

# Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

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## Rahab: A Worthwhile Model

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Joshua 2:8-24

Rahab is a paradigm of hope, showing that the old idols and the old corrupt ways of the past, could be given up. What Rahab did just before the fall of Jericho, Israel could do before the fall of Jerusalem. The contrast between Rahab at the bottom of the social scale and the king and nobles of Jericho at the top illustrates well what Jesus said: "Harlots go into the kingdom of God before you" (Matthew 21:31). Rahab is worth having as a model because her life is very instructive in practical ways.

1. Rahab had \_\_\_\_\_ the truth

"and [Rahab] said to the men, **"I know that the Lord has given you the land,** and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you." Joshua 2:9

"For **we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you** when you came out of Egypt, and **what you did to the two kings of the Amorites** who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction." Joshua 2:10

WHAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO BE OPEN TO TRUTH?

- a. Questions about \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The desire \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Looking \_\_\_\_\_.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8

2. Rahab was willing to make tough decisions

"But **she had brought them up** to the roof **and hid them**  
with the stalks of flax ..." Joshua 2:6

Without a lot of time to think things through, Rahab was immediately available to do the job of hiding the two spies.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ will change the whole future of your life and perhaps the lives of others
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ involves a decision on your part.
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ to be available to Him?
  - ii. Are you going \_\_\_\_\_ without knowing all the answers?
- c. Key to Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom
- i. Rahab \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Rahab \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. Rahab \_\_\_\_\_ what she believed.