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Grace

Faith

Works

Joshua

Jericho

Walls

Flat

Compass

Trumpets

Seven

Salvation

Barred

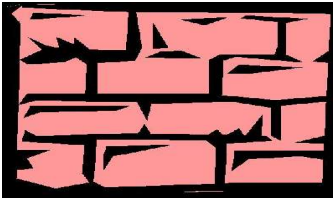
Conditions

Horns

Priests

Rahab

The Walls of Jericho



These walls were “straitly shut up” (v. 1).
None went out, and none came in (v. 1).
Barnes says that these walls were “barred and bolted.”

The Grace

The victory of this fortified city was a gift (vv. 1, 16).

This city contained “mighty men of valour” (v. 2) making it a desirable gift.

The children of Israel did nothing to merit this gift. God was not in their debt.

This gift was a product of God’s grace.

Salvation is just as freely given to us as Jericho was to them.

- Salvation is a product of God’s grace (Romans 6:23).
- God is not in man’s debt.
- We cannot earn our way into heaven.

Conditions do not nullify grace, and grace does not imply a freedom from conditions.

- Romans 11:6
- Romans 6:1
- How many modern “free gifts” require conditions?

The Conditions

Though a *free* gift, the conquest of Jericho came with conditions.

- They had to compass the city (v. 3).
- The priests had responsibilities (v. 4).
- The people had conditions placed upon them (v. 10).
- On the 7th day, the city had to be encompassed 7 times (v. 4).
- After compassing the city, they were to shout (vv. 4, 16).

Israel’s future success was conditioned upon proper treatment of the spoils.

- Everything was to be devoted to the Lord (v. 19).
- They were not to covet the riches (v. 18).
- Achan did not meet the conditions (Joshua 7:1), and Israel suffered.

The Result

The city was conquered, and God was glorified.

Rahab was saved (v. 23).

- Her salvation provides a miniature, parallel account.
- She was saved by grace, and there were conditions attached to her salvation (Joshua 2:17, 18).

Temptations continued (Joshua 7:1).

- One victory does not win the war against Satan.
- 1 Peter 5:8

Jericho was cursed.

- It would be raised in ruin (v. 26).
- See 1 Kings 16:34.

We learn valuable lessons about God and man.

- God is faithful and true.
- Man is short-sighted.

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