

## **The Lord Is Our Banner**

Intro: The name “Jehovah Nissi” is mentioned in Exodus 17:15. God is again revealing another aspect of his character is yet another name/title. This morning, we try to explain what it meant in its original context, as well as learning how this name can work in the hearts of those who seek to follow God over 3000 years later.

1. Israel’s Jehovah Nissi
  - A. Track their history as recorded in Exodus 14-17. Water Made Sweet; Manna from Heaven; Water from The Rock
  - B. This event occurs as Israel is in battle with the Amalekites. Ex. 17:8-16
  - C. Who were the Amalekites? In Moses’ day? In Saul’s day?
  - D. Describe the victory of Israel over the Amalekites
  
2. Jehovah Nissi For Us
  - A. Remember that Israel is an example for all believers. 1 Corinthians 10
  - B. Accept it or not, we are in a war. 1 Peter 5:8; 1:13; 2 Timothy 4:7; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; Ephesians 6:11-17
  - C. That war cannot be inoculated with 1 John 1:9.
  - D. That war cannot be won without Jehovah Nissi. Genesis 49:24; What lesson did Moses learn from the banner?
  - E. We are promised a win if we will fight under “the banner”.
    1. Remember the “serpent on a stick”. Numbers 21:10ff
    2. Jesus used that story to teach Nicodemus. John 3:14-15
    3. Jesus died on “a stick” and through it we can win the war we are fighting with evil. See 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 1:12; Rom.8:37

Conclusion: With Jesus as our “banner” we can win the only battle in life that has eternal consequences. “Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57). Finally, remember the words of 2 verses from “It Is Well With My Soul”.