

DEBORAH: A FAITHFUL SERVANT

Judges 4-5

God delights in those who are useful and faithful to Him in all their ways

I. FAITHFUL IN MINISTRY (4:4-7)

A. SHE IS A PROPHETESS (4a)

1. She is God's spokeswoman
2. A very unusual calling for a woman
 - Others include Miriam (Ex. 20:20), Hulda (II Kings 22:14) and Philip's daughters (Acts 21:9)

B. SHE IS A JUDGE (4b-5)

1. The only female to have this job
2. She decided the cases of her people

C. SHE FAITHFULLY SERVES

- Doing what God has equipped her to do

II. FAITHFUL IN EXHORTATION (4:6-22)

A. RESPONDING TO BARAK'S HESITATION (6-9)

1. She has communicated God's message to him (6-7)
2. He's a coward (8)
3. She's courageous (9a)
4. She's convicting (9b)
 - The honor Barak could have earned will be given to a woman

B. REMINDING BARAK TO FIGHT (12-14)

C. REPORTING Jael's COURAGE (15-22)

1. Sisera's army falls (15-16)
2. Sisera flees to the tent of Heber and Jael (17)
3. Jael kills Sisera

III. FAITHFUL IN WORSHIP (5:1-11, 31)

A. PRAISE (1-3)

1. The Singers (1) > A duet with Barak
2. The Subject (2) > Leader, volunteers and God
3. The Song (3) > Personally delivered to the Lord

B. REVIEW (4-9)

1. God's majesty (4-5)
2. Israel's condition (6-8)
3. Personal thankfulness (9)

C. ENCOURAGEMENT (10-11)

- Wherever Jews gather, they should continually recount God's righteous deeds

D. PRAYER (5:31)

1. Content: May God's enemies perish, and His people become mighty
2. Concept: Proverbs 31:30

IV. FAITHFUL IN RECORDING (5:12-30)

A. THE FIGHTERS (12-18, 23)

1. Those who fought (12-15)
2. Those who didn't fight (16-18, 23)

B. THE FIGHT (19-22)

- Here we learn two more details
- 1. God caused a storm to bog down Sisera's chariots and soldiers (19-21)
- 2. Many appear to have been killed by horse hooves (22) > A stampede?

C. THE FEARLESS (23-27)

- A second tribute to Jael's courageous acts

D. THE FRIGHTENED (28-30)

- The concern of Sisera's mom when he doesn't return home

CONCLUSION:

One faithful woman accomplished much for her nation

- Read 4:1-3 then 4:23-24 and finally 5:31b

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