

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What did Rahab know of Israel before the spies came to her?
2. Why would the spies stop at the house of Rahab the harlot?
3. What were the reasons for Rahab's hiding the two spies?
4. Was Rahab justified in lying to save the lives of the spies?
5. Was it acceptable for Rahab to break a lesser principle (telling the truth), than to uphold a higher principle (protecting God's people)?
6. How was Rahab rewarded for her faith?
7. What rewards are there for faith today?

### SUMMARY:

Joshua sent two men to Jericho to spy out the land and they stayed at Rahab's house. When the king's men came searching for them, she hid them because of the many wonders she had previously heard that God had performed in bringing the Israelites from Egypt. She believed in her heart that God was giving the land to Israel and that there would be nothing anyone could do to prevent it. With this belief and confidence in her heart, she sought a way in which she and her house could be saved.

### NOTES:

---

[SoF:7] We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

July 5, 2015

Third Quarter

### RAHAB MANIFESTS FAITH [SoF:7]

---

**LESSON TEXT:** *Joshua 2:1-21; Hebrews 11:31*

**LESSON SETTING:** Just outside the Promised Land before the River Jordan.

**TIME:** Approximately 1451 B.C. Shortly after Moses died.

---

- I. RAHAB RECEIVES THE SPIES.** Joshua 2:1-8
  - A. Receiving the Word. Matthew. 13:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:13
  - B. Receiving Christ. Matthew 10:40; John 1:12
- II. RAHAB BELIEVES GOD.** Joshua 2:9-21
  - A. Faith toward God. Genesis 22:8; 1 Samuel 17:37; Daniel 3:17
  - B. Faith toward Christ. John 3:15; 5:24; 11:25
- III. RAHAB ACHIEVES DELIVERANCE.** Hebrews 11:31
  - A. Reward of Faith. Luke 19:17; Revelation 2:10; 22:12

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *AND THEY SAID, BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED AND THY HOUSE.*

Acts 16:31

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Joshua 3:1-17

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 29; Hebrews 3:14-18

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Journeys of Israel

**TOPIC:** JOSHUA CROSSES JORDAN

**INTRODUCTION:**

The people of Israel were on the border line ready to go over into the Promised Land, but the River Jordan had to be crossed. Did they remember how forty years previously they had crossed the Red Sea on dry land? Now what was God's next step for them? They trusted their God and were willing to be obedient to His command. All our faith must be followed by acts of obedience if we expect God's help and blessings.

The priests were to carry the Ark and go to the river's edge. Nothing happened until their feet were placed in the river, then the water rose and held itself aloft so that they could all cross over.

How often we fail in our walk of faith, just at this point. We do not "step into the water". The waves of doubts and fears overcome us and we dare not go on. Satan is ever watchful and just at such a crucial point he steps in and presents us with these doubts and fears. We must learn to recognize his tactics, if we wish to be overcomers and walk in faith. We must learn to take God at His word.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Faith is an inward power that motivates the conduct of the believer and manifests itself in a close walk with the Lord in implicit obedience.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *IF YE BE WILLING AND OBEDIENT, YE SHALL EAT THE GOOD OF THE LAND.*  
Isaiah 1:19

When we consider this text with the preceding and following verses, we have practically the entire Covenant of God with Israel. First, He encourages them to reason together with Him, and promises to make their sins, even though scarlet, as white as snow. Then comes our Golden Text with its promise of blessings for obedience. Now the warning: "But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isaiah 1:20)

Again, as always, we find God's Covenant with Israel (to provide them with that Promised Land), is like God's new covenant which is available to us, with its promise of "...a better country that is an heavenly..." (Hebrews 11:16) We have the same promise of sins forgiven and cleansed, blessings for obedience, and warnings against rebellion and rejection. In addition, by the power of Christ's resurrection we can receive a new heart, power to overcome sin and the promise of eternal life. "But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is a mediator of a better Covenant, which was established upon better promises." (Hebrews 8:6)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 6 – 12**

- M. \*Joshua Crosses the Jordan. Joshua 3:1-17
- T. The People Pass Over. Joshua 4:1-12
- W. The Monument of Gilgal. Joshua 4:13-24
- T. Crossing the Waters. Psalm 66:1-10
- F. Obedience, the Road to Peace. Psalm 29:1-11
- S. Obedience Requires Steadfastness. Hebrews 3:7-19
- S. The Reward of Obedience. Joshua 22:1-9