

## Rephidim

Exodus 17:1-16

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### I. Massah and Meribah

- A. The people are led by the Lord (not just by Moses)
- B. They come to Rephidim
- C. The people quarrel with Moses
- D. God to Moses: strike the rock at Horeb
- E. Who is at work? (verses 7, 6)

### II. Amalek

- A. Still at Rephidim; the Amalekites come (see Genesis 14:7; Deuteronomy 25:18)
- B. Amalek fights with Israel (compare to Exodus 12:37; 13:17)
- C. Israel's general: Joshua (vs. Moses – Deuteronomy 34:10; Psalm 99:6)
- D. Moses' hands
- E. The Lord is my banner (Yhwh-nissi, vv. 15-16)
- F. Whose hand? What banner? *Moses in his weakness is the banner.*

### III. The Savior is our Banner

- A. God works through his reviled, weak Redeemer (see John 21:18-19)
- B. It is only under the banner of the cross that we can triumph
- C. Whom will you fight?
  - i. I am taking it for granted that you are going to fight someone
    - a) you were built to fight (see Genesis 2:15)
    - b) it is not wrong to fight
    - c) it is wrong to fight the wrong person or for the wrong reason!
  - ii. you have a choice:
    - a) you can fight against God and against his redeemer
    - b) or you can fight against God's enemies
- D. How will you fight?
  - i. the cross is the *ground* and *means* of our victory
  - ii. God gives us ambitions and then tells us to pursue them in the strangest way possible (*Rescuing Ambition* by Dave Harvey; 2 Corinthians 12:9)
- E. "A hand on the banner of the Lord!"