



LORD, I WANT TO  
**KNOW YOU**

A STUDY BASED OFF THE BOOK BY KAY ARTHUR

## *The Lord My Banner*

It was in the battle against Amalek, that we first heard God referred to as "Jehovah-Nisei" or "The Lord My Banner."

God gave victory to the Israelites over Amalek; we can see this as a parallel to God giving us victory over our brokenness.

The Amalekites were Israel's first and most frequent enemy. We see them in Exodus, and again when Saul was sent to destroy them. However, Saul *didn't* destroy them. He captured the king and kept the best loot for himself and his men. Worse, when confronted with his disobedience, he made excuses and blamed others instead of responding with humility and repentance.

This minor disobedience may not seem like a big deal. Saul technically defeated the Amalekites, right? But because of his disobedience and pride, Saul eventually lost his throne, his sanity, and his life. **(1 Sam. 15:1-23.)**

In **Galatians 5:24** Paul says, "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Kay Arthur writes, "When will we rally at His standard, the banner of our Jehovah-Nisei? True, the battle wages between flesh and Spirit... But look up. There on the holy mount of heavenly Zion is the Son of God with arms extended high, ever living to make intercession for you.... of course there is a battle, but 'thanks be to God, who always

leads us to triumph in Christ.' (2 Cor. 2:14.)"

Our old selves have to die. We learned through Saul's example that we must surrender every day. We have been transformed, made alive, redeemed. We can never heal our brokenness on our own... but we have full victory in Jesus - are you living as someone victorious?

## *In the Bible*

### **Galatians 5:16-21**

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### **John 8:34-36**

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

### **Ephesians 3:20-21**

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

# Questions

- 1.) Explain what Jehovah-nissi means.
- 2.) What was Saul's fatal mistake in the story in 1 Sam.?
- 3.) How have you dealt with the "desires of the flesh" in the past? On your own? Under the banner of Jehovah-nissi? What was the difference?