

DEBORAH: A DEVOTED WOMAN

Judges 4-5

We need men and women who are distinguished by their devotion to God!

A Devoted Woman is:

I. PREPARED BY GOD (1-4)

A. NOTE ISRAEL'S CONDITION (1-3)

- Disobedient (1), enslaved (2), desperate (3a) and oppressed (3b)

B. NOTE GOD'S INTERVENTION (4)

1. An Answer: Now!
2. A Woman: Deborah > An unlikely choice
3. A Prophetess > An unusual calling
4. A Wife > With an underwhelming husband
5. A Judge > An unexpected position
6. A Worker > An unrelenting schedule

C. OUR CONSIDERATION:

1. God has a place for everyone of us ... God can use you!
2. God places people in various positions and ministries at various times
3. God has a place for you ... Are you in place or out of place?

A Devoted Woman is:

II. SERVING FOR GOD (5-7)

A. SHE WAS ACTIVE (5)

1. In her place under the palm tree
2. Accepting her God-given authority
3. Ministering effectively by being engaged in passing judgment
4. Impacting those who respected her

B. SHE WAS ANNOUNCING (6-7)

1. First receiving God's Word (6b)
2. Then revealing God's Word (6-7)
 - a. She told God's person (6a)
 - b. She told God's plan (6b)
 - c. She told God's promise (7)

C. ARE WE AVAILABLE?

- Doing God's work and declaring God's Word

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A Devoted Woman is:

III. **COMMITTED TO GOD** (8-9)

A. AMID OBSTACLES (8)

1. Like a stubborn or bargain-offering man
2. Like someone not fully committed and hesitant
3. Like a cowardly companion
4. Like a spineless leader

B. READY TO GO! (9)

1. Participating
 - “I will surely go” ... “Then Deborah arose and went”
2. Though warning
 - a. The hesitant coward would receive no honor
 - b. The opposing commander would be killed by a woman - See 4:17-21

C. WHAT’S HOLDING YOU BACK?

- Fear ... failures ... things?

A Devoted Woman is:

IV. **CERTAIN OF GOD** (4:12-5:3)

A. THOUGH THE ENEMY THREATENS (12-13)

B. GOD’S AGENT INSPIRES (14)

1. Note Deborah’s insistence > “Arise”
2. Recognize her assurance > “For this is the day ...”
3. Admire her confidence > “Behold the Lord has gone out before you”

C. AND GOD SHINES (4:15-5:3)

1. With a successful rout (15)
2. And the soldiers defeated (16)
3. And Sisera dead (17-22)
4. And singers rejoicing (5:1-3)

CONCLUSION:

**We need men and women like Deborah who are distinguished by their devotion to God
- Let’s be workers who don’t wimp out on God**

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