

**“Amalek”**  
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Let me tell you a story before I begin reading Exodus 17:8. In the book of Exodus, you have the children of Israel in Egyptian bondage. The plagues did not break the power of Egyptian bondage; but one night, God said, “Now, I want you to slay a little lamb. I want you to put the blood on the lintel and the two side posts. Go inside. The first born in Egypt will die except where the blood is.” The blood of the Passover lamb broke Pharaoh’s power. He thrust the children of Israel out of Egypt. They went across the Red Sea. They came to the wilderness. (This past week, I read in the newspaper about our boys over there having to drink six gallons of water a day to prevent dehydration in the desert.) Then, they moved into the desert and became so thirsty. They murmured against Moses: “You brought us out here to die of thirst.” Moses appealed to God; and God said, “You stand before me on the rock and take the rod in your hand and smite the rock, and water will come out.” Moses did that. He smote the rock, and the water came out. Now, let us start with verse 8. I want you to notice the word *then*. ***Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. 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. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: (When God tells you to write something down and then rehearse it, I want to tell you, that is of upmost importance.) for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.***

My message tonight is entitled, “Amalek.” Have you, as a Christian, ever wondered, “Why can’t I be what I want to be? Why can’t I be all that I long to be? I long to read my Bible more. I long to love more. I long to pray more. I long to be more pure. I long to be able to stand with courage. I long to, but I don’t do that.”? Have you ever wondered, “Why?” Have you ever wondered why there are such holy longings, and the battle is so terrible, and you fall short of what you long to be? We sing that song, “O to Be Like Thee.” That was the longing of the song writer’s heart when he wrote that song. Why is it so difficult to be what we ought to be?

Now, tonight, we will review Old Testament typology and New Testament doctrine. I like to preach from the Old and the New. In the Old, we see flannel graph lessons. We see spiritual truth walking around in shoe leather. I can see that, and I go from there to the New Testament. Old Testament typology points to the problem. Romans 15:4: *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.* 1 Corinthians 10:11: *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

Now, I want you to pay particular attention to me for about the first ten minutes because it will be deep. It is difficult. It is meat. It is not milk. Young convert, just do your best to pay attention. If you do not understand it, let it alone. You will understand it. You will understand it before the message is over. Listen carefully.

We must identify our enemy if we are going to have victory. In the Air Corp, we had to identify all the battleships and airplanes of the Japanese, the Italians, the Germans, the Russians, and the Americans. We had to know a friend from a foe. We had to know a friend from a foe in a split second. Oftentimes, you did not have time when an airplane was bearing down on you to say, “Let’s see. Let me get that book out. Now, how long is that airplane?” You were a dead duck. The quicker you and I can identify our foe, the quicker we have victory in the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to say something to you tonight — the Devil could leave you alone,

and you would still have trouble serving God. The Devil does not bother the most of us. He comes after the big game. He has got a lot of majors and corporals and privates and all that, that come after us. But the Devil deals with big game. You could shut up all the devils and demons in this world, and you would still have a battle serving God. You say, "Why in the world is that?" It is because of our enemies. We have got three enemies. We have got the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Our enemy that I am talking about tonight is not Satan. It is not the world. It is not outside that I am talking about. You have a fifth columnist inside your heart. It is called the flesh. It is the old man. That is not your daddy or your husband. It is your Adamic nature that you were born with. James 1:13-14: *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.* There is something in us that likes to flirt with sin. There is something in us that likes to enjoy seeing how close we can get to sin. That is not the Devil. That is our old, Adamic nature. Everybody here tonight has the same old, Adamic nature. You got it from Adam. That nature is as wicked as wicked can be. Well, what about that old nature? What is in that heart? Let me tell you what is in that heart. In Mark 7:21-22, I read this: *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:* Jeremiah 17:9: *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?* Your heart is wicked. Your old, Adamic nature is wicked. You must accept what God has to say about it. Oh, you say, "I am not really that way." Yes sir, your flesh has got you blinded; and you are in for trouble. In 1 John 1:8, John says: *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* That is talking about our nature. Verse 10: *If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.* If we say about our actions that we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar. We must deal with sin if we are going to have fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a sinful nature, and a sinful nature produces sinful acts. The new nature that we got in regeneration cannot sin. 1 John 3:9: *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin . . .* I have a nature that is impossible to sin because it is a new nature. It is God the Holy Ghost that has given me a new nature. You must understand that. Do not kid yourself. Turn to Romans 8. I want to tell you what the Bible says about your heart and your nature. If you do not get a hold of this, you are going to be defeated the rest of your life. You had better watch yourself more than you watch anybody else. You had better walk circumspectly. In Romans 8, we have the flesh and the Spirit. I read in verse 5: *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded (fleshly minded) is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind (the flesh) is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.* You have an old, Adamic nature that is not subject to God, never has been, and never will be. You cannot make it obey God. You cannot make it be in submission to God. There is no way in the world. It is not subject to God. You have a nature that is anti-God, anti-Bible, anti-prayer, anti-Christ, and anti-everything that is good and holy. You had better hear this. It hates the spiritual life.

