actions determine battle (v11)
 - c. Picture of prayer [Psa 141:2; 1 Tim 2:8]
 - d. Battle is essentially spiritual - even then
 - 2. Special enemy - Amalekites
 - a. Perpetual warfare (v16)
 - b. Warfare during Saul's reign [1 Sam 15:1-3]
 - c. Esther - still trying to destroy Israel
 - 1. Haman the Agagite (Esth 3:1)
 - 2. Mordecai - from Kish (2:5) - 1Sam!!!
 - 3. Only delivered as Esther pleads before throne!
- C. Yahweh Nissi - Banner of deliverance from age to age!

IV. Yahweh Nissi in New Covenant

- A. Jesus is Yahweh Nissi
 - 1. Root of Jesse; banner; peoples (Is 11:10-12)
 - 2. Jesus lifted up on banner like serpent (Jn 3:14-15)
- B. The age of physical holy war is over
 - 1. Israel was theocratic nation - govt, army

2. This is no longer true - no Christian nation
3. Our warfare is spiritual (Eph 6:11-12; armor)
4. We do not fight as world (2 Cor 10:3-5)
5. Our enemies are spiritual - not physical
6. Our weapons spiritual - not physical
7. The battle is spiritual - not physical

V. Applying the Word

A. Do we see the warfare all around us?

1. There has been cosmic war since Satan rebelled
2. We can be lulled to sleep and forget it's wartime!
3. Yahweh-Nissi reminds us of the war

B. Do we understand nature of the war?

1. The war is no longer physical but spiritual
2. Our enemy is NOT people - pastors conversation
3. Christian's have failed at this throughout history
4. Crusades - wrong age of redemptive history!
5. Politics, culture war is NOT spiritual warfare
6. Briefly discuss two kingdoms

C. Do we understand nature of our weapons?

1. Our warfare done by prayer, service, Word, love

2. Spiritual warfare is corporate (Eph 6 plural; Aaron, Hur)
3. Jesus is our Banner!!!
4. He determines goals, guides, delivers, conquers

D. Communion - the Lord Our Banner

1. Jesus has delivered us from our enemies
2. Jesus has provided all we need
3. Jesus leads us on in triumph!

Yahweh Nissi - The Lord My Banner

Exodus 17:8-16
 Ephesians 6:10-18
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 Communion
 Psalm 20

Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. 18 When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and cut off all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God. Deuteronomy 25:17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived. Numbers 21:8-9

The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them along with Korah, whose followers died when the fire devoured the 250 men. And they served as a warning sign. Numbers 26:10

He lifts up a banner for the distant nations, he whistles for those at the ends of the earth. Here they come, swiftly and speedily! Isaiah 5:26

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious... 12 He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. Isaiah 11:10-12

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14-15

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:11-12

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5