

# BIBLE BOWL -2016

## Lesson #3 –The Walls Came Down

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2, 6

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### Introduction:

1. No one likes second place; all desire to be victors. Today, it is Jesus who gives us the victory.
2. Victory is for those who through faith obey God.
3. We will consider two prime examples from the book of Joshua that illustrate this very point.

### **I. RAHAB**

#### A. HER WISDOM

1. What she knew
  - a. God had signed her death warrant along with all of Jericho
    - 1) She heard of the Red Sea Crossing
    - 2) She heard of Sihon and Og's destruction
  - b. She was a sinner
    - 1) She was a harlot
    - 2) Sexual immorality was the reason for their destruction –Le 18:3, 24-30
2. What she did
  - a. She hid the spies -2:4-6
  - b. She sent the king's men on the proverbial "Wild goose chase"
  - c. She told them how to elude the king's men -2:16

#### B. HER PLEA

1. She desired her and her family to be spared –vs. 12-13
2. The men agreed to protect her and her family

#### C. HER OBEDIENCE –vs. 17-21

1. The scarlet cord was to be placed in the window
2. Everyone had to be in the house
3. The business of the men had to be kept secret

#### D. HER SALVATION -6:22-25

1. Her and her family was spared because she took in the spies.
2. She married Salmon
  - a. She repented of her harlotry
  - b. She was an ancestor of Jesus –Mt 1:5

#### E. APPLICATION FOR TODAY

1. Salvation is in Christ -2Ti 2:10, Ep 1:3
2. Salvation is through obedience –Ro 6:17
3. Faith to save is in God not the governing authorities!
  - a. Some base the morality on the laws of the land rather than in the word of God
  - b. Both abortion and same-sex marriage are legal in our country
  - c. The government can pass laws, they can enforce laws, but they can never save anyone from the wrath of Almighty God! Therefore, we must be wise like Rahab!

### **II. JOSHUA –THE WALLS CAME DOWN!**

#### A. THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN

1. They came from the Commander of the army of the Lord -5:13-15
  - a. Some believe this to be an angel of the Lord, others believe the Lord Himself
  - b. Remember angels were not subject to worship –Co 2:18, Re 19:10, 22:8-9
  - c. Jesus however, was to be worshiped –Mt 8:2, Jn 9:38

2. Marching around the city
  - a. One time for six days
  - b. Seven times around on the seventh day
3. The procession order -6:7-9
  - a. Armed men in the front
  - b. Seven priest with trumpets of ram's horns
  - c. The ark of the Lord
  - d. The rear guard
4. The priest blew the trumpets while the people were to be silent. They were silent until the last time around on the seventh day.
5. Because of their obedience, the wall fell flat -6:20-21

B. APPLICATION FOR TODAY

1. Faith coupled with obedience wins the victory!
2. One must have faith in Jesus and in His cleansing blood –Ep 1:7, Ac 20:28, 1Pe 1:18-19, Re 1:5
3. One must obey the gospel
  - a. Faith coupled with obedience to do His will
  - b. This faith will motivated one to be baptized hence coming in contact with the blood of Jesus

Conclusion:

1. All of Jericho had a great fear of the Lord, but only Rahab took action to find salvation.
2. Today, there is no reason to be lost. Faith motivates one to obedience which places one among the saved.