Now, I want to go back to Amalek. I want to show you in shoe leather how the old, fleshly life operated. We will come back to the New Testament. Let me just read Romans 7:18-24: *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me (I long to do something for God.); but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?* That is a Christian crying. "Who will deliver me — wretched? I want to be holy. I want to be pure, but I can't. I struggle." That is not the Devil. That is the nature that you were born with. When you are born again, nothing gets done with that nature. It does not get born again. You get a new birth with a new spirit that comes up and takes his residence in your heart side by side. That is the reason it is possible to be having holy thoughts of God; and then, all of the sudden, blasphemy comes in. "Where in the world did that come in?" It scares the person half to death. What happened? You were praising God, and the old flesh did not want you praying. The old flesh will bring up some wicked, vile something that happened years ago, some magazine or

something that you saw that is under the blood, and wave it before your eyes. All of a sudden, you do not have any spirit of prayer. Now, let us go to Amalek. I want to hurriedly go as slow as I can. No, I want to go as slow as I can hurriedly. I do not know if I can, but I will try. *Amalek* comes from a root word meaning wickedness. He was the grandson of Esau who despised his spiritual privileges. Esau is a picture of the old man. One day, Esau was hungry. He came home, and his brother was in the kitchen cooking some red beans, maybe kidney beans, but a red lentil bean. Boy, Esau smelled them. “Hmm. I’ve been hungry. I have been out hunting and have not caught anything or killed anything. I am hungry. Hey, give me a mess of beans.” Jacob was carnal, but he surely had an idea for spiritual things. He said, “Sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “Well, you don’t live but one time. What good is a birthright going to do me? I am about to starve to death. I am going to die.” He was not about to die. He was hungry. He sold a spiritual birthright for a plate of beans. Beans for a birthright! What an exchange! The birthright represented the priest of his tribe, the priest of his home, and a double inheritance of his father. He sold it all for a plate of beans. There are a lot of people who have sold their birthright for fifteen minutes in the backseat of a car. They sell their birthright for fifteen minutes of sin. Everybody here is capable of it. You came from Adam. The origin of Amalek — his ancestors despised spiritual privileges and were called profane.

