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The Names of Love - Part 6 - Jehovah Nissi

(Ex. 17:15–16) 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.”

The Name of God in this passage is Jehovah Nissi; The Lord Who is My Banner or my Pole Of Gathering.

For those who know the Lord, He is to be our Banner. He must be exalted above all other things in our lives. In this passage, Joshua was leading the army against the Amalekites. As was the custom in that day, armies would have a banner. This signified whose they were in battle and the armies could rally around their banner to regroup and recharge for the next wave of fighting.

We are in a spiritual battle, but we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places - Eph. 6:12. In this battle, we have a banner of victory and a pole of gathering to rally around, Jehovah Nissi. The Lord is our standard. As the passage describes, Moses was standing up high on a rock with his arms stretched high up towards heaven. The armies would look to him and see his hands lifted up and would find courage to continue the battle. As Moses's arms began to weaken and come down, then the Amalekites would begin to win. But Aaron and Hur seated him on a stone and stood beside him and held up his hands on each side of him, and Joshua's army prevailed and defeated the Amalekites.

The banner of an army was always carried out front, in a prominent place. It was a reminder to all of the king they were fighting for. The Lord Himself is our Banner. We need to always keep Him out front. We must live like He is the reason; because He is.

In Num. 21:8 we also see a picture of this that would later be used in reference by Jesus. The Israelites were overrun by poisonous snakes and Moses cried out to the Lord for help. 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.”

Many years later, on a hill called Calvary, Jehovah Nissi lifted up His Son on a pole and all those who have been bitten by the snake of sin can look to Him and live. In John 12:32 Jesus says, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto Me.”

We must lift up Jesus today. We must lift up the banner Himself and proclaim whose side we are on. As Joshua later proclaimed to the people in Josh. 24:15 “But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Dear Jehovah Nissi, I pray that I will lift You high today because You are my Banner of Victory! I choose to follow You today and none other. I praise You that if I will lift You up, You will draw all people unto Yourself. Help me Lord as I raise my hands up to You in this battle. In Jesus Name, Amen