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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Memorial Day at Rephidim

Text: Exodus 17:8-16

The Context

The Cause

The Strategy

The Outcome

The Charge

Suggested Points for Discussion, Meditation, and Application

In reference to the charge in Ex. 17:14, discuss the value of memorials (remembrances and rehearsals of God's providences in times of crises) in the life of a nation; a church; a family. Identify instances from your experience which you might suggest as being worthy of 'memorial-sort' recognition in each of these three arenas of life.

Referring to Deut. 28:18, and to Amalek's absence of a fear of God, discuss the importance of developing and sustaining this virtue of a fear (a reverential fear and a fearful reverence) of God.

- How might this virtue of a healthy fear of God contribute to fulfilling the great commandment as emphasized in recent sermons by Pastor Paul?
- How would you characterize the qualitative level of this virtue across our culture today?
- Do you believe that the qualitative evidence of this virtue has declined within the sphere of evangelical Christianity in your lifetime? If so, what might you offer as causal factors facilitating this decline?
- How might we cultivate and elevate a growing fear of God in our own life, and in the lives of those in our TBBF fellowship?

Consider the phrase, "The LORD (Yahweh) has sworn; Yahweh will have war against Amalek from generation to generation" (Ex. 17:16), or the more literal rendering, "Because a hand upon the throne of Yahweh".

- Are there examples in our national practice, past or present, where you might say that a hand has been placed, or is presently being placed, on the throne of Yahweh?
- In relation to historical examples, whether in our nation or internationally, where you would judge that God has intervened in judgment because "a hand has been lifted up against His throne"?
- In relation to present day examples, might we be seeing God intervening with a lifting of restraints of evil, or an allowing of deviant (unrighteous) philosophies, moral confusion, etc., to proliferate, because of societal or governmental policies that are an assault against God and His God's law?
- And, in regard the latter point, how might you as a God fearer, and the covenant community of God fearers (the church), fulfill their responsibility to hold high "the rod of Elohim"? That is, for the church (our church – you and me) to faithfully exercise the strategic prong of intercessory prayer that was indispensable to Israel's experience of victory at Rephidim.