

# Introducing Joshua:

## The Spiritual Growth of a Great Warrior

Exodus 17:8-16



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17:9 Moses said, “I will station myself at the top of the mount with the rod of God.” 10 Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill, Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek. 11 ... when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands were heavy... Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. 13 So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

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Moses prayed:

1. He persisted in prayer, 17:9 “I will station myself”
2. He partnered in prayer, 17:12 Aaron and Hur supported Moses’ hands, one on one side and one on the other. **Thus his hands were steady until the sun set.”**
3. He prevailed in prayer, 17: 11 “...when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.”



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At the first battle Israel learned **the secret weapon:**  
prayerful obedience

They had to fight, “**faith without works is dead**” faith,  
(Jacob 2:14)

**BUT they had to pray for their work to be effective!**

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man  
avails much” Jacob 5:16

Without faithful prayer your sincere efforts are dead works.

**The practice of prayer is our secret weapon for victory.**

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14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

15 Moses built an altar and named it the LORD is My Banner.

16 He said, "For the LORD has sworn: the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."



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Listen up, O Warriors, 17:14.



✧ In the Word: **“Write this in a book as a memorial”**

✧ For the Warrior: **“recite it to Joshua”**

A great warrior must remember to pray to succeed!

Joshua had only 2 defeats –both due to prayerlessness (Joshua 7 & 9) It is not “either/or” –it is “both/and”

“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand” (Psalm 149:6)

**THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU,  
IS NEVER AS GREAT  
AS THE POWER BEHIND  
YOU.**



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Moses arms grew tired; there were moments of defeat!

But Moses only pointed to Israel's greater hope:  
**so we have greater victory in Messiah!**

“(Yeshua) is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25).

**Messiah's perfect intercession is our perfect assurance!**

As Israel had a great victory in Moses' intercession  
so we have the eternal victory in Yeshua!