

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8 NLV*

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PRAYER STUDY #154

INTERCESSION:

THE MINISTRY OF AARON AND HUR

*Then came Amalek [descendants of Esau] and fought with Israel at Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, Choose us out men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand. So Joshua did as Moses said and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the hilltop. When Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and when he lowed his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy and grew weary. So [the other men]took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side and one on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua mowed down and disabled Amalek and his people with the sword. And the Lord said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in the book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens. And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord is my Banner. And he said, Because [theirs] is a hand against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*

Exodus 17:8-16

### The People

1. Amalek: His name means *Warlike*. He is the grandson of Esau. Spiritually he represents or types the flesh nature.
2. Israel: Israel means *He shall be prince of God*. It is the name given to Jacob at Jabbok(Genesis 32:28) and stand for all of Jacob's descendants. Spiritually Israel represents the spiritual nature.
3. Moses: His name means *drawn out*. He lived 120 years and was known as the *Friend of God*. He was the great deliverer/lawgiver of the Old Testament. He types a type of Christ or in this story of Aaron and Hur, a Christian believer. He wrote the first 5 books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch. The scripture reports that the age of 120 he had good eyesight and his "natural force was not abated." At the end of his life he climbed Mount Nebo where he was kissed to sleep by the angels and God buried him-the only man in the Bible to have God as his undertaker(Deuteronomy 34:6).

4. Joshua: His name means *Jehovah is Salvation*. He was born in Egyptian bondage. Because of his unwavering loyalty and devotion, he is called “the servant of Moses.” He was about 85 when he took over after Moses died. His conquests and victories show us *all* that the Lord has made available for His people. He was filled with the Spirit of God(Deuteronomy 34:9) and enjoyed the presence of God(Joshua 1:5, 6:27). He was full of the Word of God(Joshua 1:8) and always obedient to the will of God(Numbers 32:12, Joshua 5:14). I think he types the Spirit-filled Christian life, a called out one, and a leader of God’s people.
5. Aaron: His name means *light bringer* or *a mountain of strength*. He was Aaron’s older brother by three years. Their sister Miriam was the eldest. He was a prophet and a spokesman for Moses. He was a very eloquent speaker and the first High Priest. Even though all these things, he failed miserably by letting the people persuade him to make a golden calf for them to worship. He was very repentant but nevertheless, like Moses, not allowed to go into the Promise Land. He died when he was 123.
6. Hur: Not much is known of Hur. His chief claim to fame is in the above passage of scripture where he, with Aaron, holds up the hands of Moses, so that by the continual uplifting of the sacred staff, Israel might prevail over Amalek. Jewish tradition says that Hur was the husband of Miriam. Hur means noble or splendor.

### The Symbols

1. Top of Hill –A spiritual place
2. Rod -Authority, Power and Judgment of God
3. Raised Hands.
  - a. Universal Sign of Surrender
  - b. What a child does to his father or mother to be held
  - c. What people do when they know the answer
 

Psalm 63:4, Psalm 134:2, Psalm 141:2, and 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:8 are some of the scriptures that tell us that the lifted hands are a sign of prayer and of praise and a way to bless the Lord. We don’t want to be legalistic and judgmental in this, but I would go so far as to say “lifting up your hands” is a command from the Word.
4. Stone-Christ Jesus is the stone that the builders rejected (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2) and in this particular passage is symbolic of the law, which was written on stone tablets, of the Old Covenant or of life through the

- Holy Spirit by grace. Bricks, on the other hand, in the Bible are representative of human effort.
5. Night –Often night represents the Kingdom of Darkness. In this passage, however, night represents the completion of the day’s work and the time for rest.
  6. Sword-the Word of God
  7. Jehovah Nissi-The Lord our Banner =the Standard lifted high. The Lord said, “...*When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.*” Isaiah 59:19b