Now, look at the time of his appearance. Listen carefully. The Bible says: ***Then came Amalek*** . . . He came immediately after the smitten rock had come. ***Then came Amalek*** . . . Now, before the rock was smitten, there was the Passover. 1 Corinthians 5:7: *For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:* Let us go back to Egypt, and let us go to Calvary and Pentecost. In Egypt, the blood was put on the lintel. Then, the rock was smitten; and then, they drank of the rock. That blood on the lintel pointed to Jesus. 1 Corinthians 5:7: *For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:* The smitten rock also pointed to Christ. They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. Watch now. You have the blood; you have the water. You have them in that order. The blood represents liberation from Egypt. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,* (Listen, not only liberation from Egypt, but satisfaction!) *but have everlasting life.* Water to satisfy their thirst. Let me put it all together. That is a typology. One day, Jesus Christ died on Calvary’s cross, the Passover Lamb. They pierced His side. Out of His side, there came, in this order, blood and water. Blood represents liberation. Water represents satisfaction. In typology, you sometimes have two things to point to one person. You have to understand that. Christ died. He was buried, rose again, and went back to Heaven. He is now sitting at the right hand of the Father. In John 7:37-39, Jesus said: *If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.* (to quench thirst) *(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)* Jesus was the Passover Lamb, and He shed His blood to liberate. But, wait a minute. The Spirit of God has to come into the heart and life to make it real and to satisfy our heart and life. On the day of Pentecost, Jesus Christ Who had been glorified sent the Spirit of God into this world into the hearts of believers. Ephesians 1 talks about the blood and talks about Him coming into our heart and life. When we got saved, the blood was applied. The Spirit entered our heart; and for the first time in all of our life, we are satisfied. We drink of the Rock, the smitten Rock. The blood was applied. The water was applied. We drank of that Rock, and we are satisfied for the first time in all of our life. Look at Exodus 17. You must get the key to it. Verse 8, ***Then*** . . . No warfare starts until the blood has been applied and the water, the Spirit, comes into the heart and life. After the blood of Christ, His death, and the sending of the Holy Spirit into the heart and life, the spiritual appears into the life; and immediately, a war commences. When you got saved, the flesh immediately pressed the attack. ***Then came Amalek, and fought*** . . . When the Spirit of God brought you to know Christ, and you trusted Christ, and His blood forgave you of your sins, and the Holy Spirit came in and made Christ real and precious to you, then the flesh, for the first time, was revealed, what it is when the spiritual appears. It has been the same thing all along, but it never revealed itself until the spiritual appeared. When the spiritual appeared, the new nature appeared. The war starts. New convert, I want to tell you something — there is something in your heart that is determined to stop your move toward Christian victorious living. Where were they headed? They were headed for Canaan. Canaan is not a picture of Heaven. Canaan is a picture of the victorious life in Christ Jesus where there is war, where there is

victory. They were headed for victory. They were headed for Canaan. Immediately, the flesh started a warfare. Galatians 5:17: *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh:* There is a war for the mastery for the control of your life. It starts immediately upon your conversion. Sometimes, young convert, you have a sweet experience. Everybody does not have the same experience. All get the same salvation, but experiences vary. You are so wonderfully saved. You go home just rejoicing in the Lord and happy in the Lord. You go to bed and pray, and it is so wonderful. The next morning, you put your feet out on the floor. All of that past life, the temptations, the thoughts, and everything come rushing across your mind. You say, "What in the world happened? I thought I got saved last night. I thought that was all over last night." Yes sir, but, young convert, that has not changed. Your old nature showed its true color for the first time in all of its life. If you understand the Bible, you understand that your greatest enemy is not the Devil. Your greatest enemy is yourself. My greatest enemy, my greatest problem, is myself, the old nature. Everybody's greatest problem is not the world; it is self, the enemy within his heart. You have that enemy. What is its purpose? It is determined that you are not going to be victorious. When you read your Bible, it will do everything in the world to make your mind wander and to keep you from reading the Bible or to keep you so busy that you cannot read your Bible. It will do everything in the world to keep you out of the house of God. It will do everything in the world to keep your mouth shut. It will do everything in the world to hinder you in every step that you take in your life as a Christian. The flesh is there to battle you. It opposes progress. Turn to Numbers 13. Now, they are at the place to move over into Canaan. It is just a little ways over there. Twelve spies went out. Ten of them came back, and guess who it was that scared them out of the land. Numbers 13:28: *Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, (Here is the negative report.) and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south:* Verse 33: . . . *and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.* Listen to me now. We sing invitation songs. Do you know who holds on to the pews? You say, "Lost people." No. Christians hold the pews. Why? Because their flesh has sold them a bill of goods: "If you sell out to God, you will have to give up this and that. You cannot have any more fun. He will send you to some island of nowhere. He will send you to Africa. He will take away all of your joys." Christians are afraid of the will of God. Why? The flesh tells them everything in the world and stands up as giants to scare them off. Listen. You turned loose of the pews; you turned loose to God; and God gave you a sip, a taste, a thrill of what it means to have the Spirit of God at liberty in your life. He brought you joy, joy, joy! But, the flesh has not quit. He will come at you some other way to do the same thing to pull you right back to where you were. It is not far back from where you are. I repeat again. It is not far back to the old world. It is not even a day's journey back to the old world. I could call a man's name. He is way, way away from God. Years ago, I went to see him. He said, "Preacher, I had no idea how far I could get away from God so soon." Could you imagine a man that stands up, and God says, *Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, flesh has not revealed it unto thee;* and three sentences later, He calls to him, *Get thee behind me, Satan?* The flesh, Amalek, is an opposer of progress in the spiritual life, determined to keep you out of Canaan. He meets Israel at Kadesh-barnea and scares them to death by giants in the land. What is your giant? Oh, you see it, and you compare your resources and your abilities. You say, "I can never do that. I can never whip it." God never intended for you to deal with the giants. God deals with the giants. You deal with God by faith. He will destroy the giants. Here, they were scared out of Canaan. Churches are filled with people scared out of the will of God. "If I surrender to God, He will take my children from me. He may send them to the other side of the world." They are safer on the other side of the world in the will of God than they are next door to you.

