

JOSHUA STUDY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Promise Me – Part 2

ENTERING THE LAND OF CANAAN 1;1-5;15

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage

Ever since the day man was created, a personal relationship was to be experienced between God the creator and man the created. This fellowship factor God would not allow to be destroyed. The Lord has committed Himself to His creation. And the focal point of this creation is mankind.

Psalm 8:4

What is man that You are mindful of him

God's Focus is Upon Us

But Angels can sing better, But Angels can Do more, But Angels are more Powerful,
But Angels are Beautiful...

And Angels Don't Fall Asleep in Church either!

God Created Us & Then Paid for Us

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Ever since Eden, God has been at work to re-create a people of faith and trust in Him. From Adam to Abraham, Abraham to Joshua...

Last Week We Learned

Rahabs 7 Declarations of Faith

Joshua 2:8-11

8 ...she came up to them on the roof, 9 and said to the men: **(#1)** "I know that the LORD has given you the land, **(#2)** that the terror of you has fallen on us, and **(#3)** that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. 10 **(#4)** "For **we have heard** how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and **(#5)** **what you did to the two kings** of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11 **(#6)** "And as soon as **we heard these things**, our **hearts melted**; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, **(#7)** for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

What She Now Knows as Truth has Come By The Spreading of the Word

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

She Began to Understand - The True Greatness of God

Psalm 115:1-3

1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name we give glory, **because of Your mercy, because of Your truth.** 2 Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is their God?"..... 3 But our God is in heaven; he does whatever He pleases.

She Began to Understand - The One True Glory of God

Psalm 90:2

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or before ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, "You are God
- was, is, shall ever be God."

She Began to Understand - The One True **Grandeur** of God

Psalm 148:1-5

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! 2 Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! 3 Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light! 4 Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created.

What Others Will **Know** as Truth Will Come By Our Spreading of the **Word**

John 1:14

And **the Word** became flesh and **dwelt among us**, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

They Needed to Begin to Understand

That there is Only One Who Has True **Greatness**

That there is Only One Who Has True **Glory** of God

That there is Only One Who Has True **Grandeur** of God

Micah 5:2

2 "But to you, O' Bethlehem, though you are little among the thousands of towns of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from (o-lawm') everlasting."

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Everlasting heb 5769 `owlam (o-lawm');

beyond human boundries. From the edge of one vanishing point to the other. Beyond time and spatial matter – Eng. - always, a never beginning nor ending continuance, - eternal to be out of the minds grasp

This is Jesus

1 Timothy 3:16

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Holy Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken back up into glory.

And you must believe Quickly !

Matthew 11:20-25

20 Then Jesus began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: 21 "Woe to you, **Chorazin!** Woe to you, **Bethsaida!** - For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 "But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. 23 "And to you, **Capernaum**, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 "But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you." 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes (or little ones eager to trust).

The Mighty Works of God are intended to first magnify His Word

1 Peter 2:12

12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Rahab's 7 Declarations of Faith is one we all can agree and make

Rahab, by Faith...
was Already Living in the Promised Land

Promise Me

A.) We Must Come to God in Faith

vv. 12-13

12 "Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, 13 "and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

1.) Her Mind is Thinking Clearly and with Vision v.12

"Now therefore..."

* Now Therefore heb 6258 `attah (at-taw');
at this very moment in time

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

1 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Acts 13:47-48

47 "For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' "48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

look to the **serpent** that was judged
look to the **son** who received judgment

We Must Come to God in Faith

2.) Her Soul is Urgent to Receive God's Promise, not man's

I beg you, **swear** to me by the **LORD**,

* swear heb 7650 shaba` shaw-bah');
to seven times oneself by a solemn oath... (as if by repeating a declaration seven times): *in the old english: "to charge it*

2 Peter 1:4

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Why are we so quick in Believing Man's Word over God's
(I don't know why I am going to do this but, I'm going to give you a special deal)

We Must Come to God in Faith

3.) Her **Heart** is Excited about the Prospects

since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness
to my father's house, and give me a **true token**,

#1 - The Prospect

that you also will show kindness to my father's house,

#2 - The Prospect

and give me a **true token**

* **A True Token** heb 226 'owth (oth);
a sign, as a flag, or a beacon light, a monument,
evidence, miracle !!!

