

Judges 4:3 - 5:31 With or Without You

1/18/09 - The Exchange

- I. Review
 - A. God is watching. Are you trusting? Faith, not fear.
 - B. God is speaking. Are you obeying? Head, to heart, to feet.
 - C. God is doing. Are you participating?
- II. 4:3-5 Supplication
 - i. cried out - "God, don't you see what's going on? Do you only see the bad we do?" Jabin means "whom God observes". God is watching. Are you trusting? Faith, not fear.
 - B. Deborah
 - i. One of three true prophetesses in the OT. Miriam and Huldah. Anna in the NT, plus Philip's daughters. prophetess - female prophet, one who speaks forth the word of God.
 2. judging - sitting in judgment, dispensing decisions in disputes.
- III. 4:6-24 Salvation
 - A. 4:6-10
 - i. 4:6a Does God still speak today? If so, how, and how do we know it's Him? Experiment
 - a) Silence. You didn't go through the effort and preparation to come hear nothing, You expect to hear something.
 - b) "Here, just read my book." But who should I marry? What job should I take, where should I server?
 - c) How does He speak?
 - (1) Through His word.
 - (2) Through the gifts of prophecy, word of wisdom, word or knowledge. Separate unto me...
 - (3) Through personal prayer, meditation.
 - (4) In ways and times we don't always expect.
 - d) How do you know?
 - (1) Because it sounds smart and reasonable? Not always, not even usually. This passage
 - (2) It never contradicts His word.
 - (3) It can take time and experience, but you just know. Voice on the phone.
 2. 4:6b-7 God is speaking. Are you obeying? Head, heart, feet.
 - a) Barak had already received God's commandment but didn't do anything with it. Vamp on content.
 - b) God spoke clearly and specifically. Wouldn't you love for that to happen on a regular basis in your life?
 - c) It isn't enough to be right. It needs to be lived. Be doers...
 - d) From basic commandments to specific words.
 - e) What if Jesus had come and just taught and corrected doctrine concerning the Messiah, but didn't live out what He was? Instead what did He do? (gospel)
 3. 4:8-10
 - a) The prophet/ess isn't the authority, the words of God are.
 - b) Possible Barak was supposed to be the judge/deliverer? Don't know how they were "raised up" or called into action.

- B. 4:11-24 Survey
 - i. 4:11-14 God is doing. Are you participating? Extension of the previous point. 5:15-18
 - 2. 4:15 God is going to do what God is going to do, with or without you. 5:19-21
- IV. 5 The song 40 years of rest.
- V. Wrap-up
 - A. God's word does things. From cover to cover, it does things.
 - B. It's not enough to know or even hear God's word. It must be acted upon. What are you doing with the word that you have? Grow, mature, "Go"
 - C. There are blessings in the obedience, for yourself and others. Jesus.