

## 第五篇

### 与亚玛力人争战

诗歌：

读经：撒十五，出十七 8 ~ 13，加五 16 ~ 17, 24

撒十五:1 撒母耳对扫罗说，耶和华差遣我膏你为王，治理祂的百姓以色列；所以现在你当听从耶和华所说的话。

撒十五:2 万军之耶和华如此说，以色列人从埃及上来的时候，在路上亚玛力人抵挡他们；为着亚玛力人向以色列人所作的，我要惩罚他们。

撒十五:3 现在你要去击打亚玛力人，灭绝他们所有的，不可怜惜他们，将男女、孩童、吃奶的，并牛、羊、骆驼和驴，尽都杀死。

撒十五:4 于是扫罗招聚百姓，在提拉因点阅他们，共有步兵二十万，另有犹大人一万。

撒十五:5 扫罗到了亚玛力的京城，在河谷中设下埋伏。

撒十五:6 扫罗对基尼人说，去吧，你们离开亚玛力人下去，恐怕我将你们和亚玛力人一同杀灭；因为以色列众人从埃及上来的时候，你们曾以恩慈待他们。于是基尼人离开亚玛力人去了。

撒十五:7 扫罗击打亚玛力人，从哈腓拉直到埃及前的书珥，

撒十五:8 生擒了亚玛力人的王亚甲，用刀灭绝亚玛力的众民。

撒十五:9 扫罗和百姓却怜惜亚甲，也爱惜上好的羊、牛、肥畜、羊羔，并一切美物，不肯灭绝；凡下贱和无价值的，都灭绝了。

撒十五:10 耶和华的话临到撒母耳，说，

撒十五:11 我立扫罗为王，我后悔了；因为他转去不跟从我，不履行我的话。撒母耳便甚恼怒，终夜哀求耶和华。

撒十五:12 撒母耳清早起来，要在早晨迎接扫罗。有人告诉撒母耳说，扫罗去了迦密，在那里为自己立了纪念碑，又回来，经过这里下到吉甲。

撒十五:13 撒母耳到了扫罗那里，扫罗对他说，愿耶和华赐福与你，耶和华的话我已履行了。

撒十五:14 撒母耳说，我耳中听见的这羊叫、牛鸣，是怎么回事呢？

撒十五:15 扫罗说，这些是从亚玛力人那里带来的；因为百姓爱惜上好的牛羊，要献与耶和华你的神；其余的，我们都灭绝了。

撒十五:16 撒母耳对扫罗说，你住口吧，我要将耶和华昨夜向我所

## Message Five

### War with the Amalekites

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: 1 Sam. 15; Exo. 17:8-13; Gal. 5:16-17, 24

1 Sam. 15:1 And Samuel said to Saul, Jehovah sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore listen to the voice of the words of Jehovah.

1 Sam. 15:2 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they set themselves against them in the way as they came up out of Egypt.

1 Sam. 15:3 Go now and strike the Amalekites; and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, oxen and sheep, camel and donkey.

1 Sam. 15:4 And Saul summoned the people and mustered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah.

1 Sam. 15:5 And Saul came to the city of the Amalekites and set an ambush in the river valley.

1 Sam. 15:6 And Saul said to the Kenites, Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites; otherwise, I will destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. And the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

1 Sam. 15:7 Then Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah as you go toward Shur, which is opposite Egypt.

1 Sam. 15:8 And he captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

1 Sam. 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and worthless, this they utterly destroyed.

1 Sam. 15:10 And the word of Jehovah came to Samuel, saying,

1 Sam. 15:11 I repent that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not fulfilled My words. And Samuel was angry, and he cried to Jehovah all night long.

1 Sam. 15:12 Then Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, saying, Saul went to Carmel and has now set up a monument for himself, and he has returned and passed on down to Gilgal.

1 Sam. 15:13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, Blessed are you of Jehovah! I have fulfilled the word of Jehovah.

1 Sam. 15:14 And Samuel said, What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears and the lowing of oxen that I hear?

1 Sam. 15:15 And Saul said, They have been brought from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice to Jehovah your God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

1 Sam. 15:16 Then Samuel said to Saul, Stop, and I will tell you what Jehovah spoke to me last night. And he

说的话告诉你。扫罗说，请讲。

撒上 15:17 撒母耳说，你虽然以自己为小，岂不是以色列支派的元首么？耶和華膏了你作以色列的王。

撒上 15:18 耶和華差遣你行路，说，你去灭绝那些犯罪的亚玛力人，攻打他们，直到将他们灭尽。

撒上 15:19 你为何没有听从耶和華的话，急忙掳掠财物，行耶和華眼中看为恶的事呢？

撒上 15:20 扫罗对撒母耳说，我实在听从了耶和華的话，行了耶和華所差遣我行的路，擒了亚玛力王亚甲来，并灭绝了亚玛力人。

撒上 15:21 百姓却在所夺得的物中取了牛羊，就是当灭之物中最好的，要在吉甲献与耶和華你的神。

撒上 15:22 撒母耳说，耶和華喜悦燔祭和平安祭，岂如喜悦人听从祂的话呢？看哪，听从胜于献祭；听命胜于公羊的脂油。

撒上 15:23 悖逆与行邪术的罪相等；顽梗与拜虚神和家神相同。你既厌弃耶和華的话，耶和華也厌弃你作王。

撒上 15:24 扫罗对撒母耳说，我有罪了，我因惧怕百姓，听从他们的话，就违犯了耶和華的命令和你的言语。

撒上 15:25 现在求你赦免我的罪，同我回去，我好敬拜耶和華。

撒上 15:26 撒母耳对扫罗说，我不同你回去；因为你厌弃耶和華的话，耶和華也厌弃你作以色列的王。

撒上 15:27 撒母耳转身要走，扫罗扯住他外袍的衣边，衣边就撕断了。

撒上 15:28 撒母耳对他说，今日耶和華已将以色列国从你身上撕断，将这国赐给你亲近的人，他比你更好。

撒上 15:29 以色列的尊高者必不说谎，也不后悔；因为祂并非人，绝不后悔。

撒上 15:30 扫罗说，我有罪了，虽然如此，求你在我百姓的长老和以色列人面前尊重我，同我回去，我好敬拜耶和華你的神。

撒上 15:31 于是撒母耳跟随扫罗回去，扫罗就敬拜耶和華。

撒上 15:32 撒母耳说，把亚玛力王亚甲带到我这里来。亚甲就欢欢喜喜地来到他那里，因他心里说，死亡的苦楚必定转消了。

撒上 15:33 撒母耳说，你怎样用刀使妇人丧子，你母亲在妇人中也不必照样丧子。于是，撒母耳在吉甲耶和華面前，将亚甲砍成碎块。

撒上 15:34 撒母耳往拉玛去；扫罗也上他所住的基比亚，到自己的家去了。

撒上 15:35 撒母耳直到死的日子，再没有去看扫罗；但撒母耳为扫罗悲伤。耶和華也后悔立扫罗为以色列的王。

出 17:8 那时，亚玛力人来在利非订，和以色列人争战。

出 17:9 摩西对约书亚说，你为我们选出人来，出去和亚玛力人争战。明天我手里要拿着神的杖，站在山顶上。

出 17:10 于是约书亚照着摩西对他所说的话行，和亚玛力人争战。摩西、亚伦与户珥，都上了山顶。

出 17:11 摩西何时举手，以色列人就获胜；何时垂手，亚玛力人就获胜。

出 17:12 但摩西的手发沉，他们就搬一块石头来，放在他以下，他

said to him, Speak.

