

## Lessons and Principles:

1. Leadership is important in any endeavor and especially in the work of God. God expects leaders among His people to actually **lead**, showing there is a genuine need for leaders and their leadership
2. Leaders are nothing without followers, and it is the job of the people to willingly offer themselves to their leaders.
3. **Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.** "Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel: Not only was life hard under Israel's oppressors, but they also confiscated all weapons, so the Israelites could not fight (**Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel**).  
By spiritual analogy, we can say that Satan doesn't only want to oppress the Christian; he also wants to *disarm* the believer. He wants the believer to lay down the full armor of God that belongs to you in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 6:12-18).
4. **My heart is with the rulers of Israel:** Deborah didn't only care for *her* job of leadership. She also had a **heart** for other leaders and their work. Her vision was bigger than just getting "her job" done. She wanted to see the Kingdom of God advanced. Our vision as leaders and followers should be the advancement of the Kingdom of God.
5. The song asked the civic leaders along with Deborah and Barak to tell the **villagers in Israel** the great things God did.  
We should never hide our light under a bushel (Matthew 5:15-16) but tell others of the great things God has done and is doing. Many need to wake up and sing a song of praise to the **LORD**.
6. Don't sit out there among the sheepfolds – get out and fight for the cause of Christ and you will be blessed.
7. To love God is to hate His enemies. A man or woman is defined as much by who their enemies are as by who their friends are.