

LESSONS FROM JERICHO

1. Text: Joshua 6:1-5
2. The narrative of the fall of the ancient city of Jericho is one of the most exciting in Scripture.
3. There are clear lessons in the episode for old and young. Let's see four of those. (Romans 15:4)

I. **The Lesson On God's Ways**

1. Would or could we use God's strategy here?
2. Isaiah 55:8-9 "My thoughts and ways are not yours."
3. Romans 11:33 "His ways past tracing out."
4. Exodus 12 and the saving of the first born.
5. The coming of Christ.
6. What man would have thought of the Lord's Supper as a memorial? Matthew 26:26-27.
7. God's salvation commands

II. **The Lesson On Grace**

1. Notice 6:2 "I have given into your hand Jericho." The defeat of Jericho was a gift of grace from God. Grace means a gift of favor. But 6:3 has God telling them what to do to gain the gift! They were to work for seven days. How can this be?
3. Our daily bread is a gift of God, but do we expect it without doing anything?
4. Many cannot understand how salvation can be by grace if there are conditions. Travel to Jericho.
5. Ephesians 2:5 "By grace are you saved." We don't merit or earn our salvation, but there are still conditions to be obeyed.

III. **The Lesson On Faith**

1. Hebrews 11:30 "By faith the walls of Jericho fell." This summarizes the seven days of active obedience by one word: faith.
2. Romans 5:1 "Being justified by faith." We are saved by faith but that does not exclude divinely appointed acts of obedience.
3. Galatians 3:27 The same writer says baptism puts us into Christ.
4. Faith often is used in a comprehensive sense which includes obedience as at Jericho.
5. Galatians 5:6 Faith works by love.
6. James 2:22 Works make faith complete. 2:26 Faith apart from works is dead. 2:24 Saved not by faith only.

IV. **The Lesson On God's Promises**

1. When God attaches a promise to a certain command, when we obey the command he will fulfill his promise.
 2. We should not stumble when we don't see the connections.
 3. Numbers 21:7-8 The fiery serpent as a means of salvation.
 4. II Kings 5:11 Naaman was healed by an unusual order.
 5. Luke 1:38 "No word of the Lord shall be void of power. Let it be unto me according to thy word."
- Conclusion:

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