

Did they attack them in the rear? Was it a small attack? Was it a large thing?

There are many details of which we don't know. Often by comparing Scripture with Scripture we can get more light on the situation. In this case we turn over to Deut. 25, and in this Bible that I have before me, that chapter is headed "Diverse Regulations". But when you get to vs. 17, you read, "Remember what Amalek did unto thee ~~when~~ 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 ~~that~~ 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."

Now with this statement in Deut. here, where Moses is giving his farewell address to the people, gives us a much better understanding of the situation there in Exodus. Amalek came out; attacked them in the rear; smote the hindmost of them, even all that were feeble when thou wast faint and weary. So here we have a treacherous attack by Amalek. It's not simply a matter of an enemy. It's not simply a matter of one who ~~dis~~ disagreed with them; it's not simply a matter of one's who was in the way. It is one who came and who tried to injure them, and this is told here in this place in the wilderness journey of the Israelites and it should be a warning to the new Christian. Because the new Christian soon gets the impression that everyone is going to be honest and upright and loving and kind. And people when they take their emphasis away from the Scripture itself and take a few emphases in the Scripture, it's great emphasis on love and justice, they tend to think that all we need is to spread the idea of love and goodness and everyone will be good.

I visited San Francisco some years ago, and a man had told me how that he had been instrumental in securing a very orthodox man as a pastor of the church