

# Passionately Participate with God

Judges 5:1–31

[Non-participants with God Cursed/Participants with God Blessed]

Sunday, November 16, 2025 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

## SERMON OUTLINE

### I. CONDUCT

- A. Participation of nature: no excuse for non-involvement (5:19–22)
- B. Tribes as non-participants with God (5:15b–17)
- C. Leaders as participants with God (5:7b–9)
- D. Tribes as participants with God (5:11–15a, 18)
- E. Non-Israelites as participant with God (5:6a)
- F. **Irony**: a non-Israelite, non-warrior, non-male joining with God (5:24–27)

### II. CONSEQUENCES

- A. Cursed non-participants (6:23, 31a)
- B. Blessed **participant** (5:24, 31b)

### III. COOPERATION: PARTICIPATE WITH GOD IN HIS WORK!

- A. How we can specifically participate with God in His work

## STRUCTURE (5:14–24)

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| <b>A</b> Participants: Ephraim, Benjamin, Machir, Zebulun, Issachar (x2) (5:14-15a) |
| <b>B</b> Non-participants: Reuben (x2), Gilead, Dan, Asher (5:15b-17)               |
| <b>C</b> Human participants defeat enemy kings (5:18-19)                            |
| <b>C'</b> Non-human participants defeat Sisera & horses (5:20-22)                   |
| <b>B'</b> Non-participant Meroz: "curse" (x2) (5:23)                                |
| <b>A'</b> Participant Jael: "most blessed" (x2) (5:24)                              |

## SERMON NOTES

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**NEXT WEEK:**  
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