

THE SCARLET CORD IN THE WINDOW

By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe when she had received the spies with peace. (Heb. 11:31)

Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? (James 2:25)

INTRO: Both the Hebrew writer & James make mention of Rahab & her justification & physical salvation in O.T. times. The Hebrew writer attributes her victory to faith. James attributes it to works. Obviously, she was saved by a working faith. The other people in Jericho also believed they were in danger, but they did not DO anything to remedy the situation.

Let's turn to Joshua, chapter 2 & learn some lessons from Rahab.

I. RAHAB REALIZED HER NEED FOR SALVATION, vs. 9-13.

Rom. 3:10, 23; 6:23

II. THE DELIVERERS MADE THE STIPULATIONS, vs. 18-21.

Rom. 6:23; Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9

1. Hear & believe the gospel, Mark 16:15-16; Heb. 11:1
2. Repent of sin, 2 Pet. 3:9; Acts 17:30-31
3. Confess faith in Jesus, Matt. 10:32-33
4. Be baptized for remission of sins, Acts 2:38
5. Continue in obedience, Rev. 2:10; 22:14

III. RAHAB'S DELIVERANCE WAS CONDITIONAL.

A. She had to meet the conditions of the deliverers.

Otherwise her blood was on her own head, vs. 17-20.

Now the city shall be doomed by the Lord to destruction, it & all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she & all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. (Josh. 6:17).

B. Spiritual application: Mark 16:15-16

IV. SAFETY WAS IN THE DESIGNATED PLACE. There was no safety elsewhere.

A. Like in the case of Noah.

Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you & all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation." (Gen. 7:1).

B. We must be in Christ.

In Him we have redemption thru His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (Eph. 1:7).

C. We contact Christ's blood & come into Him in N.T. baptism. READ ROMANS 6:3-4

V. RAHAB WAS INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN IN THE HOUSE.

A. It would have been foolish & disastrous to depart, vs. 19

B. Christians must remain faithful, abide in Christ.

READ JOHN 15:4-6

VI. RAHAB WAS INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF HER FAMILY, vs. 12-13.

A. Like Joshua.

And if it seem evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But for me & my house, we will serve the Lord. (Josh. 24:15).

B. The rich man of Luke 16 became concerned for his brothers, but, too late. Luke 16:28.

VII. RAHAB DID NOT DELAY PUTTING THE FORD IN THE WINDOW. IT WAS HER ONLY MEANS OF DELIVERANCE, vs. 21.

READ JOSHUA 6:21-25

CONCLUSION: Have you exercised the wisdom of Rahab in providing for spiritual salvation for yourself & taken an interest in the welfare of your family? If not, why not now?

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