

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 46-50

MESSAGE 46 – The Defeat of Amalek

The first conflict we experience will be the warfare between the **flesh** and the **Spirit** who regenerated us. The flesh takes the **lead** over sin, the world, and Satan to fight against us. The purpose of the flesh in fighting against us is to **keep us** from the **full enjoyment of Christ**. To fight, we must first have our **hunger** satisfied and our **thirst** quenched. If we do not enjoy the heavenly manna daily and drink of the living water consistently, we shall be **defeated** by the flesh and subdued by it. In defeating Amalek, the Lord used weak men **because the battle was fought by God Himself**. The remembrance of the flesh must be blotted out, and a memorial of the cross must be built up. We need to remember the cross of Christ through which we enjoy the Lord as our banner, our victory. (Life-Study of Exodus, 46).

MESSAGE 47 – The Continual Fighting Against Amalek

As long as the **flesh** remains a problem, the **kingdom cannot come**. God determined to have war with Amalek from **generation to generation**. We see the war with Amalek even in the book of Esther. The book of Esther is a story of God's war with Amalek, the continuation of the warfare with Amalek from generation to generation. To fight against Amalek, we must first **pray** with the interceding Christ. If we have the priesthood and the kingship and care for the building up of the tabernacle, the church, our prayer life will not become heavy. Rather it will be **supported** by the priesthood and the kingship, and it will have the building of the church in view. We also fight by putting **all** that is of the **flesh** to death with the fighting Spirit. Fighting against Amalek also requires **obedience** to the Lord's word. This is the way to **fight** against the flesh. (Life-Study of Exodus, 47).

MESSAGE 48 – Amalek Versus Kingship

Man's **flesh** is versus God's **grace**. This means that whatever man does apart from God Himself is a frustration to God's purpose. If we would deal with the flesh, typified by Amalek, we must be identified with the interceding Christ in the heavens and join ourselves to the fighting Spirit within us. When Amalek is dealt with, the **kingdom** with the **kingship** immediately comes in. We should learn to be careful in dealing with the flesh. Saul **lost** the kingship because he did not utterly **destroy** Amalek, spared Agag, and the best of the cattle. May we learn that in our doing good, we may give opportunity to the flesh to produce an Ishmael, and give ground to Agag, kind of Amalek. (Life-Study of Exodus, 48).

MESSAGE 49 – A Type of the Kingdom

When the kingdom comes as a result of the defeat of God's enemy, the Gentiles who are seeking God will **come** to worship Him. The **church** also participates in the kingdom. In fact, the church will be the **ruling authority** in the kingdom. Today, we first defeat and subdue our flesh and then go forth to contact people and preach the gospel to them. We must be those who defeat Amalek. Then Jethro will turn to God through us, and the church will become prevailing. (Life-Study of Exodus, 49).

MESSAGE 50 – Brought into the Presence of God and into the Knowledge of Him

At Mount Sinai, the children of Israel were living in God's **presence**, having been **sanctified** unto God in an **absolute** way. Whenever we are brought into the presence of God and enter into fellowship with God, we are **spontaneously** brought into the **knowledge** of God. In the fellowship of God we first come to know the **grace** of God, and we begin to know the **holiness** of God. In fellowship with God, we become God's **personal possession and peculiar treasure**. As we stay in the Lord's presence, we become a **kingdom of priests** to Him, and eventually we become a **holy nation** (Life-Study of Exodus, 50).