Let me just name some things. He is the oppressor of God's people. You read Judges 3 and 6. He took over every time Israel backslid, and he made life miserable for them. He will make your life miserable. The flesh will make your life miserable; then you will cry, "Oh, wretched man that I am. Who will deliver me?" The flesh is an annihilator of God's people. That is Haman. He was a descendant of the Amalekites. Read it. 1 Samuel 15. Esther 3. He would annihilate the people of God if he could.

Turn to Deuteronomy. Let us talk about his method of attack. I want to camp here for a while. How does he hit you? He has hit some of you tonight. Let me ask you a question. I want you to ask this to yourself. Do you know where you were Sunday night a week ago? Now, just ask yourself, "Where are you tonight?" I will

leave that for a while. Look at Deuteronomy 25:17. God said, "Remember and rehearse it." He said, "Don't forget." *Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.* Exodus says, *For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.* There is no experience, contrary to some denomination, where you can come down and get on your knees and where this old, Adamic nature is eradicated. That would be wonderful. If it could be eradicated, you would never have another temptation the rest of your life, because it furnishes the basis for the world and the Devil to come in. It is the flesh. You would be shouting "Glory! Glory! Glory to God!" the rest of the way home to Heaven. But, listen, it is not glory, glory, glory; this wall is reopened because of the time with flesh in the battle. Let us look at his method of attack. Look at verse 17: *Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee . . .* He hits you purposely and maliciously. He instigates the attack to destroy your Christian life. It is not the guy, or boy, or girl that is sitting next to you that you need to worry about. It is the old man inside you, your old nature, that is going to destroy and is after your spirituality. Your old nature wants to kill your song and to take away your joy. If you play with him and let him have his way, it will not be long until you are back where you were. He met them. He is coming after you. He is the aggressor. He is on the move. He is working now, while I am preaching, on your heart and life to "pu-pu" the idea and downgrade the idea and ignore the thing and keep your mind so busy that you do not listen. He does not want you to hear. He will make your baby cry so that you have to go out and take the baby outside so that you will not hear. You know the Devil did that; but I know what the Devil will do, and the flesh, and the world all connected together. He purposely meets us. Let us see on the Lord's Day how he really fixes us. Many Christians are in no shape whatsoever for the Lord's Day. They have indulged in the flesh like no other day in the week. They have sat before the idiot box. They have seen everything. They have seen adultery. They have seen fornication. They have heard profanity. They have seen homosexuals. They have seen gambling. They have seen everything in the world late into the night. When they go to bed, they are at their lowest ebb for the week. When they roll out of bed in the morning, the devil, the flesh, says, "I've got them ready for church." You think that you can watch the fleshpots of Egypt, and your Adamic nature watches all that stuff. In your mind, you watch it. You watch it one hour, two hours, all day Saturday; and you think that you can automatically roll your feet out of the bed on Sunday morning and have spiritual desires and spiritual aspirations. The flesh has prepared you for the worship services, and he did it on Saturday night. Our hearts have to be prepared to serve the Lord. You cannot get into your car from the world, pull up into the parking lot beating every law in the world trying to get to church on time, run in, sit down, and say, "Bless God, here I am." No, no. It will take a long time for you to get still where you can hear. He purposefully meets you.

