

# **By Faith – Jericho and Rahab**

Sermon 40 in the Hebrews Series

## **Heb. 11:30-31**

John Gill says Joshua "was an eminent type of Jesus Christ. There is an agreement in their names, both signify a saviour, Joshua was a temporal saviour, Christ a spiritual one; and in their office they were both servants; and in their qualifications for their office, such as wisdom, courage, faithfulness, and integrity. Joshua was a type of Christ in many actions of his life; in the miracles he wrought, or were wrought for him; in the battles he fought, and the victories he obtained."

Matthew Poole "Joshua was a type of Jesus, who brings believers into the true rest of the heavenly Canaan as he did Israel into a literal one - Acts 7:45."

### **I. Joshua – the New Leader**

A. Joshua called to an Immense Task -- Deut. 34:34:10-11.

B. Moses my servant is Dead -- Josh. 1:1-2a

C. The Promises to Encourage Joshua and Israel – Joshua 1:1-9

1. I am going to give you the land – v. 2b-4
2. I am going to be with you, as I was with Moses -- v. 5
3. Be strong and courageous is said three times to Joshua in v. 6-9
  - a. Because you will lead the people to inherit the land v. 6
  - b. Because you have the Word of God to guide you v. 7-8
  - c. Because God Himself is with you v. 9

D. The Response of Faith -- Joshua 1:10-11

### **II. By Faith – the Destruction of Jericho**

A. Joshua Comes Face to Face with God – Joshua 5:13-6:2

B. The Plan Itself -- Josh. 6:3-5

Hebrews 11:30 – “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were encircled for seven days.” This was a war to won “by faith”.

1. Faith involves trusting God even if it seems to go against common sense.
2. The power of God is beyond our comprehension.
3. There is a relationship between the favor of God and our obedience to Him.

### C. The Victory – Josh. 6:20-21

At the command of God the walls fell down flat.  
The Day of Judgment had come – and now there was no escape.

## III. By Faith – Rahab

### A. Grace in the midst of Destruction -- Josh. 6:22-23

1. She was a harlot.
2. She was a Gentile living in a city doomed to destruction.
3. What made her different?

**Hebrews 11:31** -- By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

**James 2:25** -- Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

### B. The Account Itself -- Joshua 2

1. A Different Strategy -- v. 1a
2. The Providence of God – v. 1b
3. The Faith of Rahab Displayed -- v. 2-7
4. The Faith of Rahab Confessed v. 8-14

**v. 9a** – “I know the Lord has given you the land”

**v. 9b** – “We are terrified of you – because of your God

**v. 10** – no doubt in her of previous victories won

**v. 11b** – the God of heaven above and earth beneath

**v. 12** – When you win – remember me and my family.

By faith – Rahab was the third spy in Jericho – and she became a descendant of Christ.