

with his troops? How would he know? How would she know that he would flee? How would she know he would not be killed there? How would she know that he would succeed in fleeing? How would she know that he would be able to flee in this direction where she had come to this tent? We read earlier in vs. 2 (not sure). Anywhere these people, these Kenites, were moving people. They were not settled like most of the Israelites, and he might not even have known their tendency in that direction. But then how would she have known that ^{Heber} ~~Jabin~~ would be away, that she would be alone to face him? How would he know what she would do under the circumstances? Maybe she would try to run off and hide in the woods. That would be reasonable enough. If she could get away from Sisera and hide in the woods then she'd be safe from him, and her husband would also not have reason to feel that he should punish her for having had dealings with him. But what this woman thought of was she went out and met him. She said, Come in to me. Fear not. When she got him into her tent she covered him with a mantle and he said, Give me a little water to drink. I'm thirsty. That would be quite obvious, he would be thirsty under these circumstances. And she gave him a ~~bottle~~ bottle of Ovaltine! She gave him something that was perhaps ordinary milk but under the circumstances at least it helped in putting him to sleep. And he said, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

I can't read these verses without hearing a resonant wonderful voice say, Thou shalt say No. It was one of the greatest sermons I ever heard in my life. It was Dr. Clarence MacCartney in Philadelphia, on the Power of Saying No! It was a tremendous sermon, and I'm sure it did a great deal of good in encouraging people to ~~say~~ stand up and not simply give in but say, No. He did a great deal of good, but I personally would think it did a great deal more harm than good to take the lie told by a wicked woman and use it as an example for a Christian's life.