

Judges, Sermon #17

Judges 5

Chapter 4 is the story and Chapter 5 is the song

The victory is won and the fight was over.

I want to entitle tonight's message "Praise and Worship the Lord"

Judges 5:1-3

Let us stand for the reading of God's Holy Word

Let us pray

You may be seated

Vs. 1 – then sang

This is Deborah's victory song – we praise/worship God through song

Singing in church services is not the preliminary to preaching – it should prepare our
heart for preaching

Singing is a way to worship God – we will be singing in Heaven

All over Revelation there are songs and singing unto God

The Psalms say we are to sing praise to the Lord

The Bible says in Psalm 30, "Sing unto the Lord, all ye saints."

How many of us? ALL

Psalms is the hymn book of praise to God

Praise is defined as "to commend worth to," "to glorify"

Praise has the idea of boasting – it is the topic of our conversation

My brother and his wife had their first child – my mom has called me several times just
to talk about the baby

As Christians, we are commanded to boast about our God, Who He is, and what He has
done

Praise reflects our focus

Did you know that God blesses us through praise?

Psalm 67:5-6, "Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us."

Psalm 100:2 – come before His presence with singing

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with PRAISE.

A great song of victory.

The song of Deborah is a praise to God.

Now, what exactly did she praise God about?

Deborah – #1 – praised God for unified leaders (vv. 1-2).

Praise God for unified leaders and people who willingly offer themselves.

God calls certain people to *step forth* to take the lead among us.

Those leaders are to stand together in unity.

Second, Deborah praised God for the Lord's presence and guidance through the wilderness wanderings of life (vv. 3-5).

God said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"

Hebrews 13:6, "*So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*"

Thirdly, she praised God for raising up a deliverer for His people (vv. 6-8).

Fourthly, she praised God for His righteous acts of peace and security

Vs. 9 – bless – adore, adulation

Next, Deborah praised God for faithful believers who awaken and volunteer to fight against the enemy (vv. 13-18).

Praise the Lord for the volunteers

The LORD uses willing servants, in order to fulfill His plan.

Those who did not help the LORD were cursed

Those who helped the LORD were blessed

6. She praised God for victory over the enemy (vv. 19-23).

Do we thank the Lord for victories?

Then Deborah (#7) praised God for a courageous woman who was not neutral, Jael
(vv. 24-27)

And, lastly, she praised God for the total defeat and utter hopelessness of the enemy:
seen in the waiting of Sisera's mother (vs. 28)

Vs. 28

How many mothers today are looking out the window and wondering where their sons
or daughters are?

When will they come home? Will they ever come home?

A mother's heart is revealed.

Deborah remembers that Sisera, although he was the enemy, had a mother.

Then, this chapter closes out with a prayer (v. 31)

The closing prayer (v. 31) contrasts the enemies of the Lord—who like Sisera go out in
darkness—with the people who love God, who are like the noonday sun.

They expressed a desire for all the enemies of God to perish.

But they also expressed a desire for all believers who love God to be strong and to
shine forth as the noonday sun.

With this in mind, how does this apply to us?

One day in Heaven – Revelation tells us that people fall down and worship God
Hallelujah (a form of Allelujah) = Praise the Lord

Revelation 19:1

Praise the Lord

The 24 elders and four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, saying, “Amen and Allelujah!”

Revelation 19:5-6

The call is for us to worship God!

Look up the word “worship” in the concordance and fathom how many times God is worshipped in the Bible

Worship is stooping low – it is obedience – it is reverence to God

The wisemen said that they had come to worship Him

God, the Father, seeks people to worship Him – John 4:23

Satan wants to be worshipped

He tempted Jesus to bow down and to worship him.

Man oftentimes desires the same thing – to be worshipped – to be praised – to be lifted up, to be exalted

Hebrews 13:15

First, praise is a sacrifice to God – what did I bring God today? – myself, my all, my praise? sports team? people? ourselves?

Second, praise is audible – praise should be heard.

The tongue is the dipstick of our heart

Praise is continuous – praise is everlasting

God is worthy of our praise – let us praise and worship the Lord

Let us stand for closing invitation.

We cannot worship God from a sinful heart

Let us quietly confess our sins – ask forgiveness – right with God

Now, let us praise Him out loud

Let's take 10-20 seconds – thank God, praise God

We must be thinking on God to praise God