

# GO AND SMITE AMALEK

## 1 SAMUEL 15

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Introduction:

Does God sanction or commission war? I believe in some cases He does.

I have heard many things recently concerning the tragic events in NY and Washington DC. I have heard some that were sad, and others that were mad.

Some aggressive and some passive

What should the response be when such things happen?

Read Text 1 Samuel 15:1-3

Notice:

# 1. COMMISSION

(1 Sam 15:3) "Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass."

- A. Go smite
- B. Utterly destroy
- C. Slay

# 2. CAUSE

Why was such a commission given?

(Exo 17:8) "Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim."

(Exo 17:14) "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."

- A. Remove their influence.
  - 1. They were warlike.
  - They often teamed up with others.

(Num 14:45) "Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah."

(Judg 3:12-14) "And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. {13} And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. {14} So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years."

- They sometime fought alone.

(Exo 17:8) "Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim."

(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."

B. Remove their idolatry.

1. Served other gods.

C. Remove their image.

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(Deu 25:19) " that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven;."

### **3. COMPROMISE (READ 1 SAM 15:4-35)**

A. Saul was only partially obedient.

1. Partial obedience is complete disobedience.

B. Results of Saul's Disobedience.

1. Saul was slain by an Amalekite.

(2 Sam 1:1-8) "Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; {2} It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and

did obeisance. {3} And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. {4} And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. {5} And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? {6} And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. {7} And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. {8} And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite."

2. Many more suffered because of the Amalekites.

- David 1 Sam 30:1-3

(1 Sam 30:1-3) "And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; {2} And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. {3} So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire;

and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives."

3. Were finally destroyed during the days of Hezekiah.

(1 Chr 4:41-43) "And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because there was pasture there for their flocks. {42} And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. {43} And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day."

## **4. CONCLUSION**

A. America has been attacked because of her God, and Values.

B. Many will continue to suffer at the hands of these individuals unless the remembrance of them is utterly destroyed.

C. May we be dependent upon God and follow Him in the days ahead.