

<sup>8</sup> Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

<sup>9</sup> And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some 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."
<sup>10</sup> So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.



<sup>11</sup> And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

<sup>14</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." 15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner; 16 for he said, "Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

- The Amalekites were very evil and wicked.
  - God's verdict They must be completely destroyed.
  - God commanded King Saul to do so.
- He failed and lost his kingdom.
  - The Amalekites were finally destroyed by King David.



- Success is assured for God's people only when they fight under Jehovah Nissi The Banner of God.
- The Banner was the rod of Moses with which he performed miracles:
- ✓ brought the 10 plagues on Egypt
- ✓ parted the Red Sea and closed it
- ✓ smote the Rock and brought forth water

# Spiritual Covering JEHOVAH-NISSI

The Lord My Banner of Victory

- I. WHY do we need spiritual covering?
- II. WHO provides spiritual covering?
- III. HOW are we covered spiritually?
- IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?



I. WHY do we need spiritual covering?



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#### **ENEMIES: External**

- Enemies: known and unknown
- Enemies : seen and unseen
- Enemies : spiritual and physical

I. WHY do we need spiritual covering?

We are NOT covered from the consequences of our own choices:

- e.g. 1: Healing and health laws. Not auto!

  1 Timothy 5:24
- e.g. 2: Financial management
- e.g. 3: Death and life in the power of the tongue Proverbs 18:21





I. WHY do we need spiritual covering?

**ENEMIES:** The evil one

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

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#### **ENEMIES:** The evil one

- Evil cannot harm us or touch us 1 John 5:18
- Unless we give him an open door Ephesians 4:27
- He goes about looking for vulnerabilities (open doors)
   1 Peter 5:8
- When we confess our sins, His blood covers us.
   (no more open doors) 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:1

I. WHY do we need spiritual covering?

**ENEMIES:** The fallen world

but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

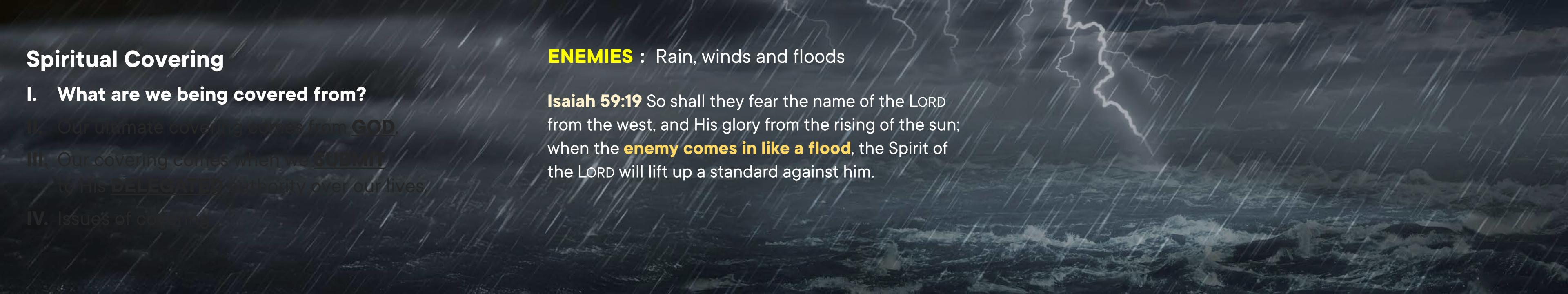
John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation;

I. What are we being covered from?

**ENEMIES:** Rain, winds and floods

#### **Matthew 7:24-25**

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the **rain** descended, the **floods** came, and the **winds** blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.



II. WHO provides spiritual covering?



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#### Our ultimate covering comes from GOD

Deuteronomy 33:12 Of Benjamin he said: "The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, who shelters/covers him all the day long; and he shall dwell between His shoulders."

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Psalm 91:4 He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

**Isaiah 51:16** And I have put My words in your mouth; I have **covered** you with the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens, lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, 'You *are* My people.

II. WHO provides spiritual covering?

#### The efficacy and effectiveness of spiritual prayers:

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

A righteous man = right standing + right believing + right doing



II. WHO provides spiritual covering?

#### The efficacy and effectiveness of spiritual prayers:

- Personal prayer by yourself
- Prayer by someone in covenantal relationship with you
- Prayer by a godly person
- Prayer by fellow brothers/sisters in the church



III. HOW are we covered spiritually?



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## Our covering comes when we submit to His delegated authority over our lives:

1. In the family
Ephesians 6:1-4; Job 1:5, 10

Fight for Your Family



#### VIDEO: "Fight for Your Family"

with Jentezen Franklin



III. HOW are we covered spiritually?

## Our covering comes when we submit to His delegated authority over our lives:

- 1. In the family
  - Ephesians 5:21-23; Colossians 3:18-21
  - ✓ Personal Altar
  - ✓ Marriage Altar
  - √ Family Altar



