

DEBORAH and the Case of the Reluctant Man A Case of Spiritual Apostasy

She knew it wasn't natural for her to be in this position. Let's take a look and examine for a moment the one woman cited for this false position of women preacher....

Let's first examine the state of things or the condition of man power at that time. The men in Deborah's day were very weak and cowardly, like many men today when its' time to stand up and speak out against this false practice. This is evident by the fact that Barak, the captain of the armies of Israel, refused to go into battle unless she went with him. This is a poor excuse of a man. We have many pitiful men sitting under the preaching leadership of so many false women preachers today. Take time and read the scripture and you will see that Deborah had to remind him that God had said it is time to fight; the woman had to encourage and challenge him to go. It is a sad day, when a woman must take a man by the hand, to lead him into battle. This is so sad, that a woman had to go with him. Pitiful men will always make excuses, and not live up to their God given charge.

"And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go" (Jud. 4:8).

Deborah clearly realized that this was not right nor natural, and she told Barak it would not result in his honor. "And she said, I will surely go with thee; notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; FOR THE LORD SHALL SELL SISERA INTO THE HAND OF A WOMAN..." (Jud. 4:9).

Clearly, this was a period in Israel's history during which God could not find a man who would stand in the gap and to do His will, so He used a brave, willing woman. This is not the case today. The problem in Deborah's day was spiritual apostasy. When God's people turn away from Him, women and children will rise up and lead a nation into destruction. In times like these God will render men powerless against their enemies and remove wisdom from their hearts. It is a judgment upon apostate people. They cannot lead in the home, their children and women disrespect and rule over them (Is. 3:12). In Deborah's day Israel was in bondage to their enemies only because of their apostasy from the true God and His Scriptures (Jud. 4:1-2). This was why the men were so weak. God had removed their power as He did from Samson and so many others (Amos 2:14-15). This cannot happen today because God's Word has expressly forbidden the woman to teach or usurp authority over men in the churches (1 Timothy 2:11-12).

We must rightly divide the Word of Truth. We do not get our instructions for church work in the Old Testament; we get them from the New Testament.