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1 Sam. 15:18 And Jehovah sent you on a journey and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.

1 Sam. 15:19 Why then did you not obey the voice of Jehovah, but flew upon the spoil and did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah?

1 Sam. 15:20 And Saul said to Samuel, I surely did obey the voice of Jehovah, and I went on the journey that Jehovah sent me on. And I have brought Agag the king of the Amalekites and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

1 Sam. 15:21 But of the spoil the people took sheep and oxen, the chief of those things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to Jehovah your God in Gilgal.

1 Sam. 15:22 And Samuel said, / Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices / As much as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? / Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, / And to heed, than the fat of rams.

1 Sam. 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, / And insubordination is like idolatry and teraphim. / Because you have rejected the word of Jehovah, / He has also rejected you from being king.

1 Sam. 15:24 And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of Jehovah and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

1 Sam. 15:25 Now therefore pardon my sin, I beg you, and return with me so that I may worship Jehovah.

1 Sam. 15:26 But Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of Jehovah, and Jehovah has rejected you from being king over Israel.

1 Sam. 15:27 And when Samuel turned around to go, Saul seized the corner of his cloak, and it tore.

1 Sam. 15:28 And Samuel said to him, Jehovah has torn the kingdom of Israel away from you today and has given it to an associate of yours, who is better than you.

1 Sam. 15:29 Moreover the Eminence of Israel does not lie nor repent, for He is not a man that He should repent.

1 Sam. 15:30 Then Saul said, I have sinned. Honor me now, I beg you, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me so that I may worship Jehovah your God.

1 Sam. 15:31 So Samuel returned after Saul, and Saul worshipped Jehovah.

1 Sam. 15:32 Then Samuel said, Bring Agag the king of the Amalekites near to me. And Agag came to him cheerfully, for Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death has turned.

1 Sam. 15:33 And Samuel said, Just as your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag to pieces before Jehovah in Gilgal.

1 Sam. 15:34 And Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.

1 Sam. 15:35 And Samuel never again saw Saul unto the day of his death, though Samuel mourned for Saul. And Jehovah repented that He had made Saul king over Israel.

Exo. 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

Exo. 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.

Exo. 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

Exo. 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.

Exo. 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and

就坐在上面。亚伦与户珥扶着他的手，一个在这边，一个在那边，他的手就稳住，直到日落的时候。

出 17:13 约书亚用刀击败了亚玛力王和他的百姓。

加 5:16 我说，你们当凭着灵而行，就绝不会满足肉体的情欲了。

加 5:17 因为肉体纵任贪欲，抵抗那灵，那灵也抵抗肉体，二者彼此敌对，使你们不能作所愿意的。

加 5:24 但那属基督耶稣的人，是已经把肉体连肉体的邪情私欲，都钉了十字架。

## 壹 撒上十五章记载扫罗在征服亚玛力人的事上不顺从：

撒上十五（略）

### 一 扫罗虽然征服了仇敌，但他完全不顺从神—7～9 节。

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### 二 扫罗在这里完全、彻底地被暴露，因而被神和撒母耳弃绝—14～26 节。

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Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Exo. 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Gal. 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

Gal. 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

## I. First Samuel 15 is a record of Saul's disobedience in his conquest of the Amalekites:

1 Sam. 15 (omitted)

### A. He conquered the enemy, yet he was altogether disobedient to God—vv. 7-9.

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### B. Here Saul was absolutely and thoroughly exposed, and then he was given up by God and also by Samuel—vv. 14-26.

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三 這章包含我們今天該學的一個重要的功課。

## 貳 按預表，亞瑪力人表征肉体—墮落的人— 出十七 8 ~ 16:

出 17:8 那時，亞瑪力人來在利非訂，和以色列人爭戰。

出 17:9 摩西對約書亞說，你為我們選出人來，出去和亞瑪力人爭戰。明天我手里要拿着神的杖，站在山頂上。

出 17:10 於是約書亞照着摩西對他所說的話行，和亞瑪力人爭戰。摩西、亞倫與戶珥，都上了山頂。

出 17:11 摩西何時舉手，以色列人就勝；何時垂手，亞瑪力人就勝。

出 17:12 但摩西的手發沉，他們就搬一塊石頭來，放在他以下，他就坐在上面。亞倫與戶珥扶着他的手，一個在這邊，一個在那邊，他的手就穩住，直到日落的時候。

出 17:13 約書亞用刀擊敗了亞瑪力王和他的百姓。

出 17:14 耶和華對摩西說，我要將亞瑪力的名號從天下全然塗抹；你要將這話寫在書上作記念，又念給約書亞聽。

出 17:15 摩西築了一座壇，起名叫耶和華尼西；

出 17:16 又說，因為有手敵擋耶和華的寶座；耶和華必世世代代和亞瑪力人爭戰。

一 亞瑪力人表征肉体，就是阻撓我們跟隨主最主要的仇敵—8 節，申二五 17 ~ 18:

出 17:8 那時，亞瑪力人來在利非訂，和以色列人爭戰。

申 25:17 你要記得你們出埃及的時候，亞瑪力人在路上怎樣待你。

申 25:18 他們在路上遇見你，趁你疲乏困倦的時候，击杀你后邊軟弱的人，並不敬畏神。

1 “亞瑪力”這名字的意思是好戰，指明肉体好戰、毀坏人、攪擾人。

2 最毀坏基督徒生活的就是肉体—彼前二 11。

彼前 2:11 親愛的，我勸你們作客旅和寄居的，要禁戒屬肉体的私欲，這私欲是与魂戰鬥的；

3 神不断与亞瑪力人爭戰，這启示神如何憎惡肉体，要将肉体除滅淨盡—出十七 16，加五 17。

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C. This chapter contains an important lesson for us today.

## II. In typology, the Amalekites signify the flesh—the fallen man—Exo. 17:8-16:

Exo. 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

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Exo. 17:14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.

Exo. 17:15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi;

Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

A. Amalek, the flesh, is the leading enemy in frustrating us from going on with the Lord—v. 8; Deut. 25:17-18:

Exo. 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

Deut. 25:17 Remember what Amalek did to you on the way when you came out of Egypt,

Deut. 25:18 That he met you on the way and struck you at the rear, struck all those who were worn out at your rear, when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God.

1. The name Amalek means "warlike," indicating that the flesh is warlike, destructive, and disturbing.

2. The greatest destroyer of the Christian life is the flesh—1 Pet. 2:11.

1 Pet. 2:11 Beloved, I entreat you as strangers and sojourners to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul,

3. The fact that God has a continual war with Amalek reveals that God hates the flesh and desires to exterminate it—Exo. 17:16; Gal. 5:17.

