

**YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**3.15pm**

**17 FEBRUARY 2024**

Call to Worship

Speaker: Pastor Moses Kwek

Opening Prayer

Leading in Song

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Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:8-16

Rostered Pastor: Pastor Eugene Seow

Message: "The-LORD-Is-My-Banner"

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### **INTRODUCTION**

1. God meeting the needs of the children of Israel on 3 occasions
  - a. Bitter waters of Marah made sweet Exodus 15:22-27
  - b. Provision of manna and quail Exodus 16
  - c. Providing water from a rock Exodus 17:1-7
2. The unfortunate responses of the children of Israel
  - a. They complained
  - b. They disobeyed
  - c. They contended with God
  - d. They tempted the LORD

### **A NEW CHALLENGE – BATTLE WITH THE AMALEKITES**

1. Amalek
  - a. They were a group of people in the Wilderness of Sin
  - b. They came and fought with the children of Israel Exodus 17:8
2. A comparison with the Philistines
  - a. God did not lead the children of Israel by way of the land of the Philistines Exodus 13:17-18
    - i. The Philistines were a warring nation
    - ii. They would surely wage a long and arduous war with the children of Israel
    - iii. This would cause the children of Israel to lose heart
  - b. The Amalekites

- i. They were more like raiders
  - ii. They sought to plunder and kill the weak
  - iii. They would not continue to wage war against those stronger than them
- 3. The children of Israel would learn important lessons of faith from this battle

## **THE NEED FOR COMMUNAL EFFORT**

- 1. The past 3 incidents of food and water Exodus 15-17
  - a. There was tension between Moses as leader with the people
  - b. All 3 incidents were resolved through Moses seeking God
- 2. Going to battle
  - a. Moses could not resolve this problem alone
  - b. Others would need to come alongside
  - c. The entire community would need to face this battle together
- 3. The battle plan
  - a. The physical battle Exodus 17:9a
    - i. Joshua (first mention) was chosen to lead the army of Israel
    - ii. Joshua would then choose others
    - iii. They would fight the physical battle with Amalek
  - b. The spiritual battle Exodus 17:9b-10
    - i. Moses would stand on top of the hill with the rod of God
    - ii. He would pray for God's help and be accompanied by Aaron and Hur
    - iii. They would fight the spiritual battle
    - iv. Israel would not win this battle without God's help

## **GOD AS THE MOST CRUCIAL FACTOR**

1. God
  - a. He has the power to wipe out Amalek quickly
  - b. He swallowed up Pharaoh and his chariots  
in the Red Sea Exodus 14
  - c. But He wanted the children of Israel to learn important lessons of  
trusting in Him
2. It is God who grants the victory Exodus 17:11-13
  - a. The intense battle with Amalek
    - i. The children of Israel prevailed when Moses lifted the rod of  
God up
    - ii. Amalek prevailed when Moses let down the rod of God
  - b. The victory over Amalek
    - i. The battle lasted an entire day
    - ii. The battle was won through perseverance and prayer
    - iii. The children of Israel defeated Amalek with God's help

## **BEING CONFIDENT IN GOD**

1. God's Word to Moses after the battle Exodus 17:14
  - a. To write and recount
    - i. How God defeated Amalek
    - ii. How God will utterly remove Amalek for their attack on the  
children of Israel
  - b. The children of Israel would not need to fear as long as God was on  
their side

## 2. “The-LORD-Is-My-Banner”

Exodus 17:15-16

- a. Moses’ response
  - i. He built an altar
  - ii. He worshipped and gave thanks to God
  - iii. He named the altar, “The-LORD-Is-My-Banner”
- b. The beautiful significance of the LORD as Banner
  - i. God is the One who leads
  - ii. God is the One all must unite and rally to
  - iii. God is the One who grants the victory
- c. The children of Israel must ever seek to be confident in God as their Banner!

### **IMPORTANT LESSONS THAT MUST BE LEARNT**

- 1. Being part of a community of faith
  - a. We need each other to overcome life’s challenges
    - i. Physical needs
    - ii. Spiritual needs
  - b. Let us learn to
    - i. Look out for each other
    - ii. Depend on each other
    - iii. Be there for each other
- 2. Exercising faith in God
  - a. God is most crucial in our lives
  - b. Like a Banner
    - i. He will lead us amidst life’s challenges

- ii. He will bring others alongside us
- iii. He will enable us to live victoriously
- c. Our challenge to believe and be confident in Him!

“Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses;  
But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.” Psalm 20:7