

LESSONS LEARNED AT JERICHO

Text: Joshua 6:1-5

INTRO: There are a number of important lessons we can learn by examining the incidents that took place at the fall of Jericho.

- I. GOD'S WAYS DIFFER FROM MAN'S WAYS, Isa. 55:8-9.
 - A. No man would ever have suggested this as the way to conquer a city. No general. No king.
 - B. Compare the blood of the Passover lamb, EX 12:20-23.
 - C. Compare the healing of Naaman, 2 Kings 5.
- II. THE MEANING OF GRACE, vs. 2, 16. "I have **given...**"
 - A. The city was a gift. They couldn't buy it. They didn't deserve it. They couldn't earn it. It was a gift.
 - B. But it was given on certain **conditions**, vs. 3-5.
 - C. Likewise, our salvation is free. We earn death but life is a gift, Rom. 6:23.
 - D. But the gift of salvation is given with certain conditions that must be met by the receiver of the gift, John 8:24; 2 Pet. 3:9; Acts 2:38.
- III. THE NATURE OF EFFECTIVE FAITH.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down **after** they were encircled for 7 days (Heb. 11:30).

Gal. 5:6; James 2:17-26
- IV. GOD'S WAY WILL WORK, vs. 10-16a.
 - A. "All over but the shouting" & the walls still stand.
 - B. They shout--and the walls fall, vs. 16b, 20
 - C. Compare the blood on the door posts at Passover.
 - D. Compare Naaman's leprosy. Not cleansed with 6 dips, but was clean at 7.
 - E. God's way will work: plan of salvation; work of the church; local autonomy, etc.

CONCLUSION: God has instructed us how to obtain everlasting life.
It is up to us to meet His conditions.

Springhill, LA, December 9, 1973
Smyrna, Atlanta, TX, June 7, 1974 (meeting)
La Porte, TX, September 14, 1975
La Porte, TX, April 3, 1983
Exton, PA, April 21, 1985
Exton, PA, February 25, 1985
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, February 23, 1992
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, August 3, 1997