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There are two unique Mitzvos that we find,
That need to be remembered through speech and in the mind,
We need to live with their memory constantly,
They are the Mitzvos of remembering Amaleik and Shabbos so holy.

The Yidden asked Moshe Rabeinu to tell them please,
How we can be expected to live with two seemingly opposite memories,
The Mitzvah of Shabbos demonstrates that Hashem is the only power,
While remembering Amalek reminds us of those who rebel against our Creator.

Moshe Rabeinu's reply was that there are two cups that are as different as can be,
One is filled with wine so fine and the other is filled with vinegar so bitter and tart,
The two cups represent two ways that we were given,
To reveal in this world the G-dliness that is hidden.

The wine way, is by doing Mitzvos and being a Tzaddik so holy,
To Hashem this is compared to sweet candy,
But candy isn't the only delicacy,
Within delicacies there is another category we will see.

The vinegar way, is by pushing down the evil,
Through the hard work of a Beinoni who puts in effort and does struggle,
To Hashem this is compared to foods that are savory, salty and spicy,
They can be delicacies too when they are prepared properly.

Since Hashem has no limitation,
 He was able to create the Amaleik nation,
 Who knows Hashem and chooses to rebel purposely,
 But their source is Hashem's infinity.

Just like vinegar which comes from wine,
 Evil is rooted in the Divine,
 Everyone will agree that it is dangerous to drink a cup of vinegar,
 But it has goodness too, the strong smell of vinegar can revive a person in danger.

When the evil we break and uncover,
 Goodness within we discover,
 To our evil desires we say no,
 And that is when we truly grow.

Hashem cherishes every moment that we struggle as a precious gift,
 Because when we push down the evil, we give the entire world a lift,
 It's like a see-saw in the park which kids enjoy immensely,
 When you push one side down the other side goes up high automatically.

Remembering Amaleik is not a contradiction,
 To remembering that Hashem rested after six days of creation,
 Because fighting evil is just another way,
 For us to bring Hashem tremendous joy today!

The lesson for me and you,
 Is that even when we are acting like a holy Shabbos Jew,
 We must still constantly remember the Amaleik nation,
 And stand on guard to make sure it doesn't enter our thoughts, speech or action.

And if a Jew feels like he did fall,
 Into the clutches of Amaleik, he shouldn't despair at all,
 Because not only does he have the power to destroy Amaleik completely,
 But he has the ability to transform darkness into light and become holy!
