

**Victory at Jericho  
Lesson 3  
Joshua 6**

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# **The Possession of the Land**

- ▶ **The Land of God's Promise**
- ▶ **A Profitable History Lesson**
- ▶ **The Victory at Jericho – Joshua 6**

# The Preparation of Joshua

- ▶ **Joshua is a type of Christ**
- ▶ **Joshua's confidence – Joshua 1:2-6**
- ▶ **Joshua's priority – Joshua 1:8**
- ▶ **Joshua's authority – Joshua 1:16-18**
- ▶ **Joshua's encouragement – Joshua 2:11, 24**

# Further Preparations

- ▶ **The preparation of Rahab**
- ▶ **The preparation of Israel**
  - ... **Crossing the Jordan**
  - ... **Memorial – a future audience.**
  - ... **Circumcision – the Covenant with Abraham**
  - ... **Passover – the Exodus**
  - ... **Manna – God's provision**

# The Commander of the Army of the LORD

- ▶ “SAR” – commander under another’s authority
- ▶ First revelation as *Mighty Warrior*
- ▶ Battle at hand is not the ultimate battle
- ▶ Priority of holiness

# **Victory at Jericho – Joshua 6**

- 1. The plan revealed (6:1-5)**
- 2. The plan executed (6:6-21)**
- 3. The rescue of Rahab (6:22-25)**
- 4. The curse (6:26)**
- 5. The exaltation of Joshua (6:27)**



# Hebrews 11:30-31

**By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.**

**By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.**

# What is faith?

- ▶ **Hebrews 11:6**
- ▶ **Believe that He is**
- ▶ **Believe that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**



# **What is the object of faith of Joshua?**

- ▶ **Joshua received the full revelation of God**
- ▶ **Not faith in the fall of Jericho**
- ▶ **It was the Living God Who gave the revelation**
- ▶ **Hebrews 11:6 – God is and He is a rewarder**

# What is the object of faith of Israel?

- ▶ They received the instructions for each day
- ▶ Not in Joshua's military skills
- ▶ In the God of Joshua
  - Joshua 1:16-18
  - Joshua 3:7
  - Joshua 4:14
- ▶ Hebrews 11:6 – God is and He is a rewarder

# What is the object of faith of Rahab?

- ▶ **The LORD God of Israel is God in heaven and earth (2:11; 4:24)**
- ▶ **Not the promise of the spies**
- ▶ **Hebrews 11:6 – God is and He is a rewarder**

# What was the evidence of their faith?

- ▶ Joshua – commanded Israel to obey
- ▶ Israel – obeyed Joshua
- ▶ Rahab – set the rope and assembled family
- ▶ James 2:14-26

**John Calvin: The plan “was so strange, as almost to destroy its credibility . . . The whole looked like nothing else than child’s play, and yet was no improper test for trying their faith, as it proved their acquiescence in the divine message, even when they saw in the act itself nothing but mere disappointment. With the same intention, the Lord often, for a time, conceals his own might under weakness, and seems to sport with mere trifles, that his weakness may at length appear stronger than all might, and his folly superior to all wisdom.”**



## Joshua 6:17-18 – Accursed

- ▶ **HARAM** (Hebrew): to ban, devote, destroy utterly, completely destroy, dedicate for destruction, exterminate.
- ▶ **HEREM** (Hebrew): a thing devoted, a thing dedicated, a ban, devotion.



# Theological Word Book

- ▶ **The exclusion of an object from the use or abuse of man and its irrevocable surrender to God.**
- ▶ **Surrendering something to God meant devoting it to the service of God or putting it under a ban for utter destruction.**

# Uses in Scripture

- ▶ **Leviticus 27:28-29**
- ▶ **Numbers 18:14; Ezekiel 44:29**
- ▶ **Numbers 21:2-3**
- ▶ **Deuteronomy 7:2-6**
- ▶ **Deuteronomy 20:16-18**

# Holy and Accursed

- ▶ **Leviticus 27:28-29**
- ▶ **Belongs to the LORD eternally**
- ▶ **Devoted to destruction**
- ▶ **Devoted to honor**

# The Rescue of Rahab

- ▶ **Sovereign grace**
- ▶ **Deuteronomy 20:16-18 – an accursed one**
- ▶ **A prostitute is rescued**
- ▶ **Faith in God**
- ▶ **Christ would bear her curse**
- ▶ **Brought into the family of Christ**

# **A Memorial to the Curse of God**

- ▶ **A curse for rebuilding**
- ▶ **A display of the wrath of God**
- ▶ **A demonstration – 1 Kings 16:34**

# **Joshua's fame**

- ▶ **Not a great general**
- ▶ **The LORD was with Him**



# **The Victory at Jericho**

- ▶ **The just shall live by faith**
- ▶ **The curse of God**
- ▶ **The grace of God – the curse is reversed**