

The Weapons of Our Warfare

Scripture reading: 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Lesson text: Joshua 6:1-27

A plan for conquering the land of Canaan with its fortified cities was, of course, crucial, but God never leaves His people to their own strategies. He comes to their rescue with His own divinely-provided plan.

The Plan for Victory (6:1-7)

If Joshua had met with his military advisors, no one would have come up with this plan. The plan set forth by the Lord in chapter 6 certainly illustrates the principle of Isaiah 55:8: "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord."

As the walls of Jericho were brought down apart from human ability, so the spiritual weapons of our warfare are appropriated through prayer, faith, and the truth of the Word of God.

Each of us has our own Jericho. That obstacle that stands in the way of our ability to possess our possessions in Christ; virtual strongholds that impede our spiritual progress. Regardless of the nature of our Jericho, we must realize victory always comes through God's plan of deliverance—never ours.

The Path to Victory (6:8-21)

These verses give us the sequence of events from the first day's march around the city to the last day and the collapse of the wall. Regardless how unusual the plan was or how hard it was to carry out, there was explicit obedience. Hebrews 11:30, explains that was, "by faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been circled seven days."

The Promise Fulfilled, to Victory (6:22-27)

In these final verses we see some marvelous facts about God and His dealings with people.

First, God's is faithful to His Word; God, who is immutable and cannot lie, is also absolutely faithful (James 1:17). The promises to Rahab were kept—she and her family were delivered.

Second, they demonstrate God's grace and mercy. God's love and plan of salvation is open to anyone who calls on the name of the Lord (John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 10:11-13; Acts 22:16).

Third, in keeping with His faithfulness to keep His promises, the prophecy against any who would seek to rebuild Jericho (vs. 26), also demonstrates God's severity and the surety of His Word.