

Singing Salvation
Judges 4-5
2-5-23

I. JUDGES 4 – The Facts

1. External motivation.

Judges 4:1 - *"And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD after Ehud died."*

2. God brings salvation.

3. Deborah was a woman.

II. JUDGES 5 – The Spiritual Analysis

1. Written as a song.

Judges 5:1 - *"Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day..."*

~ **Commended the works of God to the next generation.**

2. God is provident.

Judges 5:20-21 - *"From heaven the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera. The torrent Kishon swept them away, the ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon. March on, my soul, with might!"*

3. God curses the bystanders.

Judges 5:23 - *"Curse Meroz, says the angel of the LORD, curse its inhabitants thoroughly, because they did not come to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty."*

4. God blesses the obedient.

Judges 5:24 - *"Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, of tent-dwelling women most blessed."*

5. God is just.

Judges 5:31 - *"So may all your enemies perish, O LORD! But your friends be like the sun as he rises in his might."*

Romans 8:5-8 – *"Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God."*

GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why do you think that Israel was so motivated to live godly when the judges were alive but not after they died? What does it say about their faith that it was externally motivated? What are some ways we can have an externally motivated faith?
3. Why is it important to know that God's salvation is coupled with His providence?
4. How was God provident in bringing salvation to your life? Share with your group and celebrate God's amazing work together!
5. We saw this week that God cursed the bystanders. How can we be guilty of this today in churches? Why is it easy for us to be spectators instead of participants in God's divine plan?
6. We also saw that God blesses simple obedience. What are some ways we can be more obedient to God and His plan for us? What resources do we have to help us be obedient?
7. It is often said that God works through our availability and not necessarily through our ability. How does this differ from the world's mindset? How does knowing this encourage you in your pursuit of God's plan?
8. How does knowing that God is just (He will right all of the wrongs one day) help you live in our world today?
9. How can we use the point of God's justice to create Gospel conversations with unsaved people?