

JOSHUA STUDY

CHAPTER 6:1-16

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Worship! - God's Way of Winning a War

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THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

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The Pentagon has been for years working on what is called "Remote Noninvasive Warfare" It's a form of warfare technology that uses Light Emissions, Weather Conditions and Sound Waves to Destroy Enemy Targets.

"The Lord has a Secret Weapon; "Project Jericho"

The Church Militant, and the Church Triumphant
Chapter 6 begins the second division of the book of Joshua.

The first division...

- Began with the events of **The Crossing the Jordan** in **Chapters 1 to 5.**
- This second division deals with **The Conquering of the Enemy** in **Chapters 6-12**
- And the third division of the book tells of **The Claiming of the Inheritance** in **Chapters 13-24**

Why The Book of Joshua?

Joshua is The Text Book Manual
for Spiritual **Maturity** and **Victory** for the Christian Life

The Christian Life is an Experience

Have You Noticed that If a Child is Constantly Told
“No Johnny You Don’t Touch This” or “No Johnny Don’t That”

That Johnny Is Going To Grow Up

Never Learning the Joy of How to Step Out and Experience Life as God has Intended.

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

A Child Learns a Great Deal By Instruction and Experience

The Christian’s Battle in this World

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

1 Timothy 1:18

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

The Reading of the Text

1 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. 3 "You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 "And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 "Then it shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him." 6 Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." 7 And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD." 8 So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. 9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. 10 Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." 11 So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp. 12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. 14 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. 15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. 16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!

Worship! - God's Way of Winning the War

1.) Worship Transports Us to All His Victories

vv. 1-5

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a.) The LORD's Victories **Come Before** the Battle Begins v.1-2

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Verse 1

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A State of Emergency Created the Need for Martial Law
for All those to Who Lived in Jericho

"securely shut up"

* Now heb 3405 Yeriychow (yer-ee-kho'); because of, or due to, or in light of

Joshua 5:13-15

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" 14 So He said, "No, but as **Commander of the army of the LORD** I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" 15 Then the **Commander of the LORD'S army** said to Joshua, "**Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.**" And Joshua did so.

The Commander was None Other than the Lord Himself,
Known as Preincarnate Appearance of Jesus Christ, - a Theophany,
Which is a Physical Manifestation of God in Human form.

Verse 15

the Commander of the LORD'S army said to Joshua,
"Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy."
And Joshua did so.

Warren Wiersbe

wisely noted that, "the first step in gaining the victory as a Christian is to understand that we
are to always be second in command, never first!"

Verse 14

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped,
and said to Him **"What does my Lord say to His servant?"**

There Can Never Be Public Victory,
Without First Having Invested in Private Worship

Verse 1

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because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in

because of the children of Israel
((note the credit given by association))

Verse 2

And the LORD said to Joshua: "**See!** I have **given** Jericho into your hand, its king, and the
mighty men of valor.

And the LORD said to Joshua: "**See!**"

* See heb 7200 ra'ah (raw-aw');
to advise self, to gaze, take heed, have a clear vision.

I have **given** Jericho into your hand,
its king, and the mighty men of valor.

(**ALL IN THE PERFECT TENSE**)

It's Done Josh !

(no debate, no argument, no excuses)

The Lord Never Considers Our Handicaps

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Moses and His Handicap

Exodus 4:10-13

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? 12 "Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."
13 But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send."

**internal fears,
Which is Unbelief and Timidity**

The Woman with the Issue of Blood

Mark 5:25-28

25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment; 28 for she said,
"If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

But I've Been Bleeding for Twelve Years Jesus

The Paralytic Man with his Bed

Matthew 9:1-7

1 So Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you....."-- then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 7 And he arose and departed to his house.

