

“The Fall of Jericho”

Heb. 11:30

Introduction

- I. There are certain events that have been recorded in both the Old and New Testaments.
- II. One of those events is the Israelites' victory of the city of Jericho.
- III. Let us notice some things about the event that will help us in our spiritual growth (2 Pet. 3:18).

Discussion

- I. Preliminary points
 - A. God had promised the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants, through Isaac (Gen. 15:7).
 - B. Before that was accomplished, the Israelites had to wander forty years in the wilderness, due to their disobedience.
 - C. Jericho was one of the obstacles that stood in the Israelites' way, and needed to be handled.
 1. Jericho was a rather large city.
 2. Archaeologists say that the wall of Jericho was approximately fourteen feet thick.
- II. God gives the victory, but Israel had to obey (Josh. 6:1-20).
 - A. For six days, the army of Israel was to march around the city of Jericho once a day (Josh. 6:2).
 - B. The Israelites were to remain silent on these first six marches (Josh. 6:10).
 - C. Seven priests, with seven trumpets, along with the ark of the covenant followed the army (Josh. 6:4, 13).
 - D. On the seventh day, the Israelites were to march around the city seven times.
 1. After the seventh time, the priests were to blow the trumpets and the Israelites were to shout.
 2. After obeying God's instructions, the wall of Jericho fell (Josh. 6:20).
- III. Applications for those of us today.
 - A. Trust God's Way to always be the right way (Isa. 55:8-9; Psm. 19:7-10).
 - B. Never forget, or doubt, the power of God (Rom. 1:16; Mark 16:15).
 - C. Understand the connection between grace, faith, and obedience (Heb. 11:30).
 1. Christians are saved by grace and faith, but not by grace alone or faith alone (Eph. 2:8-9; cf. James 2:14-26).
 2. Jericho fell due to God's grace and Israel's faith and obedience (cf. Num. 14:36-37).
 3. God keeps His Word (Heb. 6:11-18; 10:36).

Conclusion

- I. The account of Jericho's fall is an amazing event of history.
- II. Not only did it matter to Israel of old, but it is still profitable for our learning today (Rom. 15:4).