



“Claiming Your Ground”

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I. **Joshua 6:1-5, vs. 10, vs. 15-16, vs. 20**

A. The Walls of Jericho

1. Based on archeological findings from the early 1900's even to the most recent of excavations from 1997-2017, Jericho was found to be a massive fortified city completely surrounded by an impenetrable wall made of large stones and mud bricks.
2. The walls were structured on a double walled-system, utilizing the ground level earth embankment (like a retaining wall) that stood 12-15 feet in height which then joined with the second tier wall made of mud bricks that were 6 feet thick and 20 feet high. A similar wall was above the embankment and from ground level this would have stood around 46-50 feet high.
3. During the German excavation in 1907, they found on the north side, there was a small short stretch of the lower city wall that did not fall - this confirmed without doubt, Rahab's house noted in **Joshua 2:15**.
4. The phrase in vs. 20 “The wall fell down flat” is translated from 2 Hebrew words...naphal – to fall, and tachath – bottom or below; a literal translation is the wall fell beneath itself.

B. There may be walls....

1. Satan will always try to keep you from your promise land.
2. But, *“No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper...” “When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him...”*, *“The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”*

II. Making God's Plan Your Plan

A. SEE....I HAVE GIVEN

1. One of the greatest lessons in the Bible is to learn to think like God thinks; in order to think like Him, you must SEE like Him.
2. How do I see it? See it as a FINISHED Work Waiting for Someone to Claim It.
 - Healing is a finished work from the stripes that Jesus bore on the cross; Claim what He has already given.
 - Notice, He did not say, “I WILL Give you Jericho.”
 - Abram went from just a normal man to a Father of many nations because God doesn't speak what everyone else sees, He speaks what He wants. (**Romans 4:17...Genesis 17:5**). Did you know that you have been given a new name also? What does God see....What do you see?

B. Not one word...

1. The six days of walking around the city with nothing to say was a greater miracle than the walls coming down.
2. Our preparation comes when we are silent and listening to the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit. Have you been guilty of running to the throne room and

telling God what you need? (Child of God, He already knows what you have need of before you ask Him....Find God's heart and you will have what is given by His hand!)

C. A Shout of Victory

1. Why shout? There was no victory....or was there?
 - Your voice can change the course of nature....your voice can calm the raging sea...your voice is your instrument of praise and ultimate victory!
 - **Psalm 47:1** "Shout unto God with the voice of Triumph!"
2. **II Chronicles 20:22** "And when they **BEGAN** to Sing and to Praise..."
3. **Psalm 98:4** "Make a joyful noise...make a loud noise." (If you do not have the gift from God to "hold a tempo" or sing a tune, this scripture is for you!)
4. **Acts 16:25** "The prisoners heard them." / Don't let the rocks cry out and take your place in praise!

D. Claim Your Ground

1. There are 2 different walls today...
 - The ones that Satan builds up to discourage and dismantle your faith.
 - The ones that we build ourselves...through hardship and difficulty over time, "Protecting" our investment so we don't get hurt or blindsided in life ever again.
2. Whatever Wall there may be in your life, It's Time for the Walls to Come Down!
 - Draw a blood line... march around your house....
 - Listen, Hear and Obey! Shout, For God has given you the victory!

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