

THE STORY OF MOSES

Aunt Hattie's Bible Stories

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CHAPTER TWENTY

REPHIDIM

At Rephidim Israel had a new experience.

Do you remember Esau, Jacob's brother, who lost the birthright and the blessing? His descendants, called Amalekites, lived near Rephidim.

They objected to the Israelites being in their land and came up to fight against them.

Moses appointed Joshua to have charge of the army of Israel. He told him to choose men for the battle and said that he, himself, would take the rod of God in his hand and stand on top of the hill where he could view the battle.

Up to this time God had done everything for Israel.

All they had to do was to stand still and God fought for them. God had been fighting for them, now He was to fight in and through them.

Let us think of the difference between the two enemies of the Israelites. They were Pharaoh and Amalek.

- Pharaoh tried to keep them from leaving Egypt.
- Amalek tried to keep them from walking with God through the wilderness.

Satan, like Pharaoh, fights against God's people from without. The evil nature within, like Amalek, tries to keep us from doing God's will.

Joshua made all arrangements and the next day the battle was on in all of its fury.

Moses, Aaron and Hur went up on top of the hill overlooking the valley to watch the conquest.

Whenever Moses held up his hands Israel gained the victory, when his hands were down Amalek prevailed.

Therefore Moses had to keep his hands up all of the time if the battle was to be won.

After several hours he became so tired that he could not hold them up. So Aaron and Hur got a stone for Moses to sit on and they held his hands up until the sun went down and the victory was won.

Afterward God told Moses to write the story of the conflict in a book for He would utterly destroy the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. Moses built an altar in memory of the battle and God told him that these Amalekites would have war with him from generation to generation.

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