

Ampt – Sunday 18 October 2020

God Is Our Battle Fighter

Welcome

Welcome to Ampt with Ruth.

Prayer

Dear Lord God, you know that life has lots of battles.

It could be a disagreement with a friend or a brother or sister.

Or it could be a battle against temptation, sickness or people who aren't doing things Your way.

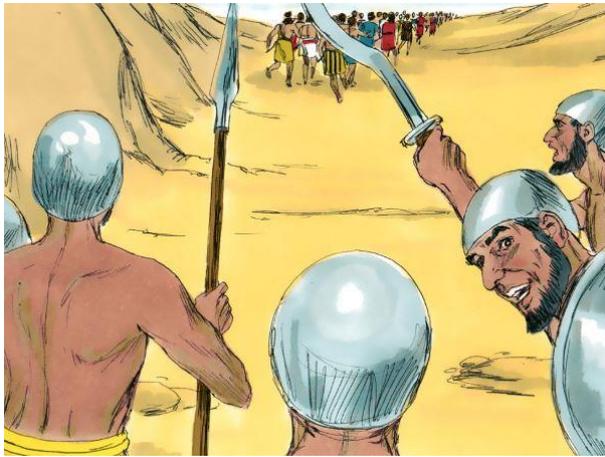
May we remember to ask Your help to fight our battles, putting on the whole armour of God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Background

In today's passage the Israelites are wandering in the wilderness and again God shows His power in giving them victory over the attacking Amalekite army.

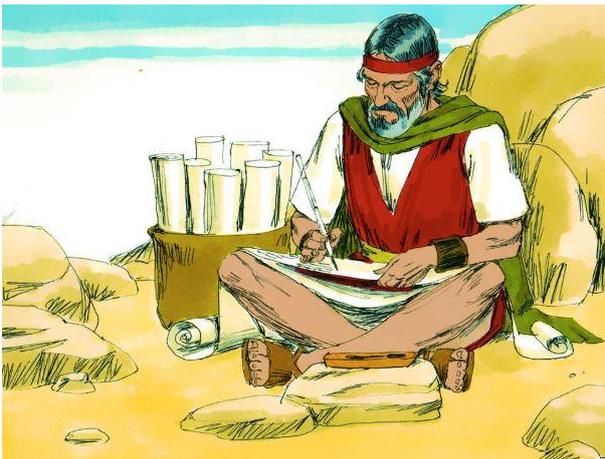
Previously God had told Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Moses used a staff or wooden stick when demonstrating God's power e.g. during some of the 10 plagues in Egypt and when God opened up the Red Sea so that the Israelites could walk through on dry land, escaping the Egyptian army.

Bible passage: The Amalekites Defeated (Exodus 17:8-14)

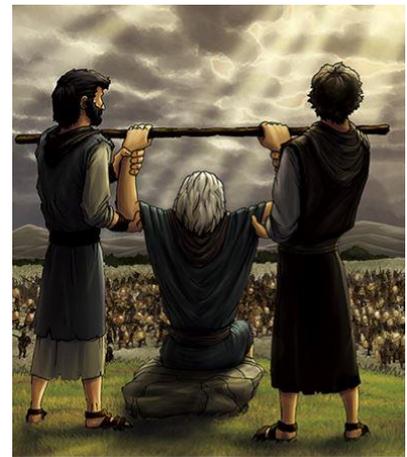


The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses



had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the



hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up

his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered ...

YouTube Video: Exodus 17:8-15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Dw9ag8OyRQ>



Questions

1. How had Moses used God's staff previously?
2. What happened when Moses let his arms down?
3. Think about the kinds of battles God could fight for you e.g. against bullies, against the desire to do what you know is wrong.
4. How do we ask God for help?
Moses needed help from Aaron and Hur when he was tired. We too can ask our parents, our kids' church teachers and friends for help in praying about our battles.
5. What did God ask Moses to do so that the people would not forget how He had helped them to win the battle?
(Because this battle was recorded, it has been passed on even to us!)

Application

To help us remember what God has done for us we can write the battles that we are praying about into a diary or exercise book and then put the date when God answers our prayers.

Prayer

Dear Lord God, we thank you that you are more powerful than anyone or anything in heaven or on earth.

We thank You that You are always ready to hear about and help us with our life battles no matter how big or small.

Please be with us, protect us and help us at school and at home in this coming week.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Challenge

Hold a broom or long stick above your head with straight arms and time yourself, noting how long you are able to hold the stick up. Let me know your time!

Word Search

Find 10 words hidden from the story of the battle against the Amalekites. These words are hidden in the puzzle: battle, fighter, banner, Aaron, swords, warriors, Joshua, hands, Jehovah, Moses, and you may find other words too.

A	B	E	L	J	O	S	H	U	A
B	A	N	N	E	R	D	L	E	H
A	T	O	D	H	O	P	N	O	W
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