

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES
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JUDGES CHAPTER 5:1-31

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"THIS IS WHY WE SING" – PART 2

*ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATION*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Worship, Praise, Meditation, Reflection, Remembering

Introduction to the Text;

Judges 5:1-31

GOD'S PEOPLE WILL BE A WORSHIPPING PEOPLE

True Biblical Worship and the Act of Worship is a Litmus Test,
Revealing What's in the Heart, What's Important and of the Utmost Value!

Worship is a Rehearsal

- **Worship** is Personal, *Even When Congregational.*
- **Worship** is Powerful, *Connecting Us with Heaven*
- **Worship** is Physical, *Manifesting Our Spiritual Reality.*

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. :24 God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. :4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for (pulling down strongholds), = “dismantling a fortress”

These “Fortresses” are Old,
Well-Supplied, Enemy Encampments
(fortresses - - things that have infiltrated our lives and have set up a well-supplied,
well- fortified, enemy camp - - spiritual insurgences)

LIKE JAMMING ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS

Worship Affects the Realm of the Spirit.

If The Account is Real to Us, If The Word is a Reality to Us.
Then If We Find Ourselves **Unable** or **Unwilling** to Worship the Lord,
then there’s a serious problem preventing us from spiritual advancement. Worship is
the expression of our weaponry

Last Time Together We Were Reminded That...

THIS IS WHY WE SING

1.) ***Because Our God is LORD*** v.1-11

1a.) ***The LORD our God is Able***

Deborah and Barak sang because
of God’s **Leading** in Their Lives.

1b.) ***The LORD our God is Willing***

Deborah and Barak sang because
of God’s **Nearness** in Their Lives.

1c.) *The LORD our God is **Mighty***

Deborah and Barak sang because
of God's **Power** in Their Lives.

THIS IS WHY WE SING

2.) *Because of the **Victories** in our lives v.12-19*

2a.) *We sing because we know **who wins***

2b.) *We sing because we know **our position***

2c.) *We sing because we know **Him***

Judges 5:9

My heart is with the rulers of Israel **Who offered themselves
willingly** with the people. Bless the LORD!

our **willful**, our **deliberate**, our **intentional** worship
is the only acceptable worship set on meeting with the Lord.

At That, We Pick Up Where We Left Off

THIS IS WHY WE SING

3.) *Because the **LORD** is our **defense** v.20*

Judges 5:20

They (the Israelis) **fought from the heavens**; (divine resources)
The **stars** (angelic powers) **from their courses fought against Sisera.**
(the angelic hosts and the elements)

WE SING BECAUSE THE LORD IS OUR DEFENSE

3a.) *He defends us **from our past failures** v.20*

Exodus 34:8-10

So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. :9 Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance." :10 And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. ***For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.***

***"For it is an awesome thing
that I will do with you."***

Judges 5:24-27

"Most blessed among women is Ja'el, The wife of Heber the Ke'nite; Blessed is she among women in tents. :25 He asked for water, she gave milk; She brought out cream in a lordly bowl. :26 She stretched her hand to the tent peg, Her right hand to the workmen's hammer; She pounded Sisera, she pierced his head, She split and struck through his temple. :27 At her feet he sank, he fell, he lay still; At her feet he sank, he fell; Where he sank, there he fell dead.

***"For it is an awesome thing
that I will do with you."***

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, :14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

***"For it is an awesome thing
that I will do with you."***

Daniel 11:32b

but the people who know their God shall be strong,
and carry out *great exploits*.

***"For it is an awesome thing
that I will do with you."***

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**“For it is an awesome thing
that I will do with you.”**

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, :15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, :16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, :17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, :18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— :19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. :20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, :21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

WE SING BECAUSE THE LORD IS OUR DEFENSE

3b.) He defends us from our enemies

v.20

Sleeping With The Enemy is Not a
Good Thing.

Judges 5:8

They chose new gods; **Then** there was war in the gates;
Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.

when Israel began to worship false gods it became “passive” and “weak” and began to compromise and appease the enemy.

Worshippers Can't Waste Time
Worrying,
Worshipper's Build Altars
Everywhere They Go.

Set Up An Altar of Worship in Your Life,
from that altar will come your passion.

