

# *Praise*

## *The Battle with Amalek*

"The LORD will war against Amalek through the centuries."  
Exodus 17:16

### A Reflection

Praise is battle prayer. ( See: The Power of Praise ) It is the prayer of spiritual warfare...

" For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the Principalities, with the Powers, with the World Rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." Ephesians 6:12

Our battle is with the spirit of Amalek.

Amalek was the nation that personified evil. Its aim was to annihilate the people of GOD and it was the first and most hated of Israel's enemies. The story of the battle with Amalek is told in Exodus 17:8-13...

"At Rephidim, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of GOD in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur.

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."

Moses' raised hands represent GOD's people with their eyes turned heavenward to GOD in praise. In his hands, Moses holds the staff of GOD that represents the power of GOD. As Moses praises GOD, the power of GOD is given to His people to win the battle with Amalek.

When Moses becomes tired and lowers his hands, this represents GOD's people lowering their gaze to look at the world, to look at the battle, to look at the enemy, instead of at GOD. As they look away from GOD, they lose their power and the battle goes to Amalek.

The prayers of the **Children of the Divine Indwelling, Book of Prayer & Reflections** are prayers of seraphic **PRAISE!**

When we praise GOD, the balance of power in the heavens changes, and GOD's people everywhere in the world are strengthened in their battle with evil.

Each one of us is called to be in the place of Moses to GOD's people and to invoke the power of GOD for them, through PRAISE. And each one of us is called to be in the place of Aaron and Hur to one another, to lift each other up in PRAISE until the battle with evil is won.