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There are several events in our long Jewish history
Which Torah tells us to remember and recall daily
We must remember Shabbos, Mattan Torah, and the mann,
And we must remember Amalek and the veil they have done

When we left Mitzrayim all the nations watched in fear
After what Hashem had done for us, to attack they wouldn't dare
But Amalek did attack with chutzpah and with gall
We must always remember that, and we must destroy them all

Yet of all the things about which we are told "zachor"
Amalek is the only one there's a Torah reading for
But why? It seems that Shabbos and getting the Torah from Hashem
Are more central to Yiddishkeit, why no reading for them?

Why is there a reading specifically for remembering Amalek
If nowadays there is no practical application we can make?
The nation of Amalek is scattered about, we no longer know who's who
So destroying Amalek today is not something we can do

The answer is that it's true we can't destroy them physically
But erasing Amalek is very important nowadays spiritually
Amalek was well aware of Hashem, their issue was not atheism
They "knew their Creator and intentionally fought and rebelled against Him"

This represents the Jew today who knows Torah yet he's detached
 He knows what Hashem wants him to do yet his emotions and actions don't match
 About such a person and his behavior we can almost say
 "He knows his Creator and intends to rebel" albeit in a more subtle way
 The Yud and the Hei of Hashem's holy name represent divine comprehension
 The Vov and the Hei represent one step more, changing that knowledge into action
 Preventing the Yid from doing what's right, this is Amalek's fight
 He tries to make sure that the two parts of the name of Hashem don't unite

So we see it's of utmost importance, it's really the call of the day
 To always remember Amalek and not let it get in the way
 It can't be allowed to prevent us from converting our knowledge to deeds
 Improving our emotions and actions and doing whatever G-d needs

This is why Amalek attacked us as we traveled towards Har Sinai
 Mattan Torah represents the unity of G-d's name and so Amalek did try
 To keep us from standing at Sinai, and hearing all the mitzvos
 Because believing in Hashem and doing His will is what scared Amalek the most

And this why we have the Mitzvah to read Parshas Zachor
 Since Amalek is our prime enemy, it serves to underscore
 That we have the ability – with the power of Torah true –
 To eradicate our inner Amalek and bring Moshiach Tzidkeinu.
