

BIBLE WOMEN - REHAB - LINEAGE OF JESUS

JOSHUA 2:1-24

The Blood of Jesus Christ covers our past and the slate is wiped clean. Only God's amazing grace takes sinners and makes saints.

I. HARLOT

- A. Historical account of the conquest of a fortress city
 - 1. Jericho: Great Canaanite city in Jordan Valley
 - 2. STRONGHOLD directly in the path of God's People
 - 3. They must remove the Philistines from the land
- B. Joshua sent two spies, but the King of Jericho heard
 - 1. Their names not known (maybe Salmon) (MATT. 1:4)
 - 2. She protected them on the roof in stalks of flax
- C. She takes on a picture of the LOST person
 - 1. Jericho idolatry - Ashtaroth, the moon goddess
 - 2. Wicked pagan culture but sees something better!

II. HIDING

- A. People of Jericho had heard about the Red Sea (vs. 10)
 - 1. The terror of God's people fell (vs. 9)
 - 2. Their hearts melted; courage drained (vs. 11)
 - 3. She knew she was in a hopeless condition
- B. The LOST person knows the wages of sin (ROM. 6:23)
 - 1. And they realize they are sinners (ROM. 3:23)
 - 2. Someone truly under conviction is terrified
 - 3. King Agrippa's outburst (ACTS 26:28-29)

III. HEROINE

- A. Canaanite (PROSTITUTES) not usual heroines of faith
 - 1. She pleads for her life and her family
 - 2. They make a sign - the crimson cord (BLOOD RED)
- B. Only those under the protection of the cord would live
- C. She was SAVED by FAITH in God alone
 - 1. The first recorded Gentile convert in the Bible
 - 2. She welcomed the spies because of GOD (vs. 11)
 - 3. She didn't just hear but DID (JAMES 1:22)
 - 4. She followed the INSTRUCTIONS (not her own way)
 - 5. She turned from ALL (people, culture, religion)

IV. HEBREWS

- A. Her faith is given to us as an example (JAMES 2:25)
- B. Now she is listed in the HALL OF FAITH HEBREWS 11:31

MATT. 1:5 - "And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;"

ROM. 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

ROM. 3:23 - "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

ACTS 26:28-29 - "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. (29) And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds."

PROSTITUTES - Some commentators are eager to remove the stigma from the lineage of Christ say "tavern keeper" or "hostess." However, the Hebrew word is clear and the New Testament writers confirm it in Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25.

JAMES 1:22 - "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

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