



## INTRODUCTION

The strategy of our spiritual enemy, the devil is simple, he instills fear and causes us to withdraw, isolate, and retreat. Our enemy is constantly seeking to diminish our inheritance (Psalm 16:-6) and the “line” where we retreat can become the boundary of our inheritance in God.

It is our responsibility to stand firm in this season and fight not just for ourselves but for our brothers and sisters in Christ (Nehemiah 4:14).

## JHOVAH NISSI -- Exodus 17:1-16

We are currently in a series on “**I AM WHO I AM, A Journey Into the Character of God.**” God’s Names reveal a certain aspect of His character and dealings with mankind. Today we will look at the compound name of Jehovah (LORD) found in Exodus 17:1-16. Israel was engaged in a fierce battle against the Amalakites. As Moses’ staff was raised they were winning. When the staff was lowered, Amalek was winning.

Jehovah Nissi, translated as the LORD is My Banner, is the Name Jehovah, coupled with the word Nissi (ensign, standard). The staff became Israel’s Banner of victory against their enemy.

- Exodus 17:1-16 ...*So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword... And Moses built an altar and called its name, The Lord is My Banner;...*

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## THE WARRIOR’S ATTITUDE...

Exodus 15:3 *The LORD is a man (Champion) of war; the LORD is His name.* Here He reveals Himself as a victorious Warrior against the enemy. We can be warriors, confident of the outcome of the battle because victory is a partnership with God the Champion.

### 1. **They know that God is all-powerful and all-knowing.**

- Jeremiah 32:17 *“Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by*

*Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for You.” (Matthew 19:26)*

2. **They run to God in times of trial, not to familiar habits of sin, isolation, etc.**
  - 2 Chronicles 20:12 *For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.*
3. **They understand the big picture.** They know the strategies of the enemy!
  - 1 Chronicles 12:32 *Of the tribe of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do... (Ephesians 6:10-12)*
4. **They deal with all fear and anxiety that destroys our victory and inheritance in God!** Bring it to Him as sin. (1 John 1:9)
  - Numbers 13:33 *“We saw the Nephilim there... We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” (1 Samuel 17:10-11; Acts 19:10-18)*
5. **They step into(run to) the battle.** While Goliath established the rules, Israel hid in fear. David, filled with the knowledge of God’s Word and Power, ran to Goliath, stood up against the enemy with the Word of God, and won a great battle that day.
  - 1 Samuel 17:40-54 *...Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the Name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand,... (Daniel 11:32b)*
6. **The bring others along and face the battle together.** The enemy seeks to divide us from others and to isolate (quarantine) us.
  - Leviticus 26:7-8 *You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you. (2 Chronicles 20:20-30; Psalm 133)*
7. **They never lose focus.** The victory of the unique battle today affects more people and generations than we realize.
  - Nehemiah 4:14 *...I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Sovereign Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”*

*Romans 12:2-3 Do not be conformed to the pattern and behavior of this world, but be transformed and changed by the renewing of your mind so that you can better understand God’s will.*