

SERIES: JUDGES  
TEXT: Judges 4:1-24  
DATE: February 17, 2019

*For all is the work of God. It is He who plans a home for his people, who condemns the corrupt nations that have long occupied it, and who brings in Israel to replace them. It is He who allows Canaanite influence to linger and to test his people, He who when they fail the test allows their enemies to oppress them, and He who each time finally raises up a rescuer for them. It is He who has determined to use the entire process as a means of instruction for Israel. Everything is in accordance with his decisions: in a word, He is Judge. Paul Apple*

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**What are your thoughts on Barak's reluctance to obey a direct command from the Lord? He is, after all, listed in the Hebrews 11 "hall of faith."**

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**What is the significance of the men who are missing in action in this story (husband of Deborah and husband of Jael)?**

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**What do you make of verse 9 when you consider it in light of your work for the Lord? Have you ever been hurt or let down that you didn't receive recognition for something that you'd done for the kingdom?**

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*We must cultivate the mindset of exiles. What this does mainly is sober us up and wake us up so that we don't drift with the world and take for granted that the way the world thinks and acts is the best way. We don't assume that what is on TV is helpful to the soul; we don't assume that the priorities of advertisers is helpful to the soul; we don't assume that the strategies and values of business and industry are helpful to the soul. We don't assume that any of this glorifies God. We stop and we think and we consult the Wisdom of our own country, heaven, and we don't assume that the conventional wisdom of this age is God's wisdom. We get our bearings from God in His word. John Piper*

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