

“A Story of Grace”

Old Testament: Learn It, Live It, Love It

Joshua 2:1-24, 6:17-25

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We can better appreciate God’s grace in our lives through understanding the story of Rahab.

1. Rahab, a prostitute, is rescued from death and destruction. (Joshua 2:1; Matthew 21:31-32)

“Some, from the time of Josephus to the present, have attempted to soften the situation by arguing that Rahab was only an innkeeper, but the New Testament references to her (**Hebrews 11:3; James 2:25**) indicate that she was an immoral woman. This in no way impugns the righteousness of God who used such a person in the fulfillment of His purposes. Instead this incident serves to bring His mercy and grace into bold relief.”

John F. Walvoord and Ray B. Zuck, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, SP Publications, Wheaton, IL, 1985, p. 330.

2. Rahab confesses her faith in the one True God and reflects that faith through action. (Joshua 2:10-13, Hebrews 11:31, James 2:25)

“Then Rahab declared her faith in Israel’s God: **For the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.** Responding to the word she had received about the mighty working of God, Rahab believed, trusting in His power and mercy. And that faith saved her.”

John F. Walvoord and Ray B. Zuck, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, SP Publications, Wheaton, IL, 1985, p. 331.

3. **Rahab waits for deliverance from the coming destruction by placing her trust in a scarlet cord. (Joshua 2:21, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, Revelation 1:4-7)**

4. **Rahab is adopted into God's family. (Joshua 6:25; Matthew 1:5; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:14-15)**

“Rahab’s history is an example of the grace of God operating in the lives of an individual and **her family**. Regardless of her past life she was saved by faith in the living God and even became a part of the messianic line (**Matthew 1:5**). In keeping with the biblical pattern, Rahab and her family were spared from divine judgment (cf. **Genesis 7:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:9**) because of their faith.

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