The Entire Agreement is Predicated Upon "A True Token"

and give me
please **gift** me with this request

Psalm 84:11-12

...no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You!

We Must Come to God in Faith

3.) Her **Hope** becomes bold and demanding

"and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have,
and deliver our lives from death."

Matthew 11:12 KJV

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the
violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12 NIV

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing,
and forceful men lay hold of it.

Her heart's desire is the Salvation of her Family

Death is Coming
...and what are my options?

Promise Me

B.) True Faith is Filled with Activity toward God v. 14-16

14 So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you." 15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall. 16 And she said to them, "Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way."

True Faith is Filled with Activity toward God

1.) The Spies, Rahab (& Family) all Act Upon the Future v.14

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True Faith is Filled with Activity toward God

2.) Rahab's Faith Holds on to the Robe v.15

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Her Actions Prove That She Believes in God

Notice:
Rahab Held on to the Rope

Laboring in Hope

A New Testament Truth, Being Lived Out
in an Old Testament Setting

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Promise Me

C.) Real Faith is a Responsive Faith

vv. 17-21

17 So the men said to her: "We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, 18 "unless, when we come into the land, you bind **this line of scarlet cord** in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. 19 "So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him. 20 "And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear." 21 Then she said, "According to your words, so be it." And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

Real Faith is a Responsive Faith

1.) An Agreement is Made to Save

Verse 17-18

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Do All Spies Carry a Scarlet Rope or Red Linen With Them?

What Does this Scarlet (red) Cord Remind You of ?

some say blood

Exodus 12:7

'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it....

Exodus 12:13

'Now the blood shall be a (token) sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

But Who's Scarlet (red) Cord was it ?

it was Rahab's

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Hebrews 10:19-22

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest **by the blood** of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart **in full assurance** of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 9:19-21

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and **scarlet wool**, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

scarlet wool

What color is scarlet (red) where does wool come from (lambs)
Have you ever seen a red lamb

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain,

Revelation 5:12

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and **sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ**: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

What Assurance for Rahab

to look out her window from day to day seeing the red cord, knowing that she and her family would be saved from destruction

2.) The Assurance of Salvation Promotes Evangelism v.18-19

18 and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. 19 "So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him

Rahab Proclaimed the Good News

Judgment is Coming - Salvation is Available

Rahab Had Met Up With the True and Living God
and she was going to tell people about - home first...

Our Evangelistic Hearts are either Hot or Cold because of godly
living, or our continual sinning

Psalm 51:12-13

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. 13 Then I will
teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.

Rahab's Salvation, was it by Faith or by Works?

Hebrews 11:31

By **faith** the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the
spies with peace.

James 2:25

Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also **justified by works** when she received the messengers and
sent them out another way?

19 "So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his
blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless

A Grave Warning

John 10:9

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will
go in and out and find pasture.

3.) The Assurance of Salvation Promotes Discipleship v.20-21

20 "And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you
made us swear." 21 Then she said, "According to your words, so be it." And she sent
them away, and they departed. **And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.**

Do You Think She Tied a Knot in It ?

Assurance

Matthew 16:13-17

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Assurance

John 6:63-69

63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Promise Me

D.) Faith in God Rocks the Foundation of Hell vv. 22-24

22 They departed and went to the mountain, and stayed there three days until the pursuers returned. The pursuers sought them all along the way, but did not find them.

23 So the two men returned, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them. 24 And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us."

Verse 22-23

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Verse 23-24

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What God Can Do With a Yielded Heart Toward Him

Do you want to draw closer to Jesus?

Psalm 73:28

But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all Your works.

Do you want to be used by God?

Ephesians 2:10-14

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. 11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Do you want to struggle against the flesh & world

Galatians 5:16-18

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The End