

Judges 5  
When  
Leaders  
Lead, and  
People  
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call to the word

Then Deborah and Barak the  
son of Abinoam sang on that  
day, saying:

Jdg 5:1

call to the word

"When leaders lead in Israel,  
When the people willingly offer  
themselves, Bless the LORD!"

Jdg 5:2

call to the word

"Hear, O kings! Give ear, O  
princes! I, *even* I, will sing to the  
LORD; I will sing praise to the  
LORD God of Israel."

Jdg 5:3

background

- Israel was under King Jabin's oppression for 20 years.
- 900 iron chariots made him nearly untouchable.



background

- But God raised up Deborah and Barak... and used Jael to secure the victory.

## God Uses the Willing

- Deborah – prophetess and judge.
- Barak – hesitant but obedient.
- Jael – unexpected hero.



## God Uses the Willing

God often uses the  
available, not just the able.



## Victory Leads to Praise

Praise flows from obedience  
and deliverance; worship  
becomes public testimony.



## Why Praise Matters

- Refocuses our hearts on truth.
- Reorients our faith.
- Responds to God's faithfulness.

Psalm 34:3 – 'Oh, magnify the  
LORD with me!'

## YHWH – The Covenant Name

- YHWH = God's personal, covenant name.
- Mentioned 14x in Judges 5
- Speaks of His nearness, faithfulness, and eternal presence.

## Compound Names of God

- Jehovah Jireh –  
The LORD will provide  
Gen 22:14
- Jehovah Shalom –  
The LORD is peace  
Judges 6:24

## Compound Names of God

- Jehovah Shammah –  
The LORD is there

Eze 48:35

- Jehovah Tsidkenu –  
The LORD our righteousness

Jer 23:6

## What Praise Does

- Reinforces truth (Rom 10:17)
- Sparks remembrance (Ps 77:11)
- Invites peace (Phil 4:6–7)
- Softens and centers our hearts (Col 3:2)

## Takeaway

- Praise is a weapon and a witness.
- It changes our perspective, not God's power.
- Leads us to trust, testify, and stay anchored in hope.



## Final Challenge

Judges 4–5 reminds us:

- God honors courageous leadership and willing hearts.
  - Our response should be wholehearted praise.
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- *“Worship is the believer’s response of all that they are—mind, emotions, will, and body—to all that God is and says and does.” — Warren Wiersbe*

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