



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, June 27, 2021 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“A Very Weird Praise Song”

Judges 5

1. Praise for and to leaders (Judges 5:1-3)
2. Praise for the preparation and pain of hard times (Judges 5:4-11)
3. Praise for the participants with God in His work (Judges 5:12-18)

4. Praise for the battle fought
(Judges 5:19-23)

5. Praise for the woman who joined the fight
(Judges 5:24-31)

Table Talk

- 1) What are the differences that you notice between narrative and poetry? What differences do you notice about the narrative of Judges 4 and the poetry of Judges 5? How does a poem or song communicate in a different way from the telling of a story?
- 2) Why is it such a blessing when leaders lead well and followers follow well? (v. 2, 9) Why does the poem have a reminder of what God did in the distant past? (vv. 4-5) How are the hard times in Israel under Jabin's oppression poetically described? (vv. 6-8)
- 3) Why does this song emphasize the telling of the victory? (vv. 10-11) How might you be called to "repeat the triumphs of the LORD"?
- 4) Which tribes participated in this victory? Which ones did not? (vv. 12-18) Why are both identified in the song? Will heaven have similar songs for God's people, both those who participated in the mission God has given the church and those who did not? What evidence do you have for your answer in the New Testament?
- 5) According to the song, who is in charge of the stars and the weather? (vv. 20-21) What does it mean to not come to the help of the LORD? Does this mean that the LORD needs help? (v. 23)
- 6) How are Jael and Sisera's mother contrasted? (vv. 24-30) Why is Jael praised? In a world where people sincerely believe that they create their own reality, how is Sisera's mother a wake up call? In a world that is going up in the flames of rebellion against God, what can ordinary Christians do?