出 17:16 又说，因为有手敌挡耶和华的宝座；耶和華必世世代代和亚玛力人争战。

加 5:17 因为肉体纵任贪欲，抵抗那灵，那灵也抵抗肉体，二者彼此敌对，使你们不能作所愿意的。

## 二 肉体指堕落旧人的总和，就是我们整个堕落的人—创六 3，罗七 18 上，加二 16：

创 6:3 耶和華说，人既是肉体，我的灵就不永远与他相争；然而他的日子还有一百二十年。

罗 7:18 我知道住在我里面，就是我肉体之中，并没有善，因为立志为善由得我，只是行出来由不得我。

加 2:16 且知道人得称义，不是本于行律法，乃是借着信耶稣基督，连我们也信入了基督耶稣，使我们本于信基督得称义，不是本于行律法；因为凡属肉体的人，都不能本于行律法得称义。

### 1 肉体是旧人的活出，旧人的表现—罗六 6。

罗 6:6 知道我们的旧人已经与祂同钉十字架，使罪的身体失效，叫我们不再作罪的奴仆，

### 2 肉体是与神为仇，肉体不服神的律法，肉体本身也不能服神的律法—八 7。

罗 8:7 因为置于肉体的心思，是与神为仇，因它不服神的律法，也是不能服；

## 三 肉体是神仇敌的大本营，是神仇敌作工最大的根据地—加五 19～21：

加 5:19 肉体的行为，都是明显的，就是淫乱、污秽、邪荡、

加 5:20 拜偶像、邪术、仇恨、争竞、忌恨、恼怒、私图好争、分立、宗派、

加 5:21 嫉妒、醉酒、荒宴以及类似的事；关于这些事，我现在事先告诉你们，正如我先前说过的：行这样事的人，必不得承受神的国。

### 1 就实际的意义说，在整个宇宙中，神唯一的仇敌不是撒但，乃是肉体—罗八 7。

罗 8:7 因为置于肉体的心思，是与神为仇，因它不服神的律法，也是不能服；

### 2 肉体，堕落的人，完全与撒但是一，被撒但用以抵抗神—太十六 23，加五 17。

太 16:23 祂却转过来，对彼得说，撒但，退我后面去吧！你是绊跌我的，因为你不思念神的事，只思念人的事。

加 5:17 因为肉体纵任贪欲，抵抗那灵，那灵也抵抗肉体，二者彼此敌对，使你们不能作所愿意的。

Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

## B. The flesh denotes the totality of the fallen old man, our entire fallen being—Gen. 6:3; Rom. 7:18a; Gal. 2:16:

Gen. 6:3 And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years.

Rom. 7:18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not.

Gal. 2:16 And knowing that a man is not justified out of works of law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of faith in Christ and not out of the works of law, because out of the works of law no flesh will be justified.

### 1. The flesh is the living out and the expression of the old man—Rom. 6:6.

Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

### 2. The flesh is enmity against God, the flesh is not subject to God's law, and the flesh is not able to subject itself to God's law—8:7.

Rom. 8:7 Because the mind set on the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither can it be.

## C. The flesh is the camp of God's enemy and the largest base for his work—Gal. 5:19-21:

Gal. 5:19 And the works of the flesh are manifest, which are such things as fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal. 5:20 Idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, divisions, sects,

Gal. 5:21 Envyings, bouts of drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### 1. In the entire universe God's unique enemy, in a practical sense, is not Satan but the flesh—Rom. 8:7.

Rom. 8:7 Because the mind set on the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither can it be.

### 2. The flesh, the fallen man, is absolutely one with Satan and is used by Satan to fight against God—Matt. 16:23; Gal. 5:17.

Matt. 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.

Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

3 肉体是在我们一切的仇敌当中为首的；它领先于罪、世界和撒但，与我们争战—罗八3。

罗 8:3 律法因肉体而软弱，有所不能的，神，既在罪之肉体的样式里，并为着罪，差来了自己的儿子，就在肉体中定罪了罪，

4 神如何憎恶撒但，也如何憎恶肉体；祂如何要除灭撒但，也如何要除灭肉体—出十七16，申二五17～19，撒上十五2～3。

出 17:16 又说，因为有手敌挡耶和华的宝座；耶和华必世代和亚玛力人争战。

申 25:17 你要记得你们出埃及的时候，亚玛力人在路上怎样待你。

申 25:18 他们在路上遇见你，趁你疲乏困倦的时候，击杀你尽后边软弱的人，并不敬畏神。

申 25:19 所以耶和华你神使你不会被四围的一切仇敌扰乱，在耶和华你神赐你承受为业的地上得安息；那时，你要将亚玛力的名号从天下涂抹了，不可忘记。

撒上 15:2 万军之耶和华如此说，以色列人从埃及上来的时候，在路上亚玛力人抵挡他们；为着亚玛力人向以色列人所作的，我要惩罚他们。

撒上 15:3 现在你要去击打亚玛力人，灭绝他们所有的，不可怜惜他们，将男女、孩童、吃奶的，并牛、羊、骆驼和驴，尽都杀死。

四 亚玛力人有敌挡主宝座的手—出十七16，撒上十五22～23：

出 17:16 又说，因为有手敌挡耶和华的宝座；耶和华必世代和亚玛力人争战。

撒上 15:22 撒母耳说，耶和华喜悦燔祭和平安祭，岂如喜悦人听祂的话呢？看哪，听从胜于献祭；听命胜于公羊的脂油。

撒上 15:23 悖逆与行邪术的罪相等；顽梗与拜虚神和家神相同。你既厌弃耶和华的话，耶和华也厌弃你作王。

1 亚玛力人想要推翻神的宝座，正如撒但从前想要作的一样—出十七8，16。

出 17:8 那时，亚玛力人来在利非订，和以色列人争战。

出 17:16 又说，因为有手敌挡耶和华的宝座；耶和华必世代和亚玛力人争战。

2 肉体和撒但一样，敌挡神的权柄—赛十四12～14：

赛 14:12 明亮之星，清晨之子啊，你何竟从天坠落！你这攻败列国的，何竟被砍倒在地上！

赛 14:13 你心里曾说，我要升到天上；我要高举我的宝座在神众星以上。我要坐在聚会的山上，在北方的极处。

3. The flesh is the first among our enemies, taking the lead over sin, the world, and Satan to fight against us—Rom. 8:3.

Rom. 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

4. God hates the flesh in the same manner that He hates Satan, and He wants to destroy the flesh in the same manner that He wants to destroy Satan—Exo. 17:16; Deut. 25:17-19; 1 Sam. 15:2-3.

Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

Deut. 25:17 Remember what Amalek did to you on the way when you came out of Egypt,

Deut. 25:18 That he met you on the way and struck you at the rear, struck all those who were worn out at your rear, when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God.

Deut. 25:19 Therefore when Jehovah your God gives you rest from all your enemies surrounding you, in the land which Jehovah your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget.

1 Sam. 15:2 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they set themselves against them in the way as they came up out of Egypt.

1 Sam. 15:3 Go now and strike the Amalekites; and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, oxen and sheep, camel and donkey.

D. With Amalek there is a hand against the throne of the Lord—Exo. 17:16; 1 Sam. 15:22-23:

Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

1 Sam. 15:22 And Samuel said, / Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices / As much as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? / Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, / And to heed, than the fat of rams.

1 Sam. 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, / And insubordination is like idolatry and teraphim. / Because you have rejected the word of Jehovah, / He has also rejected you from being king.

