

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen*

“The Next Educational Objective for Israel -- Prayer” – Exodus 17:8-

16

#### I. Introduction.

##### A. College Course requirements.

1. All degrees require a certain number of courses that make up the core curriculum.
  - a. Examples.

##### B. The Israelites had course requirements, too.

1. Examples.
2. Next on the agenda would be p\_\_\_\_\_.

##### C. The nature of Israel’s struggles.

1. Internal.
  - a. Marah, Massah, and Meribah
2. External shift.
  - a. The Amalekites – Exodus 17:8.

##### D. Reading of the Text – Exodus 17:8-16.

#### II. Exposition.

##### A. Verse 8.

1. Rephidim.
2. Amalekites.
  - a. A battle over water rights.
  - b. Two million people on the move.
  - c. Deuteronomy 25:17-18.

##### B. Verse 9.

1. “Joshua” – first mention.
2. God as sole defender shifts to include the use of human effort.
3. “Rod of God.”

##### C. Verse 10.

1. “And Hur” – first mention.

##### D. Verse 11 – Only while the staff was raised was victory assured.

1. Nahum Sarna.
2. Other views.
  - a. Currid.
  - b. Ryken – a case for prayer.
    1. Moses was in a posture of prayer – Exodus 9:29.
      - a. See Hannah and Jehosopha – I Sam. 1:9-11, II Chron. 20:5-6.
      - b. Psalm 63:4b
      - c. I Timothy 2:8
    - c. Variations in translations of Exodus 17:16.
      1. NASU, KJV, ESV.
      2. Hebrews 4:16

##### E. Verse 12.

1. “Heavy hands.”

##### F. Verses 13-14.

1. A possible word play.

##### G. Verse 15.

1. “The Lord is my banner.”
  - a. Yahweh Nissi.

##### H. Verse 16.

1. Commented on with Verse 11.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

##### A. Amalekites – who are these guys?

1. See map.

##### B. The battle between Israel and the Amalekites is an Old Testament

picture of spiritual warfare that we face in Christ.

1. Genesis 3:15; Ephesians 6:12.

##### C. Prayer is a mighty weapon.

1. “Artillery of Prayer.”

a. Ephesians 6:11, 18b.

D. God is all sufficient, and we learn this by acknowledging our inefficiency – particularly through prayer.

1. We need others.