

## Defeating the Spirit of Amalek

Good morning. Another great day to be here. The sun is shining and we're here to worship our Lord and Savior. As a pastor many times I have to back up and look at what's going on around me.

### • 4Ds That Will Stop Your Destiny

- a)Deceit
- b)Doubt
- c)Discouragement
- d)Division

As I was reading different things, as I've been known to do on many occasions, I came across several spiritual stories, along with some sermons that caught my attention. They were about the Spirit of Amalek. Satan is at work around us all the time.

And one of the ways he goes about his business is by casting doubt.

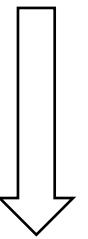
I usually question that because I don't want him to be at work. I want to feel like this is paradise and that nothing will come against me or this church, because I am Christian, but that just isn't so.

As Christians we will be attacked; our values, our morals, our faith, our happiness, our joy and every other Fruit of the Spirit we have inside us to share, Satan will try to dispel, coerce into something bad or totally take it from us without warning. He does not want us or our church to reach God's destiny.

As a matter of fact when we least expect it, there he'll be.

### **Know Your Enemy**

Just like when you came to salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and God redeemed and delivered you, God delivered His people the Israelites from their enemy the Egyptians.



Just because God delivered His people didn't mean they were out of the woods. After they crossed the Red Sea they were confronted by many nations who were their enemy.

And that is what happens with us, especially after we become Christians. We're thinking we're on easy street now and instead it seems like we are pursued by every nation on earth.

The Amalekites did not like the Israelites and were bent on killing, stealing and causing spiritual doubt amongst them. Kind of like what happens in our lives as Christians.

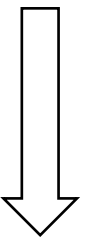
You will experience many spiritual attacks, but the key is to not see the person and realize the real enemy is satan and he works through people trying to destroy you. [Adam & Eve] [David & Absalom]

#### **Ephesians 6:10-12**

**Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

Over the years I have experienced certain spiritual attacks against God's people and even in the church. I've seen these spiritual attacks work through individual people without them even being aware of it.

Somewhere, somehow they've opened a door to allow the enemy access into their lives. It may be that they cannot let go of hurt, anger, anxiety, doubt, fear, discouragement and that is an open door for satan.



### **Ephesians 4:26-27**

**Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.**

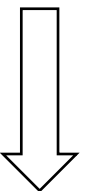
When the Amalekites attacked the Israelites, they weren't trying to wipe them out, they were trying to destroy their faith in God and even in each other.

The Amalekites did this by casting doubt. And that's what the spirit of Amalek does, it casts doubt wherever it can; in the case of the Israelites, their faith. Amalek likes to get you to cast doubt on people you know, on members of the church, on your financial situation, on the church's financial situation, and most of all on God.

I'm not saying cast your cares away and not validate your concerns, I just want you to be aware this goes on.

The Amalekites attacked the Israelites from the rear, the weakest and stragglers. That's how Amalek works today. The spirit of Amalek looks for people who've become weak in their faith or are tired and weary, or maybe they've given up altogether. That was what happened with the Israelites. Some had gotten tired and weak. It was not physically tired, they were spiritually tired and weak.

The spirit of Amalek camouflages itself and operates within churches with the express purpose of breaking down and destroying the faith of people in God by casting doubt on things in the church. But hark, we have an answer from the scripture. Jesus said.



## **Matthew 16:18-20**

**And I also say to you that you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will build My church,  
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail  
against it.**

The names for Amalek are identified by names from the Bible. The personality and character of this spirit is mirrored through individuals lives

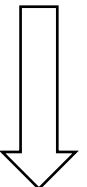
### **Names of Amalek Identified by Names from the Bible**

- 1. Jezebel – manipulation and control - false worship**
- 2. Ahab – abuse of power**
- 3. Absalom – pride and power**
- 4. Delilah – deception and seduction [power and spiritual sight]**
- 5. Amalek – cast doubt**

## **God Remembers**

God wanted to completely blot out any existence of the Amalekites because He knew that they would never stop attacking His people and prevent them from entering into their God given destiny and therefore God's anger was aroused against the Amalekites.

**1 SAMUEL 15:1-3** *Samuel also said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. <sup>3</sup> Now go and attack<sup>[a]</sup> Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'*



Amalek in their nature were and even today is still opposed to God, His people, and His Kingdom.

### **Opposes God's Plans**

The Amalekites were descendants of Amalek who was the son of Eliphaz and the grandson of Esau. Esau was Jacob's brother who despised his birthright and sold it to Jacob.

The Spirit of Amalek is the spirit that opposes God and all of His plans. Throughout Israel's history they met opposition with the Amalekites. At times God allowed this because of Israel's disobedient and rebellious nature.

The enemy not only wants to hurt you a little but he wants to destroy you. There are some important lessons that we can learn from what Israel experienced at the hands of the Amalekites.

### **Defeat the Spirit of Amalek**

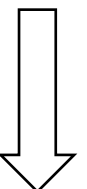
#### **2 Corinthians 10: 3-6**

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*

Far too many Christians believe the lies of Satan the author of confusion, the father of all lies because of where they are on their spiritual journey and because they have opened a door and given the enemy a foothold, have become weak, sick and tired, and want to give up and run away but **do not give the enemy a foothold**.

Amalek must be recognized in its source and strategy. It seeks to derail our destinies.

God told Saul to utterly destroy Amalek and all that they have and not to spare because in doing so you give this spirit a foothold into other parts of



your life and your family. He chose not to and eventually lost what God had prepared for him.

God said He would blot out the memory of Amalek but we read further that the Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.

This is no longer physical Amalek but spiritual Amalek and the name Amalek means warlike.

Amalek's strategy was to pick off and take out all the stragglers that were weary and worn out, and consequently lagging behind.

Amalek's strategy is to wear down, tire out, weaken, and pick off the people of God to keep them from the destiny of their Promised Land inheritance.

The tribe of the Amalekites descended from Esau, the grandfather of Amalek, who sold his birthright for some bean soup, because he was "weary."

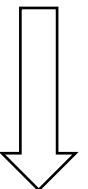
Amalek strategy is to create passivity – to wear down and wear out the people of God until they lose their posture of prayer and faith in the Spirit, and then make wrong decisions and choices regarding their destiny and inheritance.

Amalek strategy is to cause a negative influence causing people to disobey the written Word, spoken Word or prophetic Word given by God regarding their future.

## **2 CORINTHIANS 2:11**

***lest Satan should take advantage of us;  
for we are not ignorant of his devices.***

But we are not ignorant of the devil's devices and strategies.  
*In Christ every curse broken so that you may dwell in His tent*  
It is important to know where you come from and where you are going to.



**ACTS 17:28**

*for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'*

**This week look for things that may slow you down from your destiny. If you want to be part of God's destiny, look around the church at anything that may be slowing down the destiny of this church. God has forever, we don't.**