

“Historical Books Of The Bible”

Joshua 2:1-24

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Josh 2:1-14

God had given the land to Israel, but they had to fight for every square inch.

The Lesson – That being given promises still means human responsibility.

1. Verse 1-7 – Courageous Faith

2. Verses 8-11 – Confident Faith

3. Verses 12-14 – Concerned Faith

4. Verses 15-24 – Covenant Faith

1. Verse 1-7 – Courageous Faith:

Joshua 2:1

Joshua 1:16-18

Neh 2:11-20 – Nehemiah inspected the walls in secret.

James 2:25, Heb. 11:31

She Was A Sinner Like All: “whose name was Rahab,” – her name means – “wide”

Her name is in the bloodline of Christ, Matthew 1:5

Joshua 2:2-4

She Acted Out Her Faith, (Faith With Works!)

Joshua 2:5-7

By her lies, she saved the spies’ lives. Was this “The end justifies the means?” (Lying) NO! Lying is always wrong because it is a sin.

1. We must first believe that God could protect these spies without Rahab’s lie.
2. Rahab was commended by James for her actions. James 2:25

The Bible records what she did, but does not approve her lies, but her faith in God.

2. Verses 8-11 – Confident Faith:

Joshua 2:8-9

Rahab Heard The Word: "and said to the men, 'I know that the Lord has given you the land,'" Exodus 15:13-18

She Believed The Word: God had promised the land to Abraham's descendants, Gen 15:18-21

Heb. 11:7

Rahab knew that Jehovah was the true God – Intellect

Rahab feared when she heard all that God had done and that they were coming – Emotions

Rahab received the spies and pleaded for salvation – The Will

She Was Under Condemnation: "and that the terror of you has fallen on us,"

Joshua 2:10-11

Rahab gives the inside information about the people melting over Israel coming into the land. Fulfillment of a word from Moses (Exodus 15:13-18)

3. Verses 12-14 – Concerned Faith:

Joshua 2:12

Kindly – 250X in O.T. it means "to be loyal, steadfast, faithful love based on an unwritten promise, agreement or covenant."

Joshua 2:13-14

There were 3 conditions that Rahab would have to keep in order for her to be saved:

1. The family must stay in the house during the assault. (Verse -19)
2. A scarlet cord or yarn was to hang from the very window that the spies were delivered through. (Verse-18)
3. The mission of the spies must be kept secret. (Verse-20)

4. Verses 15-24 – Covenant Faith:

Joshua 2:15

“was on the city wall, so that she was living on the wall.” – There were 2 walls that were separated by 15 feet. The people put planks across them and then built homes on them.

Joshua 2:16

“Go to the hill country” – The mountain region of limestone cliffs and caves of Jericho 1/2 mile west; Northwest corner of the Dead Sea. This is the same area that 20 centuries later in a cave, there would be found “The Dead Sea Scrolls.”

Joshua 2:17-18

It was not faith in the rope, but faith in God, (Rope was sign of belief)

Ex. 12:13

Joshua 2:19

John 10:9

Joshua 2:20

This agreement was a personal one. It was one between Rahab and the spies. Each one of us must make our own commitments.

Joshua 2:21

“and she tied the scarlet cord in the window.” – She did not hesitate but immediately took the steps to be saved.

Joshua 2:22-24

Application:

1. That Being Given Promises From God, Does Not Nullify Human Responsibility.
2. We Need To Be Encouraged That God Is Working In Some Of The Most Unlikely Places, With Some Of The Most Unlikely People.
3. When Rahab’s Name Is Mentioned, It Is Always With The Fact Of Her Being A Harlot. This Is Not To Demean Her, But To Speak Of God’s Great Grace Towards Those Who Sin. It Matters Not What Sin We Commit, For God Can Forgive