1. Amalek tried to overthrow God's throne, just as Satan once tried to do—Exo. 17:8, 16.

Exo. 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

2. Like Satan himself, the flesh is against God's authority—Isa. 14:12-14:

Isa. 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, / O Daystar, son of the dawn! / How you have been hewn down to earth, / You who made nations fall prostrate!

Isa. 14:13 But you, you said in your heart: / I will ascend to heaven; / Above the stars of God / I will exalt my throne. / And I will sit upon the mount of assembly / In the uttermost parts of the north.

赛 14:14 我要升到高云之上；我要使自己与至高者一样。

- a 肉体是背叛神的，并且敌挡神的宝座。
- b 无论神有什么行政，肉体总是反对。
- 3 我们的肉体是神权柄的仇敌，背叛神的行政管理：

- a 肉体最丑陋，因为它敌挡神的宝座、行政和计划——启 4:2，五 6，弗 3:11。

启 4:2 我立刻就在灵里；看哪，有一个宝座安置在天上，又有一位坐在宝座上。

启 5:6 我又看见宝座与四活物中间，并众长老中间，有羔羊站立，像是刚被杀过的，有七角和七眼，就是神的七灵，奉差遣往全地去的。

弗 3:11 这是照着祂在我们的主基督耶稣里，所立的永远定旨；

- b 肉体的每一面，不论是好是坏，都是神权柄的仇敌。
- c 凡出于肉体的，都敌挡神的宝座；神的仇敌，那狡猾者撒但，会利用肉体拦阻神的定旨——林后 2:11。

林后 2:11 免得我们给撒但占了便宜，因我们并非不晓得他的阴谋。

### 五 肉体与君王职分相对：

- 1 哪里有肉体，哪里就不能有神的国。
- 2 故此，肉体必须彻底受对付，神的国才能来临。

### 叁 在撒上十五章二节，耶和华宣告说，为着亚玛力人与以色列人争战时向以色列人所作的，祂要惩罚他们：

撒上 15:2 万军之耶和华如此说，以色列人从埃及上来的时候，在海上亚玛力人抵挡他们；为着亚玛力人向以色列人所作的，我要惩罚他们。

- 一 当以色列人前去达到神的目标时，亚玛力人与他们争战——出 17:8-16，撒上 15:2-3：

出 17:8 那时，亚玛力人来到利非订，和以色列人争战。

Isa. 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; / I will make myself like the Most High.

- a. The flesh is in rebellion against God and against His throne.
- b. Whatever God does governmentally, the flesh opposes it.
- 3. Our flesh is an enemy of God's authority and is in rebellion against God's governmental administration:

- a. The flesh is most ugly because it is against the throne, the administration, and the plan of God—Rev. 4:2; 5:6; Eph. 3:11.

Rev. 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;

Rev. 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Eph. 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

- b. Every aspect of our flesh, whether good or evil, is an enemy of God's authority.
- c. Whatever is of the flesh is against God's throne; it will be used by Satan, the subtle one, the enemy of God, to hinder God's purpose—2 Cor. 2:11.

2 Cor. 2:11 That we may not be taken advantage of by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

### E. The flesh is versus kingship:

- 1. Where the flesh is, there can be no kingdom of God.
- 2. For this reason, the flesh must be thoroughly dealt with before the kingdom of God can come.

### III. In 1 Samuel 15:2 Jehovah declared that He would punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they fought against Israel:

1 Sam. 15:2 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they set themselves against them in the way as they came up out of Egypt.

- A. Amalek fought against the children of Israel as they were journeying to attain to God's goal—Exo. 17:8-16; 1 Sam. 15:2-3:

Exo. 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

出 17:9 摩西对约书亚说，你为我们选出人来，出去和亚玛力人争战。明天我手里要拿着神的杖，站在山顶上。  
出 17:10 于是约书亚照着摩西对他所说的话行，和亚玛力人争战。摩西、亚伦与户珥，都上了山顶。  
出 17:11 摩西何时举手，以色列人就获胜；何时垂手，亚玛力人就获胜。  
出 17:12 但摩西的手发沉，他们就搬一块石头来，放在他以下，他就坐在上面。亚伦与户珥扶着他的手，一个在这边，一个在那边，他的手就稳住，直到日落的时候。  
出 17:13 约书亚用刀击败了亚玛力王和他的百姓。  
出 17:14 耶和华对摩西说，我要将亚玛力的名号从天下全然涂抹；你要将这话写在书上作纪念，又念给约书亚听。  
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出 17:16 又说，因为有手敌挡耶和华的宝座；耶和华必世世代代和亚玛力人争战。  
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## 1 出埃及十七章八至十六节描述在与亚玛力人的争战中，摩西手里拿着神的杖，站在山顶上，约书亚与选出来的人出去和亚玛力人争战，并击败亚玛力人。

出 17:8 那时，亚玛力人来在利非订，和以色列人争战。  
出 17:9 摩西对约书亚说，你为我们选出人来，出去和亚玛力人争战。明天我手里要拿着神的杖，站在山顶上。  
出 17:10 于是约书亚照着摩西对他所说的话行，和亚玛力人争战。摩西、亚伦与户珥，都上了山顶。  
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出 17:16 又说，因为有手敌挡耶和华的宝座；耶和华必世世代代和亚玛力人争战。

## 2 约书亚争战时，摩西就祷告。

## 3 约书亚击败了亚玛力人后，神宣告祂必“世世代代和亚玛力人争战”；（16；）这显示神将亚玛力人

Exo. 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.  
Exo. 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.  
Exo. 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.  
Exo. 17:12 But Moses' hands were 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 one on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.  
Exo. 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.  
Exo. 17:14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.  
Exo. 17:15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi;  
Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.  
1 Sam. 15:2 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they set themselves against them in the way as they came up out of Egypt.  
1 Sam. 15:3 Go now and strike the Amalekites; and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, oxen and sheep, camel and donkey.

## 1. In the war with Amalek described in Exodus 17:8-16, Moses stood on the top of the hill with the staff of God in his hand, and Joshua went out with chosen men to fight against, and to defeat, Amalek.

Exo. 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.  
Exo. 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.  
Exo. 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.  
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Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

## 2. While Joshua was fighting, Moses was praying.

## 3. After Joshua defeated Amalek, God declared that He would "have war with Amalek from generation to generation" (v. 16); this shows how

