



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Jehovah Nissi

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THEME Knowing & Experiencing God

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

JEHOVAH NISSI – THE LORD OUR BANNER OF VICTORY

The last redemptive name of God is Jehovah Nissi, the Lord our Banner of Victory (Ps 20:5-7).

The blessings of Victory include favour *over* our enemies, favour *with* our enemies (Pro 16:7; Rom 8:31), empowerment from the Holy Spirit (Lk 24:49; Act 1:8; Zach 4:6), abundance (2 Cor 9:8; Jn 10:10b; Eph 3:20), God's goodness (Ps 34:8; Lk 11:13, Jas 1:17), mercy to not get what we deserve, mercy to not reap the negative consequences of what we have sown wrongly (Heb 4:16; Jas 2:13), as well as God's presence with us (Mt 1:23; Heb 13:5b).

EXPERIENCING GOD PERSONALLY AS JEHOVAH NISSI

We personally experience God as Jehovah Nissi as we contend with 3 enemies in this life:

- 1) **The evil one** seeks to steal, kill, and destroy our lives (Jn 10:10a), and he does this as accuser (Rev 12:10), condemner (Rom 8:34), liar and murderer (Jn 8:44), and deceiver (Rev 12:10). But he can only do so when we give him a foothold (Eph 4:27).

We must know the victory that has already been secured by Christ for us (1 Jn 3:8b): Jesus came to destroy all the works of the devil (Heb 2:14-15; Acts 26:18), but we need to be aware of the schemes of the evil one (2 Cor 2:11; Eph 6:11) and not give him a foothold (1 Pet 5:8; Eph 4:27).

- 2) **The (fallen) world/ kosmos**, its thinking patterns and values, are under the control of the evil one (1 Jn 5:19; Mt 4:8-10). We must not be conformed to the thinking patterns and values of the world, but be renewed in our minds to always know the Good, Acceptable, and Perfect will of God (Rom 12:2).

To overcome the world, we must develop faith-convictions as we grow in deep, experiential, and personal knowledge of God (1 Jn 5:4-5; 1 Jn 2:15-16).

- 3) **Our sinful nature** is hostile to God and cannot please God (Rom 8:7-8). It profits nothing (Jn 6:63), is corrupt and cannot be transformed (2 Cor 5:17).

We must know our position in Christ and His finished work on the cross (Col 2:14-15). This

allows us to overcome our sinful nature (2 Cor 5:21) as we die to our self-life (Lk 9:23; Gal 2:20) and trust God instead (Pro 3:5-6), coming to God for confession in repentance whenever we fall (1 Jn 1:9, 2:1-2).

EXPERIENCING GOD CORPORATELY AS JEHOVAH NISSI

We can also experience God and His Victory as a Body of Christ as unity brings blessings.

Based on the first mention of Jehovah Nissi (Ex 17:8-16), we achieve this as we continually lift our hands to God in prayer, living by faith in total dependency on Him. As we band together and help one another lift our hands to God (Ex 17:12), it is the maximum participation of this very close Band of Brothers/ Band of Sisters that helps us keep our eyes on God who will achieve victory for us.

CONCLUSION

Although the Israelites won the first battle against Amalek (Ex 17:8-16), they were crushed in the second because they were presumptuous and disobeyed God (Num 14:40-45). The key to victory is to pay the price to know and experience God continually (1 Cor 15:57; Rom 8:37). As members of the Body of Christ, we help one another to keep our eyes on God and to keep our hands lifted up in prayer to God.

QUESTIONS

1. SP shared that we can have victory over the evil one, over the world, and over our sinful nature. Share a struggle you faced in 1 of these 3 areas and how you experienced God as Jehovah Nissi.

2. SP shared that it was important for us to have a Band of Brothers / Band of Sisters to help lift our hands to God in prayer. As an illustration, he showed a video of how Geese flying in formation helped each other fly further and took care of each other when they were unwell.

Which parts of the illustration were most meaningful to you? What is your role in the formation that your CG is flying in?

3. SP shared that while salvation is free, discipleship will cost us – but our obedience brings blessing. What is the further obedience that God is requiring from us? What would we need to “die” to in order to obey?