SUMMARY by Dr. J. Vernon McGee

*“There are three important things to remember. First, God is going to get rid of Amalek. In other words, God is going to get rid of this old nature. Secondly, the Lord will never compromise with the old nature. He will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. The third important item is that this constant conflict will go on as long as we live in this life. The flesh and the spirit will always war against each other. Only the Holy Spirit of God can give us victory. We need to recognize this fact.”*

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*An intercessor is a man or woman-or child-who fights on behalf of others. As such, intercession is the activity that identifies us most with Christ. To be an intercessor is to be like Jesus because that is what Jesus is life. He ever lives to intercede.*

Dick Eastman

*The church holds the balance of power in world affairs. Even now, in this present throbbing moment, by mean of her prayer power and the extent to which she uses it, the praying church is actually deciding the course of human events.*

Paul Billheimer

Types of Intercession (Cindy Jacobs’ *Possessing the Gates of the Enemy*)

1. **The Prayer of Agreement:** *Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. Matthew 18:19*
2. **Praying Through:** Persistence in prayer until we have the assurance from God that His will has been accomplished in the earth realm. We know that we have prayed through when we are no longer reminded repeatedly by the Holy Spirit to pray, when we try to pray about a certain matter and there is no desire to pray, when God begins to lead us to scriptures that tell us victory is won, or when God speaks to us

- through circumstances, letting us know that the matter has been taken care of in the natural.
3. **Breaking a Yoke:** *By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother, and it shall come to pass, when you become restless, that you shall break his yoke from your neck.* Genesis 27:40 Yokes are spiritual oppressions and heavy loads that Satan puts on people in order to hold them in bondage.
  4. **Tearing Down Strongholds:** *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.* 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:4 There are territorial strongholds over nations, communities, families, cities, etc. There are ideological strongholds that influence philosophies, culture and society. There are personal strongholds which influence a person's personal life, such as personal sins, thoughts and feelings and attitudes against God, and behavioral patterns.
  5. **Supplications:** Earnest beseeching of God to the point of begging. It is a God-this-must-be-done now kind of prayer. It is an SOS prayer and often comes in the night.
  6. **Binding and Loosing:** *Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.* Matthew 18:18-19 Negative binding involves tying up the kingdom of darkness so demons cannot have anything to do with a given situation. Positive binding involves binding the Word of God over a given situation. Loosing sets the captive free from the enemy's hands. Binding stops the enemy's attacks. Loosing releases or permits God's will to enter the situation because God has willed that His purposes be carried out by asking in prayer.
  7. **Travail:** *My little children of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.* Galatians 4:19 Travail is given by God and is not something we can make happen. It is often a deep groaning inside which may be audible or which cannot be uttered. Sometimes you are travailing in an area where others have prayed and prayed, but the Lord uses you in travail to birth the answer.

Cindy Jacobs further says that those who really want to be intercessors and deal with heavy intercession that will move the enemy out of an area must be willing to give up the following rights:

1. The right to be offended.

2. The right to our time.
3. The right to do what we want with our possessions.
4. The right to self-pity
5. The right to self-justification
6. The right to be understood.
7. The right to criticize.

For more information on the important topic of intercession, I highly recommend the book *Possessing the Gates of the Enemy* by Cindy Jacobs.

Holy Highway  
By Ginger Hendricks

There's a road called the holy highway that once was a desert land.  
Very soon you'll hear the sound of a holy marching band.  
Everlasting joy upon them, there's a remnant strong and true.  
We bring the song back to Zion. We bring the praise back to You.

We exalt You, God Almighty; You are worthy to be praised.  
Let all nations bow before You, holy Ancient of all days.

There's a road called the holy highway where the people dance and shout.  
Where the enemy is running with confusion all about.  
Raise your banners, sing the victory, raise them high, His Word is true.  
We bring the song back to Zion. We bring the praise back to You.

We exalt You, God Almighty; You are worthy to be praised.  
Let all nations bow before You, holy Ancient of all days.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!  
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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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