Sunday, November 15, 2026 Branden Moffat

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Judges** chapter **4** verses **1-7**, which can be found on page **273** in the **old testament** of your pew bible.*

[1]After Ehud's death the Israelites once again did what was wrong in the eyes of the Lord, so he sold them to Jabin the Canaanite king, who ruled in Hazor. The commander of his forces was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-of-the-Gentiles. The Israelites cried to the lord for help, because Sisera had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed Israel harshly for twenty years. At that time Deborah wife of Lappidoth, a prophetess, was judge in Israel. It was her custom to sit beneath the Palm-tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill-country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her for justice. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, 'These are the commands of the Lord the God of Israel: "Go and draw ten thousand men from Naphtali and Zebulun and bring them with you to Mount Tabor, and I will draw Sisera, Jabin's commander, to the Torrent of Kishon with his chariots and all his rabble, and there I will deliver them into your hands."'

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Matthew** chapter **25** verses **14-30**, which can be found on page **36** in the **new testament** of your pew bible…*

[14]'It is like a man going abroad, who called his servants and put his capital in their hands; to one he gave five bags of gold, to another two, to another one, each according to his capacity. Then he left the country. The man who had the five bags went at once and employed them in business, and made a profit of five bags, and the

man who had two bags made two. But the man who had been given one bag of gold went off and dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. A long time afterwards their master returned, and proceeded to settle accounts with them. The man who had been given the five bags of gold came and produced the five he had made: "Master," he said, "you've left five bags with me; look, I have made five more." "Well done, my good and trusty servant!" said the master. "You have proved trustworthy in a small way; I will now put you in charge of something big. Come and share your master's delight." The man with two bags then came and said, "Master, you left two bags with me; look, I have made two more." "Well done, my good and trusty servant!" said the master. "You have proved trustworthy in a small way; I will now put you in charge of something big. Come and share your master's delight." Then the man who had been given one bag came and said, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man: you reap where you have not sown, you gather where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your gold in the ground. Here it is – you have what belongs to you." "You lazy rascal!" said the master. "You knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered? Then you ought to have put my money on deposit, and on my return I should have got it back with interest. Take the bag of gold from him, and give it to the one with the ten bags. For the man who has will always be given more, till he has enough and to spare; and the man who has not will forfeit even what he has. Fling the useless servant out into the dark, the place of wailing and grinding of teeth!"

Sunday, November 15, 2026 Branden Moffat

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.