

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## DEBORAH, A WOMAN OF COURAGE

International Sunday School Lesson  
For July 13, 1952.

Memory Selection: "Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."—Joshua 1: 9.

Lesson Text: Judges 4: 1-10; 13-18; 5: 1-7.

The period of Israelitish history covered by the Book of Judges extended for about two and a half centuries, lasting from the death of Joshua to the advent of Eli. This period is chaotic, no centralized government existed, no great national leaders reigned over the people and the Israelites wandered away from the worship of God.

There were various emergencies when the Israelites were threatened by their enemies, at which time a temporary figure would emerge to stand in heroic proportions, under whose influence the danger would be overcome. These leaders were called judges. There were twelve such leaders: Ethiel, Ehud, Gideon, Samson, and a woman, Deborah, among the most prominent.

Deborah was a prophetess, living near Jerusalem, who had gained a wide reputation for her judgment and vision. The particular oppressor of the Israelites at this time was Jabin, King of the Canaanites in the North, and his military commander was Sisera. Deborah realized fully the suffering and trials which sorrowed some of her people and she became the instrumentality by which relief came to them.

This courageous woman sent for Barak, who lived at Kadesh, evidently a leader of some consequence, and repeated to him the inspired message that he should lead the Israelites against the arm of Jabin. Barak doubted and hesitated, but became convinced when Deborah agreed to accompany him at the head of the attacking forces. So, the Israelites gathered at Kadesh and prepared for the campaign.

The battle which followed was precipitated by the counsel of the inspired Deborah. Although Sisera had nine hundred war chariots under his command, and the Israelites none, Deborah's faith in the purpose of God was sufficient to overcome the fears which otherwise might have prevented an attack. As the battle developed, a storm created confusion in the ranks of Sisera's army and it was entirely routed.

Sisera, the leader of Jabin's soldiers, fled from the battlefield and took refuge in the tent of Heber, the Kennite, who was friendly to Jabin. However, Jael, Heber's wife, killed the trusting leader by treachery. The fact that Deborah hailed this death with triumph and glee illustrates the barbarity of that age, many centuries before the religion of Christ began to make even warfare more humane. Yet, it is well to bear in mind, modern wars also have their terrible atrocities.

Celebrating the victory, we have the Song of Deborah. This is more patriotic than moral and more warlike than religious, but it is well to remember that, to the ancient Israelites, Sisera was the embodiment of evil. What Deborah says of Sisera, as J. D. Jones comments, "is true of every evil man, of every evil power—of all wickedness and wrong—the stars in their course are fighting against them; the trend and constitution of things are working steadily and irresistibly for their defeat and overthrow. The universe is so made that it is against all wrong and on the side of right."

The modern reader of this episode may wonder at the storm which aided the Israelites, but history is not without similar incidents. When the huge Spanish Armada sailed to conquer England, a storm contributed more to its defeat than the English ships—as the English themselves said: "God blew upon them and they were scattered." When an early winter insured the defeat of Napoleon's invasion of Russia, the great Frenchman said, "God Almighty has been too much for me." The story of Joan of Arc, the little French peasant girl who led her sheep and flax to don the soldier's armor, and who rescued her France from the invaders, is another example of what a woman, inspired by faith in God, can accomplish.

Other women have likewise done their part to improve the world, always inspired by a great faith. Florence Nightingale, Jane Addams, Evangeline Booth and many others might be mentioned. Frances Willard, the only woman whose statue is in Statuary Hall, led the movement for women's suffrage and prohibition. The modern woman should take a patriotic interest in her government—none should shirk this responsibility.

As Minnie Pellitteri has said: "Not interested in politics? Do you realize what they are saying? Do they care whether there is war or peace?" (Continued on Page Five)

# THE BELL...and THE BELLS

The Liberty Bell never rings. Ever since it cracked while tolling the death of Chief Justice Marshall in 1835, it has stood motionless and silent, like the Americans—men and women, boys and girls—who come every day to behold it. But each Sunday, in cities and hamlets across the continent, the church bells ring! They have taken up the song of their silent brother that it may echo endlessly throughout America. Those millions of Christian worshippers for whom the bells ring are a living symbol of Freedom. But, more than that, they are the users of Freedom, preserving through practice and prayer their sacred right to believe, and to live their faith.

Small matter that The Liberty Bell does not ring.  
Freedom shall live as long as Church BELLS ring.

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Leviticus	23	8-12
Monday	Isaiah	28	16-29
Tuesday	Isaiah	61	1-9
Wednesday	Luke	4	16-30
Thursday	Romans	8	18-25
Friday	II Corin's	3	12-18
Saturday	Galatians	5	1-11

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**HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C. W. Duling, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor  
First Sunday  
11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Colon Jackson, Jr., Pastor  
Church services second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Church service 7:45 P. M. second and fourth Sundays.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
H. M. Jamieson, Pastor  
First Sunday:  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Second Sunday  
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

**ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
R. M. Gradeless, Pastor  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
James F. Burke, Pastor  
Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.  
First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.  
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Elizabeth White, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church Services, 11 A. M.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Bennie Crawford, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Preaching second and fourth Sunday evening at 7:30.

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Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Morning worship—11:00 A. M.

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Sunday School, 11 A. M., every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third Sunday at 8 P. M.

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A. L. Chaplin, Pastor  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
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Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.  
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Charles F. Wall, Rector.  
9:45 A. M., Church School, every Sunday.  
9:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 1st Sunday.  
8:30 A. M., Holy Communion, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays.  
11:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday.  
11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays.  
10:00 A. M., Holy Communion, Fridays and Saints' Days.

**BERRA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Walker Perry, Pastor  
2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:30 A. M.  
Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

**CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Church Service 8 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Sunday school at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.