所引起的拦阻看得多么严重。

出 17:16 又说，因为有手敌挡耶和华的宝座；耶和華必世代代和亚玛力人争战。

## 二出埃及十七章八至十三节给我们看见，如何与亚玛力人争战：

出 17:8 那时，亚玛力人来在利非订，和以色列人争战。

出 17:9 摩西对约书亚说，你为我们选出人来，出去和亚玛力人争战。明天我手里要拿着神的杖，站在山顶上。

出 17:10 于是约书亚照着摩西对他所说的话行，和亚玛力人争战。摩西、亚伦与户珥，都上了山顶。

出 17:11 摩西何时举手，以色列人就获胜；何时垂手，亚玛力人就获胜。

出 17:12 但摩西的手发沉，他们就搬一块石头来，放在他以下，他就坐在上面。亚伦与户珥扶着他的手，一个在这边，一个在那边，他的手就稳住，直到日落的时候。

出 17:13 约书亚用刀击败了亚玛力王和他的百姓。

### 1 我们借着代求的基督和争战的灵而与亚玛力人争战—罗八 34，来七 25，加五 17：

罗 8:34 谁能定我们的罪？有基督耶稣已经死了，而且已经复活了，现今在神的右边，还为我们代求。

来 7:25 所以，那借着祂来到神面前的人，祂都能拯救到底；因为祂是长远活着，为他们代求。

加 5:17 因为肉体纵任贪欲，抵抗那灵，那灵也抵抗肉体，二者彼此敌对，使你们不能作所愿意的。

### a 摩西在山顶举手，预表升天的基督在诸天之上代求—出十七 9，11。

出 17:9 摩西对约书亚说，你为我们选出人来，出去和亚玛力人争战。明天我手里要拿着神的杖，站在山顶上。

出 17:11 摩西何时举手，以色列人就获胜；何时垂手，亚玛力人就获胜。

### b 约书亚与亚玛力人争战，预表内住的灵与肉体争战—9，13 节。

出 17:9 摩西对约书亚说，你为我们选出人来，出去和亚玛力人争战。明天我手里要拿着神的杖，站在山顶上。

出 17:13 约书亚用刀击败了亚玛力王和他的百姓。

### c 我们需要与代求的基督联合，好与争战的灵合作—西三 1～3，5，罗八 34，13，加五 24，17。

西 3:1 所以你们若与基督一同复活，就当寻求在上面的事，那里有基督坐在神的右边。

西 3:2 你们要思念在上面的事，不要思念在地上的事。

seriously God regarded the frustration caused by the Amalekites.

Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

## B. Exodus 17:8-13 shows us how to fight against Amalek:

Exo. 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

Exo. 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.

Exo. 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

Exo. 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.

Exo. 17:12 But Moses' hands were 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 one on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Exo. 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

### 1. We fight against Amalek by the interceding Christ and the fighting Spirit—Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; Gal. 5:17:

Rom. 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Heb. 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.

Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

### a. Moses lifting up his hand on the mountaintop typifies the ascended Christ interceding in the heavens—Exo. 17:9, 11.

Exo. 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.

Exo. 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.

### b. Joshua fighting against Amalek typifies the indwelling Spirit fighting against the flesh—vv. 9, 13.

Exo. 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.

Exo. 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

### c. We need to be in union with the interceding Christ in order to cooperate with the fighting Spirit—Col. 3:1-3, 5; Rom. 8:34, 13; Gal. 5:24, 17.

Col. 3:1 If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Col. 3:2 Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth.

西 3:3 因为你们已经死了，你们的生命与基督一同藏在神里面。  
西 3:5 所以要治死你们在地上的肢体，就是淫乱、污秽、邪情、恶欲和贪婪，贪婪就是拜偶像，  
罗 8:34 谁能定我们的罪？有基督耶稣已经死了，而且已经复活了，现今在神的右边，还为我们代求。  
罗 8:13 因为你们若照肉体活着，必要死；但你们若靠着那灵治死身体的行为，必要活着。  
加 5:24 但那属基督耶稣的人，是已经把肉体连肉体的邪情私欲，都钉了十字架。  
加 5:17 因为肉体纵任贪欲，抵抗那灵，那灵也抵抗肉体，二者彼此敌对，使你们不能作所愿意的。

## 2 在与亚玛力人争战的事上，我们必须借着祷告并将肉体治死而与主合作——路 18:1，帖前 5:17，罗 8:13，加 5:24：

路 18:1 耶稣又对他们讲一个比喻，是要人常常祷告，不可灰心，说，帖前 5:17 不住地祷告，  
罗 8:13 因为你们若照肉体活着，必要死；但你们若靠着那灵治死身体的行为，必要活着。  
加 5:24 但那属基督耶稣的人，是已经把肉体连肉体的邪情私欲，都钉了十字架。

### a 当我们祷告，我们就与代求的基督是一——罗 8:34。

罗 8:34 谁能定我们的罪？有基督耶稣已经死了，而且已经复活了，现今在神的右边，还为我们代求。

### b 当我们治死肉体，我们就与争战的灵是一——加 5:17。

加 5:17 因为肉体纵任贪欲，抵抗那灵，那灵也抵抗肉体，二者彼此敌对，使你们不能作所愿意的。

### c 一面，我们必须与基督一同祷告；另一面，我们必须凭争战的灵击杀肉体——24 节。

加 5:24 但那属基督耶稣的人，是已经把肉体连肉体的邪情私欲，都钉了十字架。

### d 钉死旧人是神的责任；钉死肉体是我们的责任——罗 6:6，8:13，加 5:24。

罗 6:6 知道我们的旧人已经与祂同钉十字架，使罪的身体失效，叫我们不再作罪的奴仆，  
罗 8:13 因为你们若照肉体活着，必要死；但你们若靠着那灵治死身体的行为，必要活着。  
加 5:24 但那属基督耶稣的人，是已经把肉体连肉体的邪情私欲，都钉了十字架。

Col. 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
Col. 3:5 Put to death therefore your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and greediness, which is idolatry;  
Rom. 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.  
Rom. 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.  
Gal. 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.  
Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

## 2. In the battle against Amalek, we need to cooperate with the Lord by praying and by putting the flesh to death—Luke 18:1; 1 Thes. 5:17; Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:24:

Luke 18:1 And He told them a parable to the end that they ought always to pray and not lose heart,  
1 Thes. 5:17 Unceasingly pray,  
Rom. 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.  
Gal. 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

### a. When we pray, we are one with the interceding Christ—Rom. 8:34.

Rom. 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

### b. When we put the flesh to death, we are one with the fighting Spirit—Gal. 5:17.

Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

### c. On the one hand, we must pray with Christ; on the other hand, we must slay the flesh by the fighting Spirit—v. 24.

Gal. 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

### d. Crucifying the old man was God's responsibility; crucifying the flesh is our responsibility—Rom. 6:6; 8:13; Gal. 5:24.

Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;  
Rom. 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.  
Gal. 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

## 肆 神吩咐扫罗“去击打亚玛力人”，并“灭绝他们所有的”，不可怜惜他们；但扫罗没有顺从耶和华的吩咐—撒上十五3~9：

撒上 15:3 现在你要去击打亚玛力人，灭绝他们所有的，不可怜惜他们，将男女、孩童、吃奶的，并牛、羊、骆驼和驴，尽都杀死。

撒上 15:4 于是扫罗招聚百姓，在提拉因点阅他们，共有步兵二十万，另有犹大人一万。

撒上 15:5 扫罗到了亚玛力的京城，在河谷中设下埋伏。

撒上 15:6 扫罗对基尼人说，去吧，你们离开亚玛力人下去，恐怕我将你们和亚玛力人一同杀灭；因为以色列众人从埃及上来的时候，你们曾以仁慈待他们。于是基尼人离开亚玛力人去了。

