

Sing Praise to our Deliverer

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Judges 5:1-31

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A Review

- God raised up Deborah as a prophetess & judge when Israel was being chastised by God for their unfaithfulness
- Deborah commanded Barak to raise Israelite army and go to Mt. Tabor where he would win
- Sisera heard and sought to fight Barak on the flat land near the river Kishon, BUT God sent storms which bogged chariots so Barak easily defeated Sisera
- Sisera ran to ally Heber, his wife Jael, hid Sisera in her tent, covered him and then drove a tent peg thru temple
- This act fulfilled prophecy of Jdg 4:9 Sisera sold into hand of a woman.
- Chp 5 Song celebrates God's amazing deliverance!

Praise 2-3

- "bless the Lord" - praises God for His mighty deeds!
- What God's people should do - praise God for His works!

What God Did 4-5

- God was the divine warrior who rescued Israel from enemies
- He used sinful people and nature to accomplish His work

Unlikely People used of God 6-8

- Shamgar - worshiper of Anath, but provided relief for Israel
- Jael - Heber her husband allied with Canaanites the enemy
- Normal life had ceased, but God raised Deborah

Everyone Called to Praise God 9-11

- everyone from rich to poor should recite God's victories!
- Do you recite the Glories of the Gospel?

Praise for the Faithful 12-18

- Deborah was faithful & called Barak to faithfulness
- Some of God's people were faithful, others not so much

How God Fought the Battle 19-23

- God used nature to flood the battlefield
- Sisera who thought his chariots were invincible got muddled
- 'waters of Megiddo' : Rev 16:16 *Armageddon* reference back to the place of God's miraculous defeat in Deborah's song
- Never ever forget, that God has already rescued His people by Jesus at the Cross and no king or kingdom will stand!

The Story Recounted 24-27

- God used unlikely Jael to redeem His people
- God can use whomever He chooses!

A Little Dark Humor 28-30

- Imagine what Sisera's mother thought?
- Even she knew his wicked ways of killing & raping

Finale 31

- This is the triumphant truth: May all the Lord's enemies perish!
- Are you God's enemy or His friend?
- Israel had rest for 40 years...
- But 6:1 rings the gong once again

Lessons

- We are to constantly sing praises of God's great deliverance of His people!
- That is why in the New Covenant we so often sing hymns of praise about the truth of the Gospel and reality of the cross!
- There is a place for emotion in worship, but it should be excitement and jubilation over God's mercy and deliverance to us, an undeserving people!
- Let us NEVER EVER FORGET that Jesus Christ has already conquered our greatest enemy: sin & death.
- Let us continually sing the song of PRAISE to God because of Jesus He has defeated sin and death for us!
- Paul commands: 1 Timothy 1:8-12 don't be ashamed... but share in suffering to get out the Good News of the Gospel... and of which we are called to proclaim!