

Our Lord God who is Our Banner!

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The Lord is My Banner

“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.’
Moses built an altar and named it **The LORD is My Banner**; and he said,
‘The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek
from generation to generation.’”
(Exodus 17:14-16)

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A Banner in this context is...

- A “standard” that defines “Who you are” and “How things are done”
- A “kingdom” you are defending and “who you are representing”
- A rallying point of salvation
- A “pole” raised to call upon people to take up arms for battle
- (Ex) The Ark of the Covenant was a type of Banner
 - The Egyptians used to carry wooden or metal sculptures of their gods on a stick to say that their god would protect them / help them in battle
- (Ex) A “pillar of cloud” by day and “fire by night” was a symbol of His presence

Our Banner is..

Our Lord of hosts: He is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:10; Exodus 17:9b)

- “Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts; He is the King of glory.”
- Strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle! (Psalm 24:8)
- So that the nations will fear the Name of the Lord! (Psalm 102:15)
- He is most powerful, above all gods, “the staff of God in my hand” (Exodus 17:9b)
- And we are “the armies of the living God”! (Ex) David (1 Samuel 17:36)

Our Lord of hosts: He Himself wars against His Enemy! (Exodus 17:15b)

- “The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation” (Exodus 17:16) Why? (Deut. 25:17-19)
- The battle belongs to the Lord! (2 Chronicles 20:15)
- The victory belongs to the Lord! (Proverbs 21:31)
- He will fight for His people until His enemy is completely destroyed! (Ex) Esther
- He trains my arms, hands, and fingers for battle! (Psalms 18:4; 144:1)

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Our Lord of hosts: He is with His People and His leaders! (Exodus 17:10-13)

- He is with us in my struggles with the enemy! (2 Chronicles 20:17)
- If the Lord is with me, whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27:1)

Our Lord of hosts: Jesus who is the victorious King, Prophet, and Priest!

(Exodus 17:10)

- He overcame sin, death, and the world (enemy)! (Colossians 2:15)
- We have victory in Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:57)
- Thus says the Lord GOD,
“Behold, I will lift up **My hand** to the nations
And set up **My standard** to the peoples;
And they will bring your sons in their bosom,
And your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. (Isaiah 49:22)

Our Lord Jesus Christ is Our Banner!

Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power;
In holy array, from the womb of the dawn,
Your youth are to You as the dew. (Psalms 110:3)

- People of God are predestined to “volunteer” in the Lord’s army! (Psalm 110:3)
- “Enlisting under Christ’s banner!” *Communion with God*, John Owen (2 Timothy 2:3-4)
- We are called to put on “the full armor of God” in our struggle against the devil! (Ephesians 6:10-17)
- We are more than “conquerors”; the battle has been won! (Romans 8:37)
- We live by faith in the Son of God! (Galatians 2:20) and “mortify sin” by the Spirit (Romans 8:13) until sin is completely put to death!
- We FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH! (1 Timothy 6:12)