Then, he meets you unsuspectingly. You will never recognize him. He smote the hindmost of them from behind. Watch now. You did not listen to Saturday night television. You did not do that. The television was not on. You were not watching that at all. You read your Bible on Saturday night. You had family devotions. You went to bed. Sunday morning, you start to get up. You say, "Honey, I don't feel good today. I don't know what it is. Maybe it is just a virus. I just don't feel so hot." You roll around, and you get up and sit up on the edge of the bed and say, "You know, maybe this will pass after awhile." It does not; it gets worse. After a while, you say, "You go ahead, and I will stay home from Sunday School. Maybe I can come for church." Then, it gets worse, this strange mysterious feeling. When it is too late to go to Sunday School and halfway into the morning service, you begin to feel better. By the time your mate is home, you are able to get up and sit up and take nourishment. By 1:30, you are able to watch the ball game or get into the car and drive around all afternoon. You feel good. You say, "That was a short virus." Then, about 4:30 in the afternoon, you say, "I don't know, but that stuff is coming back on me." You feel bad again. "Man, I just don't feel good. I just got this strange feeling. I believe I had better go to bed." You stay there. When it is too late then, halfway through the service, you begin to feel better and are able to sit up the rest of the night and talk and

eat. What was it? The flesh sold you a bill of goods that you were sick. It was not a thing in the world but the flesh trying to keep you out of the house of God. He comes unsuspectingly. You go to work and say, "I had a strange thing happen to me yesterday. I had a three-hour virus in the morning and a two-hour virus in the afternoon. I felt good all afternoon." What was it? It was not a thing in the world but your flesh trying to keep you out of the house of God. He hit you unsuspectingly. You work hard; and you come into the room and say, "I am tired." Mama does not have supper ready. You pick up the newspaper. You are able to read it. You are able to digest the news. You are able to read the cartoons. You understand Beetle Bailey and Herman, and you read all of those things. You are wide awake, and mama still does not have supper ready. You put your newspaper down and say, "I believe I will read some verses from the Word of God, the precious Word of God." You open the Word of God and begin to read. You read five verses, and you do not have any idea in the world what you read. You back up again and try to read. All of the sudden, you find your head getting heavy. All of the sudden, you find your eyes getting heavy. All of the sudden, you say, "Well, you poor little fellow. You really worked hard." You put your Bible down, and you are tired. You go to sleep. No, you are not tired. You are tired, but that is not the problem. You put your Bible down and pick up the newspaper again. Immediately, you can read the newspaper. Immediately, you know all the sports and all of the games and the scores. You are wide awake. What is it? It is the flesh hitting you. The flesh does not want you to read the Bible. It hits you unsuspectingly.

