

Reflection 2: Deborah

Judges 4:1-10

4 1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. 3 Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help. 4 Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. 5 She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. 6 She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. 7 I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'" 8 Barak said to her, "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go." 9 "Certainly I will go with you," said Deborah. "But because of the course you are taking, the honour will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman." So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

Reflection

Reflect on Deborah's willingness and availability to serve the Lord. She was brave and courageous. Reflect on your level of trust in the Lord to fulfil his promises to you. Reflect on your willingness to be obedient to God's calling. What holds you back or sends your forward rejoicing in his trustworthiness?

Reflect on the sovereignty of God, that he is the one true God and that he has everything under the sun under his control at all times. What is your response to this truth?

Reflect on the fact that our God for redeemed his people once and for all through allowing Jesus to die for us.

Pray that you will repay his loving kindness by being a faithful, willing, available servant.