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1. Remembering Amalek is one of the six things we are commanded to remember every day, but the only one that doesn't seem to have a logical reason why.



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2. The Torah tells us that after the miracles of the Exodus, Amalek did not fear G-d's punishment like the rest of the world, which is why they attacked the Jews.

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3. Torah describes a fear higher than fear of punishment that we learn from Yosef. He told his brothers that he fears G-d. He did not give in to Potiphar's wife out of shame of facing G-d; that's what made him do right.



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4. Physical fear is different from this higher fear, this fear of supremacy. This second kind of fear is a spiritual fear, of facing G-d on Judgment Day in shame.



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5. Commanding us to remember Amalek is a command to strengthen our fear of heaven, doing right because of G-d's greatness.



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6. Generally, people do right because of social pressure. But when people are surrounded by bad, they will usually do bad as well.

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7. Judaism is the same. Religious Jews go to shul out of social pressure to show up. Here, people come out of fear of heaven, not social pressure.



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