Let's see. "Brother George, let's go fishing. Let's go to the Gulf in the morning." George is a bad one to pick out. He is a disciplined man. I will use him anyhow. I say, "Brother George, let's get up, and we will have an hour of prayer time. I will meet you at 4:30. We will drive to the Gulf and go fishing." The clock goes off at three o'clock. You knock it off and finally get out of bed and sit there. Your eyes will not focus. You cannot get your brain awake. You get down on your knees, and you say, "I can't do that. I will go to sleep." You walk back and forth trying to stay awake during Bible study. I got ahead of myself. I put the two together. The flesh whipped me then. I said, "Let's get up for prayer and Bible study at 3:30. Just have a good time of prayer." See what sleep does to you? Okay, let's change it now. Let me get my story straight. Tuesday morning, we are going to go fishing. We are going to get up at 3:30. The wives are going to fix breakfast, and we are going to take off. She is not in the flesh, so she fixes it. The clock goes off, roll out of bed, "Whew! Going fishing!" Wide awake. Get ready. Get in the car. Get to the ocean. Get that plug in the water. What was it? It was not sleep. It was not the time of night. It was what you were doing. Fishing is not spiritual business. It is something the flesh enjoys, but you will have to fight to read your Bible and pray at 3:30 in the morning. What is the problem? "Oh, just tired." No, no. It is spiritual. He hits you again.

You go down to buy a car from General Motors, Ford Motor Company, or anybody you want to. You go to the bank and sign a note that says you will pay so-and-so many hundred dollars a month for three years. "Sign right here." "Yes sir." You come to the house of God. It is stewardship month. How much are you going to trust the Lord for? "I ain't signing anything. I may break it. I believe in keeping my word." Wait just a minute. The flesh allowed you to commit yourself for three years for several thousands of dollars, and you signed it. When it comes to spiritual things, "No, no, no. I believe in keeping my word. Hey, I may break my promise." Wait just a minute. Then, don't sign the GMAC. Who told you that? The flesh. The flesh told you that.

I wish I could remember. The Green Bay Packers played in fifteen-below-zero weather. Who did they play? Bears or who? No, it was not Cowboys. This was years ago. Chicago Bears. These folks played on a Sunday afternoon. The temperature was fifteen below zero. That is really cold. That is worse than eighteen degrees in Florida. It was cold, fifteen below zero. Fans spent more than two hours out in that weather to watch the players knock heads, take a little leather ball filled with air in it, and run it up and down the field trying to get it over this line here or that line there; and the fans would cheer. They had their thermos jugs of coffee, and the coffee froze as they tried to drink it. Fifteen below zero, the fans are yelling, "Whoopee! Whoopee! We are having the time of our life. Amen! Amen! Go get it! Go get it!" When it is all over, and I am in that van, I step out and say, "We surely had a time today. Didn't we?" Next Sunday, same place. I have secured this stadium. I am going to preach as long as they played football. The weather forecast is fifteen below zero. I hear a murmuring, "Don't you know we'd freeze to death? The babies will die. He will catch

pneumonia. Sit out there and that man expects us to sit still without even going to the bathroom for two hours and a half?" What causes that? The flesh will let you sit in fifteen-below-zero weather and holler your head off, but it will gripe about forty-five minutes in an air-conditioned building, "That's too long." Why is that? It is just spiritual. You can tell that what you are doing is either spiritual or carnal. It is very easy. The flesh will cooperate with you, and you will say, "I am timid. I don't believe in that. I cannot pass out tracts. I am timid." But, you can take a handful of flyers about your candidate and say, "Vote for so-and-so." This is not spiritual, but tracts are. He hits us unsuspectingly.

He hits us intelligently. We get carried away. I have a man's name who got saved. He had a drinking problem. He was testifying, "Praise God! I have been delivered! God saved me. I am no longer a drunkard." I hear people say, "Once a drunkard, always a drunkard." That is a lie, but you can flirt with the old thing you did and start it up again. Somebody told him that when he was giving his testimony. The flesh will catch you when you are giving a testimony. He said, "Well, I wonder if I am still an alcoholic. They tell me that I still am. I believe I will get a can of beer and check this out." He got a can of beer. Now, what do you think happened? He woke up with passions that Christ had put to sleep. He is gone, gone, gone. Now, who did that? The Devil did not do that to him. His old, Adamic nature set him up. If I could drive one thing home to you, it would be that your greatest enemy is the old nature that dwells within your bosom. You dare not trust him! He hits you intelligently. When you are faint, he hits you. When you are tired, you had better not make important decisions. You had better guard your life. When thou wast faint and in the time of the weariness — he hits you at your weakest point. He knows your weakest point. You may not know, but he knows. He will hit you. The day that more preachers resign from the ministry is Monday. Sunday they have emptied everything they have had. They have poured their heart out; and sometimes on Monday, you feel so horrible. You feel like you died. You poured out everything that you had. You had better tank back up. You had better fill it back up. Satan comes along with the weariness and the tiredness and the fatigue. When you get tired, you had better watch your spiritual life. You had better watch it. He hit them, and he hit them brazenly. He feared not God. This flesh is not afraid anywhere. It will sin in church. It fell. Satan fell in the very throne room of God. In the presence of a Holy God, he fell. Judas Iscariot plotted a sale of the Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of the Son of God. He fears not God. He fears not to sit in this church and rebel. He fears not, in holy atmosphere, to be a scorner. He fears not God.

