

STAY IN THE HOUSE

JOSHUA 2:8-21// 6:21-23

Joshua 2:8 Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them.

Joshua 2:9 “I know the lord has given you this land,” she told them.

“We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror.

Joshua 2:10 For we have heard how the lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed.

Joshua 2:11 No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.

Joshua 2:12 “Now swear to me by the lord that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. Give me some guarantee that **Joshua 2:13** when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families.”

Joshua 2:14 “We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety,” the men agreed. “If you don’t betray us, we will keep our promise and be kind to you when the lord gives us the land.”

Joshua 2:15 Then, since Rahab’s house was built into the town wall, she let them down by a rope through the window.

Joshua 2:16 “Escape to the hill country,” she told them. “Hide there for three days from the men searching for you. Then, when they have returned, you can go on your way.”

Joshua 2:17 Before they left, the men told her, “We will be bound by the oath we have taken only if you follow these instructions.

Joshua 2:18 When we come into the land, you must leave this scarlet rope hanging from the window through which you let us down. And

all your family members—your father, mother, brothers, and all your relatives—must be here inside the house.

Joshua 2:19 If they go out into the street and are killed, it will not be our fault. But if anyone lays a hand on people inside this house, we will accept the responsibility for their death.

Joshua 2:20 If you betray us, however, we are not bound by this oath in any way.”

Joshua 2:21 “I accept your terms,” she replied. And she sent them on their way, leaving the scarlet rope hanging from the window.

Joshua 6:21 They completely destroyed everything in it with their swords—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep, goats, and donkeys.

Joshua 6:22 Meanwhile, Joshua said to the two spies, “Keep your promise. Go to the prostitute’s house and bring her out, along with all her family.”

Joshua 6:23 The men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, mother, brothers, and all the other relatives who were with her. They moved her whole family to a safe place near the camp of Israel.

INTRODUCTION

RAHAB IS A NAME TO BE REMEMBERED. GOD BREAKS THROUGH THE REIGNING SEXISM OF THE CULTURE USING HER NAME TWICE. ONCE IN HEBREWS WHEN SHE IS ONE OF THE FIRST AND ONE OF FEW WOMEN LISTED IN THE FAMOUS ROLL CALL OF FAITH (HEBREWS 11:31). THEN SHE IS MENTIONED IN THE RECORD OF THE ANCESTRY DOT COM OF THE BIBLE IN MATTHEW 1:5 WHEN SHE IS LISTED AS THE GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF KING DAVID. NONE OF THESE MEN BIRTHED A BABY BUT THE MOTHERS WERE NEVER MENTIONED. THE EXCEPTION.....MARY, RUTH, BATHSHEBA, TAMAR AND RAHAB!

GOD SAYS BY IMPLICATION, NOT ONLY ARE YOU GOING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THESE WOMEN BUT YOU WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE ONES THAT CREATE THE GREATEST CHALLENGES FOR YOUR THEOLOGY.! YOU WILL CALL THE NAMES OF PROSTITUTES AND A PREGNANT UNMARRIED TEENAGE MOM BECAUSE THIS GOSPEL AND ITS CHRIST WILL BE BIRTHED BY THOSE YOU DONT CONSIDER WORTHY...

RAHAB'S NAME MEANS PROUD AND ARROGANT AND SHE HAD REASON TO BE. THRIVING BUSINESS, THE MOST EXCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD, GREAT INFLUENCE, SERVANTS AND POWER.

BUT GOD TURNED HER PRIDEFUL HEART AND SHE HID THE SPIES FROM ISRAEL AND TESTIFIED TO HER BELIEF IN JEHOVAH....

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REQUIREMENTS OF RAHAB

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1. LEAVE YOUR RED ROPE HANGING

REMEMBER YOUR TESTIMONY.....YOUR CONNECTION TO THE SPIES IS WHAT SAVED YOU...

1 Corinthians 6:9 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,;10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

:11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

2. BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY INTO THE HOUSE

Exodus 12:13 But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

3. REFUSE TO LET ANYONE LEAVE THE HOUSE

BLESSINGS OF RAHAB

1. THE LORD RESCUED HER FAMILY

Joshua 6:23 The men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, mother, brothers, and all the other relatives who were with her. They moved her whole family to a safe place near the camp of Israel.

2. THE LORD RELEASED HER LAND

James 2:25 Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road.

3. THE LORD RESTORED HER INFLUENCE

Hebrews 11:31 It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

DESCENDANTS OF RAHAB

Matthew 1:5 Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab).Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth).Obed was the father of Jesse.

Matthew 1:6 Jesse was the father of King David.David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).

1. BOAZ THE KINSMAN REDEEMER WAS THE SON OF RAHAB

2. DAVID THE WORSHIPPER/WARRIOR WAS THE GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF RAHAB

3. JESUS WAS THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF RAHAB, RUTH AND BATHSHEBA!