

Joshua 6

FIRST DAY: Introduction

Do you have walls in your life that need to be brought down? Walls are the impediments that defy and keep us from possessing the promises of God. These walls are brought down only as we obey and follow God's Word.

The walled city of Jericho appeared unconquerable. As long as it stood, it guarded against and repelled the advancement of Israel into the Promised Land. This impenetrable fortress could only be brought down by God's divine intervention. Victory depended on Israel's obedience to God's instructions.

God wants to bring the walls down in your life so that you might possess the promises He has given you!

Ask God to bring down any walls in your life that are keeping you from possessing His promises.

SECOND DAY: Read Joshua 6:1–5

1. The fortified city of Jericho stood in the way of Israel's conquest of the land of Canaan. Use Joshua 2:9–11 and 6:1 to describe the effect the Israelites' reputation had on the inhabitants of Jericho.

- a. Link this with Exodus 23:27 and share your thoughts.

2. What did the LORD declare to Joshua in Joshua 6:2?

a. How was this an assurance of victory? See also Deuteronomy 20:4.

(1) How is this a personal encouragement to you?

3. God gave Joshua instructions for the battle of Jericho. Use Joshua 6:3–5 to describe and comment on each of the following:

a. The *men of war* (verse 3)

b. The *priests* (verses 4–5a)

c. The people (verse 5b)

(1) What do you find most interesting about this battle plan?

4. From Joshua 6:5c, note and remark on what would result from following the Lord's battle plan.

5. How does your study today speak to you concerning:

a. God's promise (Joshua 6:2)

b. God's plans (Joshua 6:3)

THIRD DAY: Read Joshua 6:6–14

1. In Joshua 6:6–7, Joshua instructed *the people* concerning God's battle plan. In addition, he directed the priests to take up the ark of the covenant. The ark did not usually accompany Israel into battle. Why do you think this was commanded?

2. According to Joshua 6:8–9, how did *the people* respond to these directives?

3. What do you find most intriguing about Joshua's command to *the people*? Joshua 6:10

a. Link this with the following Scriptures and share your thoughts:

(1) Exodus 14:14

(2) Psalm 46:10

(3) Philippians 2:14

4. From Joshua 6:11–14, summarize the activity of the Israelites for the six days they marched around Jericho.

5. God's battle plan for conquering Jericho was highly unusual. Considering the magnitude of the obstacle before them, comment on the cooperation of the:

a. Priests

b. Men of war

c. People

(1) Link this with Isaiah 55:8–9 and share your thoughts.

FOURTH DAY: Read Joshua 6:15–21

1. As the Israelites continued to march around the city, what *came to pass on the seventh day*? Joshua 6:15–16
 - a. Note all the references to the number *seven*. In the Bible this number represents completeness and perfection. How does this minister to you concerning God's plans?

2. From Joshua 6:17–19, note and comment on Joshua's orders concerning:
 - a. The *city* (verse 17a)

b. Rahab (verse 17b)

c. The *accursed things* (verse 18)

(1) The *accursed things* refers to idols and other items involved in the Canaanites' demonic worship. Use Joshua 6:18 to trace the progressive danger of the accursed things.

d. The *treasury of the LORD* (verse 19)

3. Capture the drama of Joshua 6:20–21 as Israel conquered Jericho.

a. Link this with God's earlier word to Joshua (Joshua 6:5). What do you see?

b. What do you find most noteworthy about how the walls fell?

4. How has God personally ministered to your heart through today's study?

FIFTH DAY: Read Joshua 6:22–27

1. Before the Israelites destroyed Jericho, Joshua issued orders concerning Rahab's rescue. Use Joshua 6:22–23 to remark on:

a. Joshua's command

b. The *young men*

c. Rahab's deliverance

2. The Israelites obeyed Joshua's command to completely destroy the city, sparing only Rahab, her family, and the precious metals for the treasury of the house of the LORD (Joshua 6:24–25a). What happened to Rahab after this? Joshua 6:25b

a. Use Matthew 1:5–6 to recall how God ultimately used Rahab.

(1) What blesses you most about this?

- b. What does the story of Rahab and her family reveal to you about the Lord?

(1) Share a way you personally relate to Rahab.

3. Summarize Joshua's curse. Joshua 6:26

- a. This curse was fulfilled about five hundred years later during the reign of King Ahab. Read 1 Kings 16:34 (NLT), *It was during his reign that Hiel, a man from Bethel, rebuilt Jericho. When he laid its foundations, it cost him the life of his oldest son, Abiram. And when he completed it and set up its gates, it cost him the life of his youngest son, Segub. This all happened according to the message from the LORD concerning Jericho spoken by Joshua son of Nun.* Share your thoughts.

4. From Joshua 6:27, observe and comment on Joshua's legacy following the battle of Jericho.

5. Link today's study with Hebrews 11:30–31. What do you note about faith?

- a. In what specific area of your life do you need to apply faith?

f. Mercy

g. Victory

h. Faith

2. Share a way you were inspired to take possession of God's promises.