Let us look at the pathway to victory. Recognition is going to be a constant battle. You will need the appropriate weapons. Two weapons were necessary for victory over Amalek, a rod and a sword. Moses held up that rod. That rod spoke of authority. He held up that rod; and when he held up that rod, that was authority down on the battlefield. When he held up that rod, Joshua discomfited Amalek with a sword; but when his hands came down, there was no power on the field without divine authority! Now, there is no problem with the authority of Jesus Christ as our High Priest. He ever lives to make intercession for us. His hands never grow weary. All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth. There is no problem with authority. *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* There is no problem with authority! There is a problem down below using the sword. The sword is not used to trim your fingernails. It is an instrument of death. Turn to Romans 6. Let me make some comments before I read. When you first got saved, the thing that was on your mind was "my sins." Oh, you came to Calvary. You were thinking about "my sins," "what I have done." When you got saved, the guilt was gone. "Praise God! My sins are gone under the blood." Now, as you live and grow in grace, you will discover after a while that what you do is not what is wrong with you; it is what you are. You discover this battle on the inside. Paul said, *when I would do good, evil is present with me.* You discover that what we do, our deeds, are not the problem. The problem is on the inside. *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?* This is the warfare, this civil war, on the inside. Watch now. I do not believe in the second work of grace; but listen, when you came to Calvary's cross and looked at Jesus Christ Who died to pay for your sins, you saw one Person on that cross. He was your Savior. He was Jesus dying for you to relieve you from the guilt of sin. If you open the Bible and go back to Calvary and look a little closer, you will discover that there are two people on that cross. There are two people. Who is the other one? Our old man, our flesh. Now, this is a fact as much as He rose again. When Jesus died, He died for us.

