Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

God uses willing hearts.

Bible portion:

Judges 4:8–9

Focus:

Deborah: God uses willing hearts.

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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Mark 12-16

Have you Read your Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

He has risen; he is not here.

Mark 16:06 (ESV)

Quote

"Only he who believes is obedient, and he who is obedient believes."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Introduction:

God created Adam and Eve in His own image. They broke the intimate relationship with God by disobeying Him. The entire people of the world became enemies to God. They forgot Him and wandered away from God. Therefore, God sent His only begotten Son Jesus as an atoning sacrifice to be redeemed and reconciled with Him.

Bible expresses the Love of the Father towards His children when they wandered away from the Lord. Let's look into the life of Deborah the Judge, who was willing to serve God and how God used her to bring victory to the Israelites and also bring them back to the Lord.

Deborah:

God is looking for individuals who are willing to serve Him. He is not concerned about their ability or talent; He is looking for people who are available for the Lord. He raised up a courageous woman named Deborah (Bee) to be the judge of the land. She was both a judge and a prophetess. But she saw herself as a mother to her people. *"I, Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel" (Judges 5:7).* The wayward Jews were her children and she welcomed them and counselled them. The enemy took over because the people had turned from Jehovah to worship false gods. She was concerned about the spiritual life of the people as well as their physical and political welfare. And God gave victory.

Lessons we learn:

God uses simple people who are available for the Lord. He looks for people who are faithful in small things and ready to give their life to the Lord.

Deborah encouraged Barak to step into God's calling. He was reluctant, but Deborah strengthened his faith and walked alongside him.

She trusted the Lord. No matter what is the ground reality, she had a strong faith in the Lord. The Lord not only controlled the enemy army and brought it into the trap, but He also controlled the weather and used a storm to defeat Sisera's troops.

Redeemed through the blood of Jesus:

Throughout the history when the Israel disobeyed God and sinned, they were handed over into the hands of the oppressors. When they cried out to God, He raised Judges to guide and deliver them from the oppression of the enemies.

Bible says that, *"while we were still sinners, Christ died for us". (Romans 5: 8).* Jesus gave His life so that we were delivered from the bondage of satan. He has defeated the power of darkness and gave us the victory. The chorus of the song goes like this,

At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

The blood of Jesus has washed away our sins. *"He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness." (Colossians 1:13)*

As Deborah worshiped the Lord after the victory, let us also worship Him for the salvation that we enjoy in our daily life. Let us give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for redeeming us through Your Son Jesus Christ. Give us a grateful heart and help us to be obedient to you till the end of our lives. Let Your Cross remind us about Your unconditional love and sacrifice You made for us. In the redeeming name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

-Rev. G. John Roland

Prayer Point

Pray for the protection and safety of Women.