

Names of God part 8

Name: Jehovah-Nissi

Passage: Exodus 17:8-16

After leaving Egypt, Israel now faces their first battle. Amalek has come up against them to engage them in battle. As Joshua leads the men into battle, Moses stands on a hilltop overlooking the battle field. When Moses holds up his rod, the Israelites are victorious; however, as his arms tire and the rod is lowered, Israel begins to lose the battle. Now, Aaron and Hur realize what is going on and come to help. Each one grabs one of Moses' hands and hold it up to ensure victory in the battle. When the battle was over, Moses called the place Jehovah Nissi which mean "the Lord our Banner of victory." God was teaching His people that He is their only banner of victory. Only He will make them victorious over their enemies.

Still today, Jehovah-Nissi is our banner of victory. Without his help, we stand no chance to be victorious in our battles. God has already won the victory over death and sin. (Romans 6:6-15; I Corinthians 15:54-58) We must realize that we are in a spiritual battle and fight the battle in the strength of the Lord. (Galatians 5:17; Ephesians 6:12) Our assurance of victory is given from Jehovah-Nissi. It is in His name and strength that we must fight our battles. We must realize that we can not defeat the world, the flesh, and the devil without the victorious power of Jehovah-Nissi. (II Chronicles 20:15)

Jehovah-Nissi, we thank you for fighting and winning our battle with death and the power of sin for us. We ask you for your strength in the daily battle with sin in our lives. Without you, we cannot ever be victorious.