

A VICTORY HYMN

Judges 5:1-31 // October 4, 2026 PM

God's rescue calls for our rejoicing.

I. Sing of the victory gained by God's *weak people*.

II. Sing of the victory gained by God's *warrior power*.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why was hymnody and congregational singing such an important part of the Reformation?
2. What are the similarities between Moses's song in Exodus 15 and Deborah's song in our text? What are the differences, and what do we learn from those differences?
3. Why does this song of praise to God focus so much upon Israel and its leaders? Wouldn't the focus on humans detract from God's glory?
4. Did all of Israel participate in this fight against the Canaanites? What does this tell us about the state of Israel in this time?
5. Who is the great warrior that gives Israel the victory? Why does the Bible often portray God as a warrior, and why should this be a comfort to us?
6. How did God show Himself to be greater than Baal in Israel's battle against Jabin?
7. Why is singing so important in the life of the church? What practical lessons can we learn about it from Judges 5?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I rejoice in God's rescue? Is glad song a necessary component of my spirituality?
2. How is human weakness highlighted and boasted in throughout this song? How might I boast in my own weakness unto the glory of God's power?
3. Why do Christians have even more reason to sing than the Israelites did in the days of Deborah and Barak?