



The Sight of Faith

Joshua 6:1-2

Believing What You Cannot See

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Joshua 6:1-5





Faith is...

“Faith is believing what we cannot see”

Hebrews 11:1



“By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for 7 days.”

Hebrews 11:30

The Two Methods of Ancient Warfare

- Open field warfare and siege warfare.
- The only quick choice was to draw the inhabitants of a walled city out into the open field to fight.
- Siege warfare was very, very difficult and required massive resources to win. It was difficult, extremely dangerous and cost many lives.





Siege Warfare

- One way of laying siege was to send wave after wave of men to certain death to get them over the wall, while at the same time trying to break through the gates using battering rams. All the while, spears, arrows, and boiling oil poured down upon the invading army. Jericho's walls were 90 feet high and 30 feet at the base. A traditional siege would have required 150 foot long ladders, virtually impossible to build.
- Not only was a siege difficult, but it took a very long time. King Hezekiah in Jerusalem was surrounded by Sennacherib for 7 years. Sennacherib bragged he had Hezekiah shut up like a bird in a cage. But ultimately, even after 7 years, Sennacherib was unsuccessful in breaching the walls. At Masada, it took two years for the Romans to conquer the besieged Jews. The siege of Ashdod was the longest siege in history lasting 29 years.

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10 Blind Spies

They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan. ”

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!”





What Did God See?
What Did Joshua See?





Joshua Saw That God Delivers

Looking at the Israelites encamped below:

- God delivered on his promise to Abraham
- God delivered on his promise to Moses
- God delivered by keeping the people alive in the wilderness
- God delivered the Israelites through the Jordan to the Promised Land

God Delivers Salvation to Us

- **At the very moment of Jesus death, Jehovah delivered salvation.**
- **God delivered on his promise to Adam and Eve**
- **God delivered on his promise to conquer sin and death**



Joshua Saw Even More

- The tents of the two spies who had gotten into and out of Jericho
- The tents of Caleb. Joshua and Caleb were spared, just as God promised.
- Most importantly, he saw that God was in the fight.





If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31





The Secret of Victorious Christian Living

The Battle Is Not Ours, It is God's:

"So I say, live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

Galatians 5:16

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31