撒上 15:7 扫罗击打亚玛力人，从哈腓拉直到埃及前的书珥，

撒上 15:8 生擒了亚玛力人的王亚甲，用刀灭绝亚玛力的众民。

撒上 15:9 扫罗和百姓却怜惜亚甲，也爱惜上好的羊、牛、肥畜、羊羔，并一切美物，不肯灭绝；凡下贱和无价值的，都灭绝了。

### 一扫罗灭绝了亚玛力的众民，却怜惜亚甲王，也爱惜上好的羊、牛、肥畜、羊羔，并一切美物—7~9节。

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### 二扫罗和百姓怜惜该灭绝之物中上好的，这描绘一个事实：在经历上我们宝贝自己肉体、天然生命好的方面，不想加以毁灭：

#### 1 我们在神的恩典以外，不倚靠祂、信靠祂，无论作什么，都是出于肉体的一腓三3~4。

腓 3:3 真受割礼的，乃是我们这凭神的灵事奉，在基督耶稣里夸口，不依靠肉体的。

腓 3:4 其实我也可以信靠肉体；若别人自以为可以信靠肉体，我更可以：

#### 2 肉体的每一面，无论是善或恶，都与恩典和神的国对抗，使我们不能享受基督；所以，我们必须恨恶

## IV. God commanded Saul to "strike the Amalekites" and to "utterly destroy all that they have" and not spare them, but he did not obey Jehovah's command—1 Sam. 15:3-9:

1 Sam. 15:3 Go now and strike the Amalekites; and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, oxen and sheep, camel and donkey.

1 Sam. 15:4 And Saul summoned the people and mustered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah.

1 Sam. 15:5 And Saul came to the city of the Amalekites and set an ambush in the river valley.

1 Sam. 15:6 And Saul said to the Kenites, Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites; otherwise, I will destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. And the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

1 Sam. 15:7 Then Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah as you go toward Shur, which is opposite Egypt.

1 Sam. 15:8 And he captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

1 Sam. 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and worthless, this they utterly destroyed.

### A. Saul killed the Amalekites, but he spared Agag the king and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good—vv. 7-9.

1 Sam. 15:7 Then Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah as you go toward Shur, which is opposite Egypt.

1 Sam. 15:8 And he captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

1 Sam. 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and worthless, this they utterly destroyed.

### B. Saul and the people's sparing the best part of the things that they should have utterly destroyed portrays the fact that, experientially, we treasure the good aspects of our flesh, our natural life, and do not wish to destroy them:

#### 1. Whatever we do apart from God's grace and apart from depending on Him and trusting in Him is of the flesh—Phil. 3:3-4.

Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,

Phil. 3:4 Though I myself have something to be confident of in the flesh as well. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I more:

#### 2. Every aspect of the flesh, whether good or evil, is in opposition to grace and God's kingdom and keeps us from enjoying Christ;

肉体的每一面，在毁灭肉体的事上绝对—罗八 13，加三 3，五 2 ~ 4。

罗 8:13 因为你们若照肉体活着，必要死；但你们若靠着那灵治死身体的行为，必要活着。

加 3:3 你们是这样的无知么？你们既靠那灵开始，如今还靠肉体成全么？

加 5:2 看哪，我保罗告诉你们，你们若受割礼，基督就于你们无益了。

加 5:3 我再对凡受割礼的人作见证，他是欠着行全律法债的人。

加 5:4 你们这要靠律法得称义的，是与基督隔绝，从恩典中坠落了。

### 三神不要扫罗用上好的牛羊作祭物献给祂—撒上十五 15:

撒上 15:15 扫罗说，这些是从亚玛力人那里带来的；因为百姓爱惜上好的牛羊，要献与耶和华你的神；其余的，我们都灭绝了。

1 呈献给神的任何出自肉体之物，在神眼中乃是恶的—19 节。

撒上 15:19 你为何没有听从耶和华的话，急忙掳掠财物，行耶和华眼中看为恶的事呢？

2 照我们自己的意愿向神献祭，乃是僭妄且有罪的一创四 5，太七 22 ~ 23。

创 4:5 只是看中该隐和他的供物。该隐就大大发怒，垂下脸来。

太 7:22 当日，许多人要对我说，主啊，主啊，我们不是在你的名里预言过，在你的名里赶鬼过，并在你的名里行过许多异能么？

太 7:23 那时，我要向他们宣告：我从来不认识你们，你们这些行不法的人，离开我去吧。

### 伍 照我们自己的意愿行善，实际上是悖逆神宝座和祂经纶的行为—撒上十五 22 ~ 23，出十七 16:

撒上 15:22 撒母耳说，耶和华喜悦燔祭和平安祭，岂如喜悦人听从祂的话呢？看哪，听从胜于献祭；听命胜于公羊的脂油。

撒上 15:23 悖逆与行邪术的罪相等；顽梗与拜虚神和家神相同。你既厌弃耶和华的话，耶和华也厌弃你作王。

出 17:16 又说，因为有手敌挡耶和华的宝座；耶和华必世世代代和亚玛力人争战。

一扫罗的不顺从，暴露他是背叛神的人，也是神的仇敌—撒上二二 17。

therefore, we must hate every aspect of the flesh and be absolute in destroying the flesh—Rom. 8:13; Gal. 3:3; 5:2-4.

Rom. 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

Gal. 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Gal. 5:2 Behold, I Paul say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

Gal. 5:3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

Gal. 5:4 You have been brought to nought, separated from Christ, you who are being justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

### C. God did not want Saul to use the best of the cattle as a sacrifice to Him—1 Sam. 15:15:

1 Sam. 15:15 And Saul said, They have been brought from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice to Jehovah your God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

1. Anything presented and sacrificed to God that has its source in the flesh is evil in His sight—v. 19.

1 Sam. 15:19 Why then did you not obey the voice of Jehovah, but flew upon the spoil and did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah?

2. To offer something to God according to our own will is presumptuous and is sinful—Gen. 4:5; Matt. 7:22-23.

Gen. 4:5 But for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. And Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell.

Matt. 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, was it not in Your name that we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power?

Matt. 7:23 And then I will declare to them: I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.

### V. Doing good according to our own will is actually an act of rebellion against God's throne and His economy—1 Sam. 15:22-23; Exo. 17:16:

1 Sam. 15:22 And Samuel said, / Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices / As much as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? / Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, / And to heed, than the fat of rams.

1 Sam. 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, / And insubordination is like idolatry and teraphim. / Because you have rejected the word of Jehovah, / He has also rejected you from being king.

Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

A. Saul's disobedience exposed him as being a rebel against God and an enemy of God—1 Sam. 22:17.

撒 22:17 王就对左右侍立的护卫兵说，你们转过去杀耶和华的祭司，因为他们与大卫联手，又知道大卫逃跑，竟没有告诉我。王的臣仆却不肯伸手杀耶和华的祭司。

二扫罗全然背叛神，完全不服神，不以神为他的王和他的元首。

三他是由悖逆所构成的；这样的悖逆与拜偶像一样邪恶—十五 23。

撒 15:23 悖逆与行邪术的罪相等；顽梗与拜虚神和家神相同。你既厌弃耶和的话，耶和也厌弃你作王。

四扫罗所作的，与接触邪灵，要行邪灵的意愿而不行神的意愿，是同样的邪恶—23 节。

撒 15:23 悖逆与行邪术的罪相等；顽梗与拜虚神和家神相同。你既厌弃耶和的话，耶和也厌弃你作王。

五一切的悖逆都是任意妄为，胆敢离开神而行事。

陆 扫罗失去君王职分，因他没有灭尽亚玛力人—十五 26, 28:

撒 15:26 撒母耳对扫罗说，我不同你回去；因为你厌弃耶和的话，耶和也厌弃你作以色列的王。

撒 15:28 撒母耳对他说，今日耶和已将以色列国从你身上撕断，将这国赐给你亲近的人，他比你更好。

一我们若在对付肉体的事上不绝对，就会像扫罗那样失去我们的君王职分—彼前二 9，启一 6，五 10。

彼前 2:9 唯有你们是蒙拣选的族类，是君尊的祭司体系，是圣别的国度，是买来作产业的子民，要叫你们宣扬那召你们出黑暗、入祂奇妙之光者的美德；

启 1:6 又使我们成为国度，作祂神与父的祭司；愿荣耀权能归与祂，直到永永远远。阿们。

启 5:10 又叫他们成为国度，作祭司，归与我们的神；他们要在地上执掌王权。

二关于扫罗不顺从的记载乃是警告，指明我们不该在神的国里凭肉体作任何事；我们必须在凡事上，将我们的肉体钉十字架，并且忠信地运用我们的灵跟随主，祂就是住在我们灵里，与

1 Sam. 22:17 Then the king said to the runners who were standing around him, Turn, and kill the priests of Jehovah, because their hand is also with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing and they did not disclose it to me. But the king's servants would not put forth their hand to attack the priests of Jehovah.

B. Saul was utterly rebellious toward God; he had no subordination to God, nor did he take God as his King and Head.

C. He was constituted with rebellion, which is as evil as the worship of idols—15:23.

1 Sam. 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, / And insubordination is like idolatry and teraphim. / Because you have rejected the word of Jehovah, / He has also rejected you from being king.

D. What Saul did was as evil as contacting an evil spirit for the purpose of carrying out the intention of that spirit, not God's intention—v. 23.

1 Sam. 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, / And insubordination is like idolatry and teraphim. / Because you have rejected the word of Jehovah, / He has also rejected you from being king.

E. All rebellion is a matter of presumption, a matter of daring to do things without God.

**VI. Saul lost his kingship because he did not utterly destroy Amalek—vv. 26, 28:**

1 Sam. 15:26 But Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of Jehovah, and Jehovah has rejected you from being king over Israel.

1 Sam. 15:28 And Samuel said to him, Jehovah has torn the kingdom of Israel away from you today and has given it to an associate of yours, who is better than you.

A. If we are not absolute in dealing with our flesh, we, like Saul, will lose our kingship—1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10.

1 Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Rev. 1:6 And made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 5:10 And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.

B. The account of Saul's disobedience is a warning, indicating that we should not do anything in the kingdom of God by our flesh; in everything we must crucify our flesh and faithfully exercise our spirit to follow the Lord, who is the life-giving, consummated Spirit indwelling our spirit and who

我们是一的赐生命、终极完成的灵—林前十五45, 六17, 提后四22, 加五16, 25。

林前 15:45 经上也是这样记着：“首先的人亚当成了活的魂；”末后的亚当成了赐生命的灵。

林前 6:17 但与主联合的，便是与主成为一灵。

提后 4:22 愿主与你的灵同在。愿恩典与你们同在。

加 5:16 我说，你们当凭着灵而行，就绝不会满足肉体的情欲了。

加 5:25 我们若凭着灵活着，也就当凭着灵而行。

### 三亚玛力人受到对付时，神的国就立刻进来—出十八1~26:

- 出 18:1 摩西的岳父，米甸祭司叶忒罗，听见神为摩西和神的百姓以色列所行的一切事，就是耶和華将以色列从埃及领出来的事，
- 出 18:2 便带着摩西的妻子西坡拉，就是摩西从前打发回去的，
- 出 18:3 又带着西坡拉的两个儿子，一个名叫革舜，因为摩西说，我在异地作了寄居的；
- 出 18:4 一个名叫以利以谢，因为他说，我父亲的神帮助了我，拯救我脱离法老的刀。
- 出 18:5 摩西的岳父叶忒罗，带着摩西的妻子和两个儿子，来到神的山，就是摩西在旷野安营的地方。
- 出 18:6 他叫人告诉摩西说，我是你岳父叶忒罗，带着你的妻子和两个儿子来到你这里。
- 出 18:7 摩西出去迎接他的岳父，向他下拜，与他亲嘴，彼此问安，然后都进了帐棚。
- 出 18:8 摩西将耶和華為以色列的缘故，向法老和埃及人所行的一切事，以及路上所遭遇的一切艰难，并耶和華怎样拯救他们，都述说与他岳父听。
- 出 18:9 叶忒罗因耶和華待以色列的一切好处，就是拯救他们脱离埃及人的手，便甚欢喜。
- 出 18:10 叶忒罗说，耶和華是当受颂赞的；祂拯救了你们脱离埃及人和法老的手，将这百姓从埃及人的手下拯救出来。
- 出 18:11 我现今在埃及人狂傲对待这百姓的事上得知，耶和華比众神都大。
- 出 18:12 摩西的岳父叶忒罗把燔祭和平安祭献给神；亚伦和以色列的众长老都来了，与摩西的岳父在神面前吃饭。
- 出 18:13 第二天，摩西坐着审判百姓，百姓从早到晚都站在摩西旁边。
- 出 18:14 摩西的岳父看见他向百姓所作的一切事，就说，你这向百姓作的是什么事？你为什么独自坐着，众百姓从早到晚都站在你旁边？
- 出 18:15 摩西对他岳父说，这是因百姓到我这里来求问神。
- 出 18:16 他们有争执的时候，案件到我这里来，我便在两造之间施行审判；我又叫他们知道神的律例和法度。
- 出 18:17 摩西的岳父说，你这作的不好。

is one with us—1 Cor. 15:45; 6:17; 2 Tim. 4:22; Gal. 5:16, 25.

1 Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

1 Cor. 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

2 Tim. 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Gal. 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal. 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

### C. When Amalek is dealt with, the kingdom of God immediately comes in—Exo. 18:1-26:

- Exo. 18:1 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, how Jehovah had brought Israel out of Egypt.
- Exo. 18:2 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Moses' wife Zipporah, after he had sent her away,
- Exo. 18:3 And her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom, for Moses said, I have been a sojourner in a foreign land;
- Exo. 18:4 And the name of the other was Eliezer, for he said, The God of my father was my help and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.
- Exo. 18:5 So Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped, at the mount of God.
- Exo. 18:6 And he sent word to Moses: I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her.
- Exo. 18:7 So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him; and each asked the other's welfare, and they came into the tent.
- Exo. 18:8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that Jehovah had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and how Jehovah delivered them.
- Exo. 18:9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the good which Jehovah had done to Israel, in that He had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.
- Exo. 18:10 And Jethro said, Blessed be Jehovah, who has delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
- Exo. 18:11 Now I know that Jehovah is greater than all gods, for it was demonstrated in this matter, when they dealt proudly against the people.
- Exo. 18:12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat food with Moses' father-in-law before God.
- Exo. 18:13 And on the following day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from the morning to the evening.
- Exo. 18:14 And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit by yourself, and all the people stand around you from morning to evening?
- Exo. 18:15 Then Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God.
- Exo. 18:16 When they have a dispute, the matter comes to me; and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make known the statutes of God and His laws.
- Exo. 18:17 And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you are doing is not good.

