

JOSHUA CHAPTER SIX

“OUR CONQUERING VICTORIOUS GOD”

Introduction

June 7th - Joshua chapter 6... The Conquest of Jericho - We Fight from Victory

June 14th & 21st - Joshua chapter 7... Sin in the Camp -

- The Disobedience of Achan - The Disaster at Ai - The Despair of Joshua

- The Declaration by God - The Devastation of Sin - The Deliverance from Wrath

- The Discernment for Us

June 28th - Joshua chapter 8... Victory out of Defeat!

Through the lens of... **John 5:39** - **“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me.”**

The Israelites have...

...entered the Promised Land and miraculously crossed the Jordan River (chapter 3).

...set up memorial stones to remember God’s goodness & provision (chapter 4).

...circumcised this generation of Israelites, remembering God’s covenant (chapter 5).

...celebrated Passover, remembering God’s deliverance from slavery (chapter 5).

...sent out two spies, who stayed with Rahab, to investigate Jericho (chapter 2).

Joshua himself (in chapter 5) meets with the Commander of the Lord’s army.

Psalm 119:60 - **“I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.”**

Joshua 1:1-9; John 14:18; Romans 8:35, 37, 18 -

I. Jehovah’s Detailed Orders (verses 1-5)

A. We fight FROM a position of victory (won by God) not FOR victory (won by us).

Isaiah 46:9-10 - **“...I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose.’”**

John 16:33b - **“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”**

How did that happen? Where did that happen? When did Christ overcome the world?

John 12:31-33; Colossians 2:13-15; John 14:1-3 -

B. We fight from a position of victory, but we still must fight the fight of FAITH!!!

John Chrysostom - **“You are but a poor soldier of Christ if you think you can overcome without fighting, and suppose you can have the crown without the conflict.”**

1 Timothy 6:12a - **“Fight the good fight of the faith.”**

II. Joshua's Devoted Obedience (verses 6-15)

Isaiah 55:8-9; Matthew 7:13-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18 -

Why do the people have to be silent??? Why are they told to not speak as they march around the wall???

Exodus 14:13; Proverbs 16:32 -

Why doesn't God just knock the wall down on day #1??? Why 7 days???

Hebrews 11:30; James 1:12 -

III. Jericho's Dramatic Obliteration (verses 16-25)

A. The Shout

B. The Slaughter

What are we to say about this command to kill all the inhabitants of Jericho??? Is God unloving??? Is God a genocidal monster (as some have alleged)???

1) The Holiness of God.

Nahum 1:2, 6-8; Psalm 7:11-13 -

G. Campbell Morgan - "God is perpetually at war with sin. That is the whole explanation of the extermination of the Canaanites."

2) The Patience of God.

Warren Wiersbe - "Every wonder that God performed and every victory that God gave His people was a witness to the people of the land, but they preferred to go on in their sins and reject the mercy of God. Never think of the Canaanites as helpless ignorant people who knew nothing about the true God. They were willfully sinning against a flood of light."

3) The Sovereignty of God.

Psalm 115:3 - "Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases."

4) The Love of God (and thus the protection of God) for His People.

Psalm 106:34-39; 2 Corinthians 11:3; Romans 12:2a -

C. The Salvation

Hebrews 11:31 -

IV. Joshua's Deadly Oath (verses 26-27)

Galatians 3:10 (quoting Deuteronomy 27:26) - ***"Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."***

Galatians 3:13 - "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..."