Chapter 5 Is Itself, an Altar !

it's a recorded account of God's victory's through His people.

"Israel's Enemies Had Invaded, Infiltrated The Nation
with Foreign gods which all have Altars."

"if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" was their strategy.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.

the United States of America was once a Christian nation.
the Founding Fathers said so, Abraham Lincoln said so, The World said so!

you cannot say that anymore.

foreign gods and their prophets direct America now.

if you think this is harsh, think again.

America is In Bed with Foreign Gods at Pagan Altars.

I watched a pagan altar be made this week, a foreign altar !

WHERE DOES AMERICA GO WHEN THERE'S A TRAGEDY?

we got the answer yesterday, on Fox News, CNN, BBC,
and the Networks...

from the campus of virginia tech university,
televised around the world...

"We pray and call upon the name of Allah the merciful,
Allah rules over the earth and is kind."

was there a message from islam? - yes
was there a message from buddhism? - yes
was there a message from judaism? - yes
was there a message from Christianity? – no

The Name of Jesus Christ wasn't Even Mentioned

Judges 5:8

They chose new gods; Then *there* was war in the gates;
Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.

JESUS DELIVERS US FROM THE ENEMIES' POWER.

Romans 8:33-38

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. :34 Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. :35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? :36 As it is written: "*For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*" :37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. :38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Peter 5:7-9

casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. :8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. :9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

WE SING BECAUSE THE LORD IS OUR DEFENSE

3c.) He defends us from us

v.20

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, :4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, :5 who are **kept** by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Kept *froure÷w phroureo, froo-ray-o;* to be a sentry, a watcher, an advance look out, one who guards or spies out the entrance into the city.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, :22 who also has sealed (**earnest**) us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

John 10:27-29

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. :29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

THIS IS WHY WE SING

4.) **Because we *worship* the LORD we love** v.21-31

“Thus let all Your enemies perish, O LORD! But *let* those who love Him *be* like the sun When it comes out in full strength.” ***So the land had rest for forty years.***

The Power of Worship

John 4:21-24

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. :22 You worship what you do not know; **we know what (whom) we worship**, for salvation is of the Jews. :23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. :24 God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

1 Chronicles 16:29

Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

have you ever seen someone's child

when they look just like mom or dad.
they're just a little version of the mother or father?

have you ever seen a child who acts

just like their mom or dad, it's like they're little duplicates...

Like That, Every Year,

a Christian is to look more and more like Jesus

**there's a very telling sign, an indicator
if a person is a Christian or not – *worship!***

It's Why We Sing

in the heart of the Christian;

there is a deep longing, a yearning for home!

Worship Gives Me a Sneak Peek of Home.

- It's not so much that it's **heaven** – that's not my desire.
- It's not so much that it's **eternal** – that's not my desire.
- It's no so much that it's **perfect** – that's not even my desire.

It's Because The Lord is There,

Jesus Christ is There !

John 17:23-24

I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. :24
“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Psalm 27:4

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To ***behold the beauty of the LORD***, And to inquire in His temple.

v. 31 "...but let those who love him be like the sun when it comes out in full strength."

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WE LOVE

4a.) Because of *who He is*

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. :8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:15-17

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. :16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. :17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WE LOVE

4b.) Because of *what He's done*

Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. :9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, :5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WE LOVE

4c.) Because of *what He's going to do*

Ephesians 2:5-7

even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), :6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, :7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:17-5:2

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, :18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal. 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. :2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

:31 "...So the land had rest for forty years.

...Sooooooo the land had rest
for forty years. (why?)

because of obedience, faithfulness, yes !

from the Lord's Perspective,

Maybe It Was Because He Loved Listening to His Children's Voice.

The **Voice** of Children

Singing

The **Sound** of Children

Playing

Some of You Live Near a School and in the Day
You Can Hear the Kids Playing.
(that is one of the most beautiful sounds in the world – children at play)

Caution Children at Play

(slow down and listen and remember what it's
like and go back to that time in your own life)

would you **withhold** a gift from God?
would you **steal** from Him?
when we **withhold** worship, we're **robbing** God

He 's My God

AND THAT'S WHY I SING

End of Study