But, when Jesus died, He took you and me to the cross, and we died with Him. As far as God is concerned, you and I died at Calvary's cross. We went into the grave with Him. When He rose again, we rose again with Him. We are seated with Him tonight in Heavenly places. God said, "You are dead!" Look at Romans 6:6. This is a fact. This is not feeling. This is something that is not dependent upon faith. This is a reality. Faith must appropriate it. *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed*, Paul said, *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.* Child of God, God crucified you. He does not ask you to crucify yourself. God has already done that. Look at verse 6, *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.* Notice verses 11, 12, and 13. *Likewise reckon* (Count it. Charge it to your account. Lay hold of it.) *ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.* Child of God, God said, "You died with Christ. Reckon it so." But, I am more than just dead. That is negative. He said, "You not only died, but you rose again." I am a dead man, but I have a body. I present this body to the Lord Jesus Christ to use. I am alive in God. I died to sin at Calvary's cross. You are a dead man. He has already crucified you. "Well, how do I face life?" Authority is already there. There is no problem about that. I have the ability, and every believer has the ability to be able to say, "No!" to the flesh. It says so in Romans. What happens? Begin today, "Dear Lord, I take my place in death. I pray, Lord Jesus. I take my place today in death unto sin. I died unto sin. But, you said that I am alive unto You. Lord, I yield my mind to you to use today. I yield my hands. I yield my eyes. I yield my spirit. I yield my ears. I yield my body. I yield my emotions. I yield them. I present them as instruments of righteousness unto God." When sin comes tempting, I have to say, "Hey, wait a minute. I am dead to that." If you put a man down here in a coffin, you can do anything you will or want to; but he will not respond. Why? He is dead. You do not fight sin. You are dead to it. You take the position of death. I am dead to that. I am alive unto God. Here is my mind. What happens? The Bible says: *but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.* The blessed Spirit of God will begin a warfare against the old, Adamic nature. That is not for you. You and I are dead to sin. We do not have to crucify; it has already been done. I have to stand on the fact that Jesus died for me and on the fact that I died with Jesus. Now, the flesh is not dead. That is what we want. We want this terrible flesh, with all these feelings and all these sensations, dead. The flesh is not dead. It is very much alive. To reckon ourselves dead, when the flesh is clamoring all around us, takes faith to ignore it. Ignore the flesh. It is alive, very much alive! But, we are dead. That is the reason you have to be born again. You cannot go to Heaven without the new birth. You would be miserable in Heaven because you have got an Adamic nature that hates God, and that does not love the things of God. If you could go to Heaven without the new birth, you would be miserable in Heaven and looking for a place that said, "Let me out of here." You do not have to be forgiven of your sins. God gives you a spirit to enjoy the things of God, and that is a new birth. Without the new birth, you cannot see nor understand the things of God. You must be born again. When God saves you, He gives you deliverance to stay away from the places, the things, and the people that bring back memories of the past life. I have got some records, cassettes of music back in the forties. I do not play them. So, why keep them? I do not have any idea. I do not play them. Why? Well, I just do not want to remember the scenes on the dance floor. That is why I do not play them. Young people, you do not quite understand. There are places where you have sat in church and indulged the flesh and have been disrespectful in not listening. If I were you, I would move. Why? All around you are memories. This is where the flesh will stir those memories, and you will be practicing the very thing you came down here to give up. Move! That is just my advice. Move! Move from the places that remind you of the things you have given up. Move! A person had a battle with alcohol. Listen. Do not walk past the saloons. Stay out of the store. Do not go by the beer counter. Stay away from it! Then, you should drop the people you



were involved with. Drop anybody that you sense or anything that you sense is wrong. I do not care what it is. If you sense something: “Hey, wait just a minute,” the Spirit of God will warn you. If you listen, you are in earnest. But, if you are just careless about this thing, the flesh will have a hold of your life; and your desire to read your Bible and your desire to take a stand for God — you may have taken a wonderful stand for God — will be gone. That is the object of the flesh. I see people moving back to places where they have no respect and no paying attention to the Word of God. You say, “Preacher, I’m listening.” I am just giving you advice as your pastor. I would not sit where I have memories of past disrespect. I would not sit there. I would not sit with the people in which I did that. Now, that is not a threat; that is a warning. Why? The flesh is always there to take advantage of every situation. He will hit you unsuspectingly from behind. He will hit you intelligently. He knows when you are weak. He will hit you brazenly, daringly. He will hit you every way in the world, and you had better pay attention to it.

Adolf Hitler published a book entitled *Mind Comp*. He told how he was going to conquer Europe. People said, “Ah, he won’t do that.” But, he set right out to do exactly what he said he would do. God gives you a pattern of the flesh and how it acts, and God tells you how it will hit you. Now, you had better listen to it. You had better read. The flesh will do exactly that. A lot of preachers are out of the ministry. What did they do? They are made of the same flesh as you are. They got too familiar with the opposite sex. They got careless about finances. They mess with church finances. They got lazy. The easiest place in the world to be lazy is in the ministry. Who is going to punch a clock on a preacher? What happens? They are way out in the world practicing things that you would never, never dream. It all started by yielding to the flesh. You yield, and you are in trouble. Child of God, God said, “Now, you are dead.” Christ died for you, and you died with Him. He took you out on the other side, and you are alive to God. You are dead to sin. Between you and that life over there is a watery grave. That is death over there. Now, with authority you can face the foe; and you can tell the foe, “No!” You can yield to God. You can say, “No!” to the world. You can say “No!”