出 18:18 你和这些百姓必都疲惫；因为这事太重，你独自一人办理不了。  
出 18:19 现在你要听我的话；我为你出个主意，愿神与你同在。你要在神面前代表百姓，将案件带到神那里；  
出 18:20 又要将律例和法度教导他们，指示他们当行的路，当作的事。  
出 18:21 你也要从众百姓中拣选有才能的人，就是敬畏神、诚实可信、恨不义之财的人，派他们作千夫长、百夫长、五十夫长和十夫长，管理百姓，  
出 18:22 叫他们随时审判百姓；大事都要带到你这里，小事他们自己可以审判。这样，你就轻省些，他们也可以同担这担子。  
出 18:23 你若这样行，神也这样吩咐你，你就能受得住，这百姓也都可以平平安安地归回他们的地方。  
出 18:24 于是，摩西听从他岳父的话，按着他所说的而行。  
出 18:25 摩西从以色列人中拣选了有才能的人，立他们为百姓的首领，作千夫长、百夫长、五十夫长和十夫长。  
出 18:26 他们随时审判百姓，有难断的案件就带到摩西那里，但各样小事他们自己审判。

## 1 神的国表明神的权柄，借这权柄使万有都归服神—可一 15，约三 3，5，启十一 15，十二 10，但二 44。

可 1:15 时期满了，神的国已经临近了。你们要悔改，相信福音。  
约 3:3 耶稣回答说，我实实在在地告诉你，人若不重生，就不能见神的国。  
约 3:5 耶稣回答说，我实实在在地告诉你，人若不是从水和灵生的，就不能进神的国。  
启 11:15 第七位天使吹号，天上就有大声音说，世上的国，成了我主和祂基督的国，祂要作王，直到永永远远。  
启 12:10 我听见天上有大声音说，我们神的救恩、能力、国度、并祂基督的权柄，现在都来到了，因为那在我们神面前昼夜控告我们弟兄们的控告者，已经被摔下去了。  
但 2:44 当那列王在位的日子，天上的神必兴起一国，永不败灭，国权也不留归别民，却要打碎灭绝那一切国；这国必存到永远。

## 2 因着肉体与君王职分相对，只有当肉体彻底受了对付，神的国才能进来—林前六 9～10，弗五 5。

林前 6:9 你们岂不知，不义的不能承受神的国么？不要受迷惑，无论是淫乱的、拜偶像的、奸淫的、作变童的、同性恋的、偷窃的、贪婪的、醉酒的、辱骂的、勒索的，都不能承受神的国。

Exo. 18:18 You will surely wear yourself out, both you and this people who are with you, for the thing is too heavy for you; you cannot do it by yourself.  
Exo. 18:19 Listen now to my voice: I will give you counsel, and God be with you. You stand for the people before God, and you bring the matters to God.  
Exo. 18:20 And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they should walk and the work that they should do.  
Exo. 18:21 You also should look for able men among all the people who fear God, men of truth, who hate unjust gain; and place them over them, as leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.  
Exo. 18:22 And let them judge the people at all times; and let them bring every great matter to you, but every small matter let them judge themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.  
Exo. 18:23 If you do this thing, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people also will go to their place in peace.  
Exo. 18:24 So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.  
Exo. 18:25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people: leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.  
Exo. 18:26 And they judged the people at all times; the hard cases they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

## 1. The kingdom of God denotes the authority of God by which all things are made subject to God—Mark 1:15; John 3:3, 5; Rev. 11:15; 12:10; Dan. 2:44.

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.  
John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.  
John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.  
Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.  
Rev. 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.  
Dan. 2:44 And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever.

## 2. Because the flesh is versus the kingship, the flesh must be thoroughly dealt with before the kingdom of God can come in—1 Cor. 6:9-10; Eph. 5:5.

1 Cor. 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be led astray; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor effeminate nor homosexuals  
1 Cor. 6:10 Nor thieves nor the covetous, nor drunkards, not revilers, not the rapacious will inherit the kingdom of God.

弗 5:5 因为你们晓得这事，知道凡是淫乱的，或是污秽的，或是贪婪的，（就是拜偶像的，）在基督和神的国里，都得不到基业。

#### 四 我们若遵照主的话，灭尽肉体，并照着灵生活行事，就会有君王职分并在神的国里—罗 8:4，十四 17，加 5:19～21，彼后 1:5～11。

罗 8:4 使律法义的要求，成就在我们这不照着肉体，只照着灵而行的人身上。

罗 14:17 因为神的国不在于吃喝，乃在于公义、和平、并圣灵中的喜乐。

加 5:19 肉体的行为，都是明显的，就是淫乱、污秽、邪荡、

加 5:20 拜偶像、邪术、仇恨、争竞、忌恨、恼怒、私图好争、分立、宗派、

加 5:21 嫉妒、醉酒、荒宴以及类似的事；关于这些事，我现在事先告诉你们，正如我先前说过的：行这样事的人，必不得承受神的国。

彼后 1:5 正因这缘故，你们要分外殷勤，在你们的信上，充足地供应美德，在美德上供应知识，

彼后 1:6 在知识上供应节制，在节制上供应忍耐，在忍耐上供应敬虔，

彼后 1:7 在敬虔上供应弟兄相爱，在弟兄相爱供应爱。

彼后 1:8 因为这几样存在你们里面，且不断增多，就必将你们构成非闲懒不结果子的，以致充分地认识我们的主耶稣基督。

彼后 1:9 那没有这几样的，就是眼瞎、近视，忘了他旧日的罪已经得了洁净。

彼后 1:10 所以弟兄们，应当更加殷勤，使你们所蒙的呼召和拣选坚定不移；你们行这几样，就永不失脚。

彼后 1:11 这样，你们就必得着丰富充足的供应，以进入我们主和救主耶稣基督永远的国。

Eph. 5:5 For this you realize, knowing that every fornicator or unclean person or greedy person (who is an idolator) has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

#### D.If we follow the Lord's word to utterly destroy the flesh and live and walk according to the spirit, we will have the kingship and will be in God's kingdom—Rom. 8:4; 14:17; Gal. 5:19-21; 2 Pet. 1:5-11.

Rom. 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Gal. 5:19 And the works of the flesh are manifest, which are such things as fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal. 5:20 Idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, divisions, sects,

Gal. 5:21 Envyings, bouts of drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

2 Pet. 1:5 And for this very reason also, adding all diligence, supply bountifully in your faith virtue; and in virtue, knowledge;

2 Pet. 1:6 And in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness;

2 Pet. 1:7 And in godliness, brotherly love; and in brotherly love, love.

2 Pet. 1:8 For these things, existing in you and abounding, constitute you neither idle nor unfruitful unto the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Pet. 1:9 For he in whom these things are not present is blind, being shortsighted, having forgotten the cleansing of his past sins.

2 Pet. 1:10 Therefore, brothers, be the more diligent to make your calling and selection firm, for doing these things you shall by no means ever stumble.

2 Pet. 1:11 For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly and bountifully supplied to you.