

Judges 4:4-10; 5:6, 7, 12, 15INTRODUCTION

1. Her name signifies a bee. She answered her name in three ways:
  1. By her industry (busy as a bee) and great usefulness to the public.
  2. By her sweetness (honey) of the bee) to her friends.
  3. By her sharpness (sting of the bee) to her enemies.
2. Who Deborah was.
  1. She was a prophetess, One that was instructed in divine knowledge, intimately acquainted with God. She heard the words of God.
  2. She was a judge in Israel.
    1. The judges of Israel were raised up to deliver Israel from the hands of those that spoiled them. Judges 2:16
    2. Through their own sin and folly Israel brought themselves into oppressive distress so that their trouble was the punishment of their sin.
    3. Their deliverance came purely from God's pity and tender compassion for them.
  3. She was the wife of Lapidoth.
    1. Lapidoth means LAMPS.
    2. Some ancient versions read: "She (Deborah) was a woman of Lapidoth," therefore, a woman of lamps. This would mean:
      1. That she was a woman of illuminations, or of great splendours.
      2. She was one that was extraordinarily knowing and wise, and so came to be very eminent and illustrious among Israel.
  4. She was a mother in Israel. Judges 5:7
    1. The point is not so much whether Deborah was actually a mother but what her relationship and influence in Israel was. Lessons:
      1. She became as a mother to Israel, a nursing mother, because of the affection she bore for her people.
      2. Because of the care and pains she took for the public welfare.
      3. Because of her love and care for her people, Deborah worked and sacrificed for them as a good mother would for her children.
  5. Where Deborah lived.
    1. "She dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in Mount Ephraim." Judges 4:5
      1. "under the palm tree" seems a pleasant and safe place to dwell.
      2. There are many who delight to dwell "under the palm tree" while they advocate difficult and often dangerous tasks for other to perform while they are not willing to share the responsibility and danger involved.
        1. They excuse themselves from the work.
      3. Deborah not only gave out instructions that involved difficulty and danger but she was willing to go and face the problems of difficulty and danger. 4:8, 9

THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE RISE OF DEBORAH

1. There had been eighty years of peace from the death of Ehud to the rise of Deborah. Judges 3:30  
This should have confirmed them in their religion; but on the contrary it did not.
  1. They became wanton under the false sense of security. (We have got it made)
  2. They became indulgent of those lusts which the worship of false gods was calculated for the gratification of.
  3. Thus we see the truth of Proverbs 1:32 where we read, "For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them." Deuteronomy 32:15; "But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation."

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GOD'S DIRECTION FOR DELIVERANCE1. Under God Deborah gives God's plan for deliverance.

1. She instructs Barak to raise an army, and engage Jabin's forces at the river Kishon.
2. His army is to consist of ten thousand men from out of Naphtali and Zebulun. So boiled down here is the plan:
  1. She directs him what number of men to raise: 10,000. God has said by them he will save Israel. 4:7
  2. She tells him where he should raise them: out of his own tribe and Zebulun next adjoining. 4:6
  3. She tells him where to make his rendezvous: at Mount Tabor, in his own neighborhood. 4:6
3. God's promise to Barak.
  1. "I will deliver him (Jabin) into thine hand." 4:7

LESSONS TO LEARN

1. In the spiritual warfare of the church we find critics who can:
  1. See all the defects of the work that others are doing.
  2. Advise great improvements in any area considered.
  3. Never willing to get out to encounter the perils of the field of labor.
  4. It is well to devise and suggest good measures, but it far better having suggested such measures to get out and help in their execution.
2. Men do not always deserve all the credit.
  1. Many men today get all the credit for planning all the work of the church, when, if the truth were known, their wives are due a great part of the credit.
  2. I have known of small churches where would have been no worship service had it not been for a few faithful women.
    1. Men either could not, or would not lead in the worship.

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