

The Promise: "Witnessing God's Mercy"

Joshua 2:1-4; 6:15-25

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I. The enemy cries out for mercy. (Josh 2:1-4, 8-13)

1. A heart prepared to respond. (vs 1-3)
2. A heart responds by faith. (vs 8-13)

Isaiah 53:5

II. The enemy receives mercy. (Josh 6:15-21)

1. Only by faith is rescue possible. (vs 15-16)

Hebrews 11:30

2. Only by grace is salvation possible. (vs 17-21)

III. The enemy sees the fruit of mercy. (Josh 6:22-25)

1. Called to the blessings in life. (vs 22-23)

Hebrews 11:6

2. Called to God's family. (vs 24-25)

Matthew 1:5

James 2:25-26

LET'S GO DEEPER:

1. Who are the 5 women named in Jesus' genealogy? Are there any similarities with them? Why do you think they are listed?
2. What can we learn about Rahab from her statement in Ch 2:9? What do we learn about God and His plans?
3. What lessons can we learn from the act of sparing Rahab and her family but destroying everything else in Jericho?
4. Why was the specific instruction given to avoid the things devoted to destruction? What implications might this hold for us today?
5. How does the fate of Jericho reflect on the concept of divine justice and judgment? Does Romans 9:13-29 shed light on this question? Yes or No and why?