

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY 5/30/12

1. When Moses held his hand in the air, God's power brought success to the armies of Joshua in their battle against the Amalekites. When Moses grew tired and lowered his arms, the enemy began to win. Then Aaron and Hur put a stone under Moses and, one on each side, held Moses' arms in the air until complete victory was realized by the people of God (Exodus 17:8-13). Whose arms are helping to hold up?

2. Moses named his sons Gershom. "I have become an alien in a foreign land" and Eliezer, "My father's God was my Helper; He saved me from the sword of Pharaoh" (Exodus 18:3-4). Apply these words of Moses to yourself.

3. Through Moses God told His people: "You will be for ME a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). Read Revelation 1:4-6. How do you receive these same designations?

4. Exodus 20:22-25 prohibits God's people from hewing elaborate altars from stone. If they worshiped the Lord, they could approach Him only because of his grace, not because they had "earned the right" by preparing a "worthy enough" place of worship. Where is your focus in your worship- on you? Or on your gracious Savior?

5. Read God's words about social responsibility recorded in Exodus 22:16-27. Explain these words in light of the third use of the Law (the Law is a guide). See also I John 4:9, 11.

6. Relate the experience of the people of Israel recorded in Exodus 24:9-11 to that of the disciples after Jesus' resurrection (Luke 24:30). Relate it also to your encounter with God when you receive the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:24-25).

7. God asked the people of Israel to make a tabernacle (Exodus 26), which God describes as a sanctuary. How is your house of worship a sanctuary for you?