III. HOW are we covered spiritually?

## Our covering comes when we submit to His delegated authority over our lives:

2. In the church

Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

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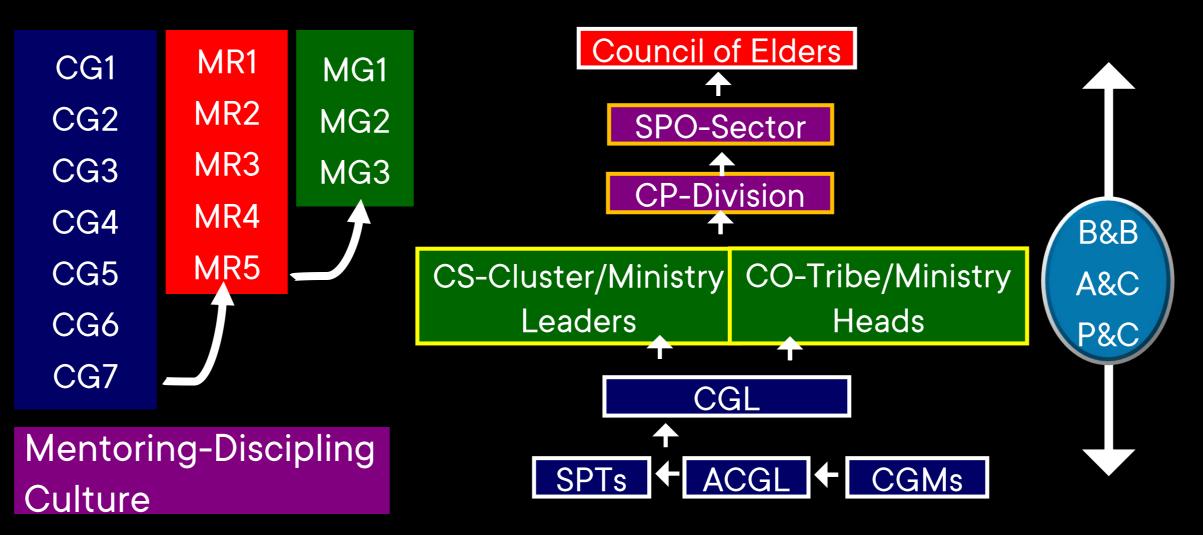
2. In the church

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

<sup>12</sup> And we urge you, brethren, to recognise those who labour among you, and are **over you in the Lord and admonish you**, <sup>13</sup> and to **esteem them very highly in love** for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

III. HOW are we covered spiritually?

#### **BBTC Relational Covering Structure**



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#### 2 Samuel 10:9-12

<sup>9</sup> When **Joab** saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best and put them in battle array against the Syrians. <sup>10</sup> And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, that he might set them in battle array against the people of Ammon. 11 Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. <sup>12</sup> Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the Lord do what is good in His sight."





Our covering comes when we submit to His delegated authority over our lives:

3. In the workplace

**Ephesians 6:5** Bondservants, **be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh**,
with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ.

1 Peter2:18; Colossians3:22 Teacher-classroom; EL-workplace; Bca LS-Kn

#### **Spiritual Covering**

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4. In the nation

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

1Peter2:13-14; LS Prayers

IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?



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1. When we submit to God's delegated authority over us as unto the Lord, we will receive blessings
The blessings include:

ROTECTION	PROVISION	PEACE	FAVOUR

**Psalm 84:11** For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; **no good thing will He withhold** from those who walk uprightly.



IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

2. When we do not submit to God's delegated authority over us, we reap negative consequences

Romans 13:2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry ...



IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

3. The only exception to submission to God's delegated authority is when it causes us to violate the laws of God

Acts 5:29 ... we must obey God rather than men ...



IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

- 4. Different aspects of covering
  - A. Adequacy of covering



(1) Routine days = Routine covering

(2) Non-routine days
= "Extra" covering
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IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

#### (2) Non-routine days = "Extra" covering: WHY

#### Matthew 12:43-45

43 When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest (harmony-environment), and finds none. 44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it **empty**, swept, and put in order. <sup>45</sup> Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.'



IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

- (2) Non-routine days = "Extra" covering: WHY?
- Vigilance in 2 basic situations: Matthew 12:43-45
- (A) When the believer makes a significant decision towards God (godliness; spirituality) Matthew8:9-df
- (B) When the believer brings the Kingdom of God into lives and situations. Stepping up in ministry

  JC+MPsx3



IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

- 4. Different aspects of covering:
  - B. Defective covering

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#2 When the parents are not covering the children



IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

5. We can lose our protection/covering
This happens when we

(1) do not walk in obedience

1 John 1:7 ... we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.



IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

5. We can lose our protection/coveringThis happens when we(2) have a spirit of unforgiveness

#### **Matthew 6:14-15**

14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



IV. WHAT do we need to know about spiritual covering?

5. We can lose our protection/covering
 This happens when we(3) are disconnected from the body-life (the church)

#### James 5:19-20

<sup>19</sup> ... if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.



5. We can lose our protection/covering
This happens when we

- (1) do not walk in obedience
- (2) have a spirit of unforgiveness
- (3) are disconnected from the body-life (the church)

When disconnected, this means that you may be further exposed to evil (e.g. witchcraft and curses)

Proverbs 26:2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight.



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#### **BOTTOM-LINE: Jehovah Nissi - Spiritual Covering**

#### **Exodus 17:8-16**

- The Amalekites represent the spiritual forces arrayed against us., especially children and women.
- Israel's best men by themselves couldn't defeat them
- Only by spiritual covering/warfare
- Joshua needed Moses/Aaron and Hur to cover him

#### **BOTTOM-LINE**

### Be plugged in the body-life

Do you have a Moses, Aaron or Hur covering you?

Be a Moses, Aaron and Hur to the people in your life?

Genesis 4:9 Be your brother's keeper

1 Corinthians 7:14; Genesis 39; Genesis 18