

Rahab: A Horrible Life Redeemed

Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur, Chapter 3

Review

1. How would you describe the spiritual make-over of Rahab to a friend who had never heard the story of Rahab's life (25 words or less)?
2. In what way was Rahab like the Israelites who came to conquer her city?
3. How had Rahab's heart been prepared to believe in Yahweh?
4. What was the motivating force that caused Rahab to hide the Israelite spies?
5. What was the deal that Rahab struck with the Israelite spies?
6. What was the significance of Rahab's hanging a scarlet cord in her window?
7. In what practical ways did Rahab manifest faith?

Bible Connections

1. Read Deuteronomy 18:12, 20:17-18 and 1 Kings 21:26. What is your response to the order of God to the Israelites to "utterly destroy" people such as the Amorites, "lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God"?

2. Read Numbers 13-15 and Joshua 2: 1, 24. Joshua was one of the two spies who returned with a good report after being sent by Moses to do reconnaissance in the Promised Land. In preparing the Israelites to conquer the Promised Land, Joshua sent two spies into Jericho. Compare these two incidents. In what ways are they similar?

How are they different?

What are the implications for today as we "scout out" areas of evil for conquest with the gospel?

3. Read Joshua 2:4-7 and Proverbs 12:22. Rahab told a lie in protecting the Israelite spies. Respond to this statement: "Scripture never commends the lie. Rahab isn't applauded for her ethics. Rahab is a positive example of faith."

How would you reply to a person who said to you, "Rahab's lie is a matter of situational ethics. Sometimes the end justifies the means"?

4. Read Psalm 145:6. To what awesome act in your life might you point as an example of God's greatness?
5. Read Romans 8:28. In what ways is Rahab an example of God's Word that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"?
6. Read Mark 2:17. In what ways is Rahab an example of Jesus' words that He "did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance"?