But I've Been Paralyzed all my life Jesus

The Man at the pool of Bethesda

John 5:5-8

5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

**I would if I could, but I have had this view of the pool for years,
besides what would I do with my life...**

Jesus Told Joshua

"I Have Given You Jericho... Now Get Up and Take It"

**Everything that God has Provided is Available and Free
But He Demands that We Believe Him Enough to Act on It**

**With What Jericho Knew About Israel's God
why would they shut the gates?**

Jericho had heard of Israel's great victories that their Jewish God had wrought for them. The message of the Red Sea, the Military victories and now that crossing of the Jordan should have affected their hearts toward deliverance!

**Upon Hearing of God's Greatness
Repentance Should Have Followed**

but Jericho was “Shut Up”, closed to God

but within Jericho, was Rahab who had heard, believed and acted upon what she knew...

2 Peter 3:9-10

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.** 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night...

* Repentance grk 3341 metanoia (met-an'-oy-ah);
to make reformation, to change the mind, to alter course.

Not
God Forbidden

Willing
Intentions or Disposition

Ezekiel 33:11

"Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die,

why would they shut the gates?

Acts 7:51

"You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! **You always resist** the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

Worship Transports Us to All His Victories

b.) The Victory **March** is Presented Before the Battle v.3-4

3 "You shall **march** around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. **4** "And **seven priests** shall bear **seven trumpets** of rams' horns before the ark. But **the seventh day** you shall march around the city **seven times**, and the priests shall blow the trumpets

The Marching

The **Seven** Priest, The **Seven** Trumpets, The **Seven** Days, The **Seven** Times

The Pagan World of Joshua's Day

All Totaled, 13 Marches were Scheduled Against Jericho
"The Number 13 is a Number that is Feared by the Superstitious World"

ever since the Judgment that God Leveled against Egypt,
which was the death of the Egyptian first born which took place on **Friday** the **thirteenth**, the
number 13 has haunted the Pagan World.

It's possible that those in Jericho knew of Israel's deliverance from Egypt.

The Number "Seven" in Scripture speaks of completeness, perfection

The Seven Trumpets

or 'Shofar'

The Shofar was blown to; to call Israel to **gather**, to call Israel to **war**
to call Israel to **worship**, to call Israel to **joy**, to call Israel to **atonement**

Numbers 10:9-10

When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy who is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by the LORD your God and rescued from your enemies.
10 Also at your times of rejoicing

1 Chronicles 13:8

Then David and all Israel played music before God **with all their might**, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals (percussion's/drums), and with trumpets (brass).

Worship Transports Us to All His Victories

c.) The Lord Gives a **Prophetic** Announcement v.5

5 "Then It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

"Then It shall come to pass

This is a Prophetic word
"a prophecy"

Personally, Church.
I'd like to say the same to us this day

It shall come to pass, when

you surround your **temper** with the worship of God,
that it will cease to be a fortress in your life

It shall come to pass, when

you surround your **lust** with the worship of God,
that it will cease to control your life

It shall come to pass, when

you surround your **apathy** with the worship of God,
that it will cease to rob your life

* shout heb 8643 teruw` ah (ter-oo-aw');
an acclamation of joy / a call to battle.

a call to rejoicing/worship

Psalm 47:1-2

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! **Shout to God** with the voice of triumph! 2 For the LORD Most High is awesome; he is a great King over all the earth.

Ezra 3:11b

....Then all the people shouted with a **great shout**, when they praised the LORD,

The Christian's View of Christ's Rapture

a call to rejoicing

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

What did They Shout ?

Psalm 132:16

I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

Worship! - God's Way of Winning the War

2.) Worship Requires Our Willful Obedience vv. 6-11

In This We See That The Israelites were Willing
to Obey Their Leaders

6 Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." 7 And he said to the people, "**Proceed**, and **march** around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD." 8 So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark...

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Worship Requires Our Willful Obedience

a.) Which Prepares Us with His Strength

v.6-7

6 Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." 7 And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD."

