

THE REMEMBRANCE OF AMALEK

1 SAMUEL 15:1-23

DEUTERONOMY 25:17-19

Text: Deut 25:19

(Deu 25:19) "Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it."

Introduction:

The Amalekite's were an ancient wandering tribe that descended from Esau's grandson Amalek.

(Gen 36:12) "And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife."

(Gen 36:16) "Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah."

(1 Chr 1:36) "The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek."

The main territory of the Amalekites was in the Sinai Peninsula and in the southern part of present day Israel.

But they roamed widely throughout the territory later settled by the people of Israel.

Throughout the Old Testament the Amalekites were bitter foes of the Israelites.

The Amalekites are first mentioned in the time of Abraham.

(Gen 14:7) "And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar."

At the time of Israel's journey through the wilderness, the Amalekites lived in the southern part of the land promised to Israel.

The Amalekites attacked the Israelites, but Joshua later defeated them in a battle at Rephidim

Because of their treacherous attacks, Moses declared that God would continually wage war against them.

(Exo 17:14-16) "And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. {15} And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: {16} For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

During the period of the judges, the Amalekites joined forces with the Ammonites and Eglon, king of Moab, to attack and capture Jericho.

Along with the Midianites and the people of the East, they were defeated in the Valley of Jezreel by Gideon's army.

Eventually the Amalekites gained a mountain in the land of Ephraim. King Saul of Israel won this area back and then chased the Amalekites from the land but Saul did not destroy the rich spoils & livestock as God commanded and was rebuked by the prophet Samuel.

The Amalekites continued to raid Israel.

David attacked and defeated them but they countered by raiding Ziklag and carrying off two of David's wives.

He pursued and defeated them, executing one of them for killing Saul in an earlier battle.

In the days of Hezekiah, 500 men of the tribe of Simeon defeated the Amalekites.

Consequently, the Simeonites took their land and the Amalekites became a scattered people.

It was said of the Amalekites that they feared not God.

(Deu 25:17-19) "Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; {18} How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. {19} Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it."

The Bible tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

(Prov 1:7) "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

God mentions fear, judgment, etc. some 377 times, much more than love and respect.

Ps 119:120

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

Most men do not fear God, but are scared of judgment.

Ps 85:9

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Now that I am in God's family, He will discipline me as a Father.

What is God going to use to get us to fear Him?

Ps 55:19

God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

Prov 16:6

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

Here is what I mean when you are disciplined; you will keep the consequences of sin in the back of your mind; which will keep you from further sin.

How to fear God?

1. LOOK BACK TO YOUR EXPERIENCES

A. Had Amalek been dealt with as God commanded, the Amalekites would not have popped up everywhere.

1. God had instructed to completely destroy them.

Here is the key: Learn and repent.

Ask yourself: What am I doing wrong?

2. LEARN FROM THE EXAMPLE OF OTHERS AROUND YOU

A. Look at your own life and others without comparing.

3. LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCES IN THE BIBLE

(1 Sam 15:22) "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

A. What were the results of sin in many individuals' lives?

1. David?
2. Hezekiah?
3. Saul?
4. Jonah?

Close:

Will Amalek keep coming into your life, or will you destroy him tonight as God commanded.