

I. Introduction and review.

II. By faith, the walls of Jericho fell. v. 30 Joshua 6

A. The people of God acted in faith.

1. The city walls of Jericho seemed to be an insurmountable obstacle.
2. This provided one more opportunity for the people of God to doubt. Dt. 1:28
3. God gives them very unusual instructions. Joshua 6:1-5 Isa. 55:8-9
4. The people believed and obeyed. Deut. 1:29-30
5. The walls of Jericho fell down and the city was utterly destroyed. Joshua 6:15-21
6. Do you believe God did this? 11:1

B. Can we expect seas to part and walls to fall if we have enough faith?

1. Faith is a response to revelation.
2. God has not revealed that He will do these exact things in our day.
3. You will be blessed if you believe the truths God has revealed. John 20:29
What promises can you claim by faith? 13:5 John 3:16 Acts 16:31 Ro. 10:9
6:11,17-18 I Cor. 10:13 James 4:7 Phil. 4:4-9,19

C. God's Word brings down strongholds (walls) of error and unbelief. II Co. 10:4-5

1. We do not wage war with swords and guns, but with truth. Mt. 28:18ff
2. Do you believe that the most hardened sinner can be saved? Isa. 55:11 Luke 2:37
3. Which would you rather see: physical walls falling down, or the spiritual strongholds crumbling at God's command?
4. The glory in victory goes to God alone. I Cor. 1:30-31

D. The total destruction of Jericho is a picture of the final judgment.

1. Jericho was under God's just judgment. v. 31 Gen. 15:16
2. Jericho was under the ban: total destruction. Josh. 6:17-21,24 7:21ff
3. All earthly kingdoms will be destroyed like Jericho. Dan. 2:34-35,44-45 Re. 20:15
4. Heaven will be completely free of the wicked and their influence. Rev. 21:22 22:15
5. Do you have faith to believe God will justly judge the wicked? II Pe. 3:7-11

III. By faith, Rahab was saved. 11:31

A. Rahab's faith is very remarkable! Josh. 2:9-13

1. She believed God was with Israel and that Jericho would fall.
2. She chose to reject her own people and to identify with the people of God.
3. Rahab believed God could save an immoral Canaanite woman such as herself.
Josh. 2:12 Luke 7:37-50 23:42
4. She is saved (in two senses) by faith.
5. She also sought God's mercy for her relatives. Josh. 2:13

B. Rahab is a reminder of God's way of salvation by grace through faith.

1. The Bible goes out of its way to remind us that Rahab had been a prostitute.
2. Rahab has that faith which pleases God. 11:6
3. Rahab's faith is expressed by her works, as she risks her life to help the spies.
11:1 Josh. 2:3ff James. 2:25
4. Rahab, by faith, became an heir of all the promises of God. Gen. 12:3
5. Rahab is included in the genealogy of Jesus. Mt. 1:5 Ruth 4:21

IV. Concluding applications.

- A. Has what happened to Rahab happened to you?**
 - 1. Do you see yourself as a sinner in need of grace?**
 - 2. Do you believe God can save even you?**
 - 3. Have you turned from the world to Christ?**
 - 4. Has your life been transformed by His power?**
 - 5. Are you telling others about the way of deliverance?**

- B. Do you believe God can still save Rahabs?**

Discussion questions

- 1. What part did faith have in the walls of Jericho falling down?**
- 2. Why should we believe the walls of Jericho miraculously crumbled?**
- 3. Can we make physical miracles like this happen if we have enough faith?
Why or why not?**
- 4. What walls can we expect to see fall if we have faith?**
- 5. How is the destruction of Jericho a picture of the final judgment?**
- 6. Was the judgment of Jericho fair? Why or why not?**
- 7. Why is Rabab's faith so amazing?**
- 8. Did it take any less of God's grace to save you?**
- 9. What is the fruit of Rabab's faith?**
- 10. How should Rahab's example encourage us to evangelize?**