

Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

Rahab: A Worthwhile Model — Part 2

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Joshua 2:8-24

Certain people will possess the promises of the Kingdom while others will not. This is in no way a reflection of God, but on mankind's desire and ability to do what is necessary to actually possess the promises of God's Kingdom. In Rahab, we have a tangible example of the kind of person it takes to live as a citizen of God's kingdom and to possess His promises.

Specifically, it takes:

1. A heart that is open to the truth.

"and 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

2. A willingness to make tough decisions.

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

3. A desire to join a new family, _____.

"Behold, **when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window** through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household." Joshua 2:18

"And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And **she tied the scarlet cord in the window.**" Joshua 2:21

The red cord is symbolic of

- i. Rahab's _____.
- ii. Rahab's _____.
- iii. _____ bestowed upon Rahab.

4. Open demonstration of _____:

"... **give me a sure sign** that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and **deliver our lives from death.**" Joshua 2:12-13

- a. Rahab was not afraid _____ what she believed.
- b. Rahab had _____ her family saved.

5. A _____ in the Lord

"And the men said to her, "**Our life for yours** even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you."

 Joshua 2:14

- a. Rahab had _____ ways to God's ways.
- b. No longer _____, but a proselyte.

See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11