

Bringing Down Walls

Joshua 6

Obedient action in response to divinely given promises is the channel by which the sovereign grace of the Lord is experienced in the lives of His people.

I. Divine Initiation (6:1-7)

A. The divine promise (vs. 1-2)

“I have delivered Jericho into your hands.”

Exodus 34:11

The same thing can be said of my salvation

Ephesians 2:4-9

B. The unconventional plan (vs. 3-7)

God wins our battles through radical obedience and faith rather than through human strength

Psalms 20:7

Active participation of the people precedes God's victory

II. Detailed Fulfillment (vs. 8-21)

A. Days one to six (vs. 8-14)

1. One last opportunity to repent

2 Peter 3:9

2. The key to success – having God at the center (vs. 9)

Philippians 4:4-7

3. The march around the city for 6 days demanded both courage and obedience on the part of the people.

4. The people were to remain silent until the 7th day. (vs. 10)

The silence was to develop trust in the Lord

B. Day seven (vs. 15-19)

1. A breaking of sabbath; a reversal of God's order at creation

2. A command to shout (vs. 16)

a) a war cry or a shout of alarm

b) an exclamation of praise to God

Psalms 95:1-2

3. Devoted things (vs. 17-19) – Hebrew word herem – the irrevocable giving over of things or persons to the Lord, often by totally destroying them. **Genesis 15:16**

C. The victory (vs. 20-21)

“The wall collapsed”

“everyone charged straight in”

III. Promised Deliverance (vs. 22-27)

A. salvation for Rahab (vs. 22-25)

B. a curse (vs. 26-27)

1 Kings 16:34

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1. Understand that you fight from victory not for victory

2. Understand that you overcome through faith and patience

3. Understand that God is faithful and expects obedience