

## Killing the Amalekites

Dear Father,

I think I understand a little more now. In my heart that is. I feel it. For I want to turn from sin to You. And yes, I have a specific sin in mind. One that has destroyed much and has been dominating parts of my life.

I acknowledge that I am not at the place where I once was. I hereby confirm and proclaim that change has taken place already. Thank You Holy Spirit. I will not deny Your work. Though obscured by my many failures, Your changes in me are evident.

And as I said, I feel the need to repent. To turn from the so called lesser sins. The doors I've kept open to let temptation, lust, have its way. With complacency as my pet I made concessions. As if a peace treaty could ever be made with sin. But sin is neither manageable nor reasonable. It must be killed and obliterated like the Amalekites. And here I am to take up the sword and worry it to its grave. To annihilate the remnant of these Amalekites in my life, the options I left open to let lust have its way in me.

Oh, how many times have I come to You, penitent and humbled. Oftentimes I questioned the sincerity of my confessions. But nay, I abhor my sins for I have transgressed against You. Against You, and that is what I feel. I long not for attrition but for contrition and a true love for You. It's not that I want to uphold my status that I desire holiness. It's not that I want to be perceived as a man without flaws.

Away with affectation, the pretense of my "righteous" self. Though I might have gilded it with external righteousness, truth is that I still wanted to keep Agag alive. I wanted to still have that escape - which it really isn't - and allow myself to have some surrogate. Many times I told myself I was in control. How right and wrong I was at the same time. Instead of You calling the shots, I was. And by doing so I handed the scepter over to sinful desires.

But I do not mince words and couldn't care less for my reputation nor the praise of my ego. Whether it be a second glance, a fantasy, flirting with temptation by looking at arousing material, looking at pornography, wandering off into self-gratification (which isn't satisfying at all). It all comes down to closing the doors, locking them and throwing away the keys. And that is why I come to You earnestly seeking, asking for the grace to kill the remnant of the Amalekites in my life so that I will have a true hatred towards sin and a continually growing love for You. Lust is an intimacy killer and You are the Author of intimacy.

Repentance unto life...Lord I thank You it will continue till my last breath.

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Scriptural references (next page) added on March 7, 2009

### **Scriptural references in OT-NT order (NKJV)**

**Genesis 4:7** *"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*

**Exodus 17:14-16** *"Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; for he said, "Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.""*

**Deuteronomy 25:19** *"Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget"*

**1 Samuel 15:8-9a** *"He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag (...)"*

**1 Samuel 15:33** *"But Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal."*

**1 Samuel 30:17** *"Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled."*

**1 Chronicles 4:43** *"They killed the remaining Amalekites who had escaped, and they have lived there to this day."*

**Psalms 51:4** *"Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight. That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge."*

**Psalms 51:17** *"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart. These, O God, You will not despise."*

**Proverbs 28:13** *"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."*

**Matthew 4:17** *"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.""*

**Luke 18:14b** *"(...) for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

**Romans 6:14** *"For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."*

**Romans 7:15-8:1** *"For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to 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 will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God — through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."*