

Judges Series

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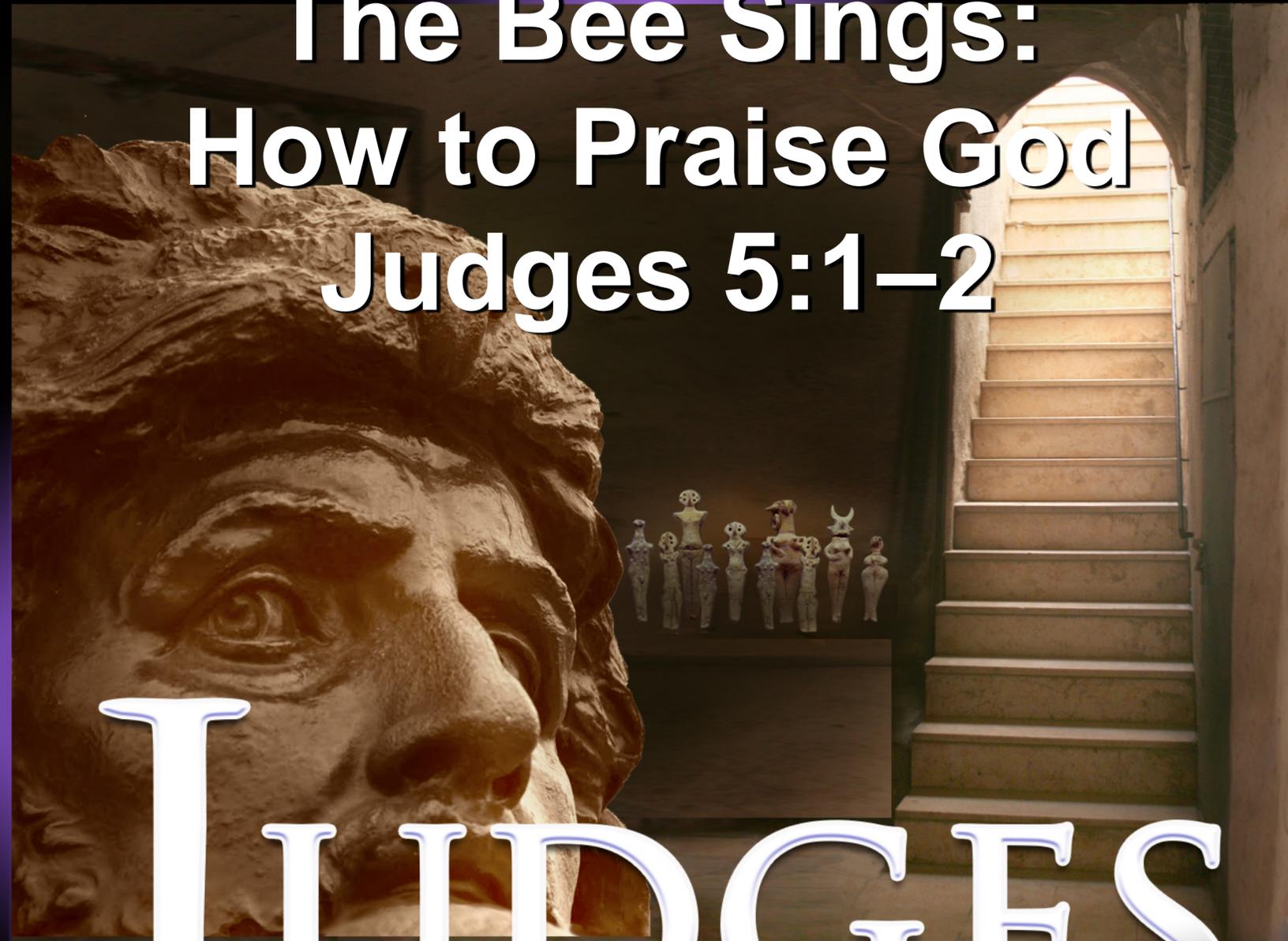
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**The Bee Sings:
How to Praise God
Judges 5:1–2**



JUDGES

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When Chaos Was King

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

**How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites**

Incomplete obedience

Compromise

Failure

Cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson (the worst)

17:1–21:25

Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

and the

People

Chap. 19–21

Judg. 4:14, “Then Deborah said to Barak, ‘Up! For this is the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the LORD gone out before you?’ So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.”

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כַּנַּעַן *kana*ˁ to humble, subdue

כְּנַעַן *kena*ˁan proper Canaan

Judg. 4:24, “And the hand of the children of Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.” ~NKJV

Ex. 15:20, “Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

Ex. 15:21, “And Miriam answered them: ‘Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!’ ”

Ex. 14:31, “Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

Ex. 15:1, “Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: ‘I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!

Ex. 15:2, “The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will exalt Him.”

What is “Praise”?

Praise in Scripture means a public recital of the acts of God on behalf of an individual or the people as a whole. Any time the objective works of God in history are recited before men, that is praise. Praise usually also connotes a spontaneity to it. Praise psalms also may contain some lament, but the major emphasis is praise.

1 Chron. 16:1, “So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

1 Chron. 16:2, “And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

1 Chron. 16:3, “Then he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins.

1 Chron. 16:4, “And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the LORD God of Israel:”

“To Commemorate”

זָכַר *zakhar* hif infinitive Const

**“to remember; to cause to remember, to remind,
to commemorate, to think about, to meditate on”**

**Not “celebrate” NASB95; neither is it “to offer
prayers” NET**

Thank

יָדָה (yādâ) Hiphel inf cstr “confess publicly or announce publicly, praise, give thanks, thanks, to publicly acknowledge what God has done.”

הלל-2 *halal-2* piel infinitiveConst “to praise, to extoll, literally, to shine” as in “to shine a light” on some event.

I. Lament Psalms

A. Communal Lament, Psa. 44, 74, 79, 80, 83

B. Individual Lament, Psa. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 56

Lament Psalms

- 1. Addressed to God**
- 2. Introductory petition**
- 3. Confidence section, i.e., Faith-Rest Drill**
- 4. Lament, explanation of the problem**
- 5. Main petition**
- 6. Vow of praise**

Thanksgiving, Declarative, or Descriptive Praise

The psalmist acknowledges how God has answered the prayer (Psalm 21, 30, 32, 34, 40, 66).

Psa. 50:14, “Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.”

Heb. 13:15, “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

The best-known term for praise is *hālal* (הָלַל); it means “praise, shout for jubilation, sing praises, or extol.”

זָמַר-1 *zamar*-1 piel imperf 1 com sing “to sing, praise” Judges 5:3

בֵּרַךְ *bērēk*, “to bless, enrich by praise.”

Declarative Praise

- 1. Proclamation to praise God**
- 2. Introductory summary: of what God has done, often what God has done in the past**
- 3. Report of the deliverance**
- 4. Renewed vow of praise**
- 5. Call or instruction to praise God**

Descriptive Praise

1. Call to praise

2. Cause for praise

3. Renewed call to praise

Judg. 5:1, “Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:

Judg. 5:2, “ ‘When leaders lead in Israel, when the people willingly offer themselves, bless the LORD!

Judg. 5:3, “ ‘Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes! I, even I, will sing to the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.’ ”