Worship and Obedience
are the Siamese twins of Christian Victory

Notice the priority in the Call

first;

the representation of God Himself - the ark

Second;

then place the seven "Priest/Worshippers"

Third;

then Call the those who are armed with weapons

Psalm 100:4

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

The Result of Doing So...

Is Joy and Strength

Nehemiah 8:10

...for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalm 5:11

But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.

Worship Requires Our Willful Obedience

b.) We are to Follow His Winning **Plan** (as strange as it is) v.8-9

8 So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. 9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets

What a Weird Battle Plan

1 Corinthians 1:25

the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Be careful That You Don't Create Your Plan

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Individually, God Has a Specific Plan for Each of Us,
a Specific Calling

If you had faith back then, you would have been
thinking,

“I really don't understand how we can win this battle by marching in circles. I would have thought of something else. But I will do it because God has said to do it by His word. And if God said it, I believe it so that settles it!

If you were unbelieving back then you might have been thinking,
we're going to get killed. Who goes to war with their pastors and priests up front?
Who fights a war with trumpets and a piece of furniture?

Doubt begins to Think in Non-Spiritual Terms

“How can I make this Trumpet Fire a Heat-Sinking Missile

Worship Requires Our Willful Obedience

c.) By Presenting Ourselves as His Witnesses

v.10-11

10 Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." 11 So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

Jericho Occupied approximately 8.5 to 9 acres of Land,
to march around it would have taken less than 1 hour

Silently, Solemnly, Reverently
they slowly made a processional around the city

Why The Silent March?

In Many Pagan Nations, When an individual died, the mourners would walk in Silence as they prepared the dead for the grave.

Jericho Looked On in Terror

Silence is Often more Frightening than Words

Luke 23:8-9

8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

9 Then he questioned Him with many words, **but Jesus answered him not a word.**

Can You Today Sin Freely, without a warning or conviction?

Can you do evil and sense no impending judgment?

If not - then you are well nigh the grave and the flames of eternal terror.

But If This Day You're Aware of Your Sin and Evil

Then Quickly Come to Him Now

Verse 10-11

So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

The Israelis Knew only what Joshua had Told Them,

“I want the priest to blow the rams horns continually while we all circle the city, we have to be quiet about it, then re park the ark and I’ll talk to you tomorrow...”

The Test Was On for People, for the Priest, for Joshua

(this situation would certainly tempt the whiners to come out in force)

Worship! - God’s Way of Winning the War

3.) Worship Requires Faith and Patience

vv. 12-16

In This We See That The Israelites Practiced Faith and Patience

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. 14 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. 15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only, they marched around the city seven times. 16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!"

Worship Requires Faith and Patience

a.) At Times, Nothing Seems to Change, Continue On! v.12-13

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.

What's it Mean to Us?

while the priests continued blowing the trumpets

Keep Being a Witness - By Doing What You have Been Told to Do
No Doubt, The Continued Blowing of the Trumpets
were a call of Surrender or Judgment Comes

That's How it is Today,

The Lord's Priest (you and I) Are to be Announcing to all people,
"Surrender or Judgment Comes"

**you and I have either surrendered to Our Joshua
or we aligned Ourselves for the impending judgment**

Judgment is Coming to the World,

to America, to all those who refuse to surrender to God's Rule of the Heart

Worship Requires Faith and Patience

b.) It Will Take Faith over Frustration to win the Victory v.14-16

14 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. 15 **But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner.** On that day only, they marched around the city seven times. 16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!"

In Jericho the Observation was Made

"There's a been a change! – They're making another lap,"
What Does This Mean?

Jeremiah 33:3

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Ezekiel 33:1-6

1 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, 3 'when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 'then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5 'He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. 6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

**It Would be an Atrocity if I withheld
this Information from You**

Jude 1:14-15

14... "Behold, the Lord comes with His innumerable host of saints,
"to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

John 5:25-29

25 "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 "and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

John 3:15-19

15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 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. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

The End...