

WEDNESDAY FAITH & HEALING CLASS
JUNE 16, 2021

- 1.) Our enemy is defeated - **JOSHUA 5:1**
- 2.) We have a covenant with God - **JOSHUA 5:2**
- 3.) Remember our deliverance - **JOSHUA 5:10-11**
- 4.) It's a new day - **JOSHUA 5:12**
- 5.) We're not alone - **JOSHUA 5:13-15**
- 6.) God has already given us the land - **JOSHUA 6:2**

Our FAITH doesn't move God to supply our needs. God has ALREADY SUPPLIED everything we need before making salvation available to us. **2 PET. 1:3-4**

In Christ, God has GIVEN US everything we need for our NATURAL life and SPIRITUAL life. He doesn't have to CREATE or DO anything else to satisfy our needs.

In creation, He provided everything before CREATING man. In the New Creation, He provided everything before RECREATING man.

JOHN 3:16 God GAVE us Jesus. **ROM. 8:31-32** By giving us Jesus, He has given us ALL THINGS. Our faith, study of God's Word, prayer and meditation POSITION us to receive what God has given us in Christ. **JN. 1:12** We must receive WHO God has given us.

LUKE 12:32 God takes pleasure in giving His children the kingdom. **MT. 16:18-19** The keys to the kingdom have been given to ALL BELIEVERS, not just Peter. BINDING and LOOSING is the privilege of every believer. What we allow will be allowed because heaven has our back.

LUKE 10:19 - All believers have been given **POWER** over all the work of the enemy. **LK. 9:1** This power and authority includes casting out devils and **CURING DISEASES**.

1 TIM. 6:17 When God's word says we've been given everything we need, we shouldn't **MINIMIZE** this statement. As disciples of Christ, we have God's divine power **WORKING** in us, giving us everything we need for life and Godliness. Our **TRUST** must be in the living God who gives us **RICHLY** all things to enjoy. Money can't but what God has given us in Christ.

1 COR. 15:57 - God has even given us victory over **DEATH, HELL** and the **GRAVE**. Nothing has been left out. The land belongs to us. **VICTORY** belongs to us. **DELIVERANCE** belongs to us, **HEALING** belongs to us.

2 TIM. 1:7 - God has **NOT** given us the spirit of fear. He has given us power, love and a sound mind.

Once we join God's family, we will **NEVER** have a need that hasn't **ALREADY** been provided for us in Christ. We will never face a task **TOO HARD** to accomplish. We will never face a temptation too **OVERWHELMING** to overcome. God has given us everything we need that pertains to life and Godliness.

JAMES 1:5-8 God gives to **ALL MEN** liberally. God giving what man needs has **NEVER** been the problem. **RECEIVING** what God has given is the problem. Every good and perfect gift has been given in Christ. **JAMES 1:17.**

Ps. 84:11 - God withholds **NOTHING** from those who walk in faith. When the laws of faith are in **OPERATION**. We can be sure that God will watch over His Word to make it good.

1 PET. 2:24 - In Christ, God has already given us healing. Healing and health have already been **PURCHASED** for us by the Blood of Jesus. Now, we must do our part and receive by faith what God has already provided.

2 KGS. 5:10-12 Naaman was given explicit **INSTRUCTIONS** on how to receive his healing. What he heard didn't line up with his way of thinking. His healing came only when he **CHANGED** his way of thinking and did what he was instructed to do.

7.) Do what God says, even if it's illogical.

Israel had a problem:

Jericho was surrounded by a system of two massive stone walls. The outer wall was 6 ft. thick and 20 ft. high. The inner wall was 12 ft. thick and 30 ft high. Between the walls was a guarded walkway about 15 ft. wide. Their problem was that there was a city to **CONQUER**, but there were some huge **OBSTACLES** in the way.

Israel had a promise:

Although God **PROMISED** to give them the Promised Land, the mighty walled city stood in their way. The walls had to **COME DOWN** and the city had to be **TAKEN** before the Promise Land could be theirs.

A.) JOSHUA 6:2 - God **GUARANTEED** victory before they ever attacked Jericho. He reveals the conclusion before they ever enter into battle.

1.) The plan is **ILLOGICAL** from a military perspective.

- * March around the walls once for six days.
- * March with the Ark of the Covenant
- * Put seven priests in front of the Ark
- * On the seventh day, march seven times.
- * Have the priests blow the ram's horn and the people shout

on the seventh day.

- * Be perfectly silent as they marched. The Strategy: **MARCH, SILENCE, BLOW HORNS, SHOUT.** What military expert would recommend such a plan?

Israel had a partner:

JOSHUA 6:2:

- * Israel's partner was Jehovah. He was the guarantee of their victory.
- * March, silence, blow horns, shout + **THE POWER OF GOD** = victory.
- * When they did their part, God did what no natural army could do on earth.

We face challenges and troubles also. Knowing the reasons why Israel experienced victory will help us overcome.

- 1.) They had a **WORD** from God.
- 2.) They **BELIEVED** God. What God said mattered.
- 3.) They acted in **FAITH.**
- 4.) They did it **GOD'S** way. Foolish, but effective.
- 5.) God gave them **VICTORY.**

Two Important Principles:

1.) CONSECRATION comes before CONQUEST.

- * In every battle of life we must devote ourselves to God completely. We must embrace a mind-set that says, "I will always obey God. He is the commander-in-chief of my life. My goal is to further His purposes, not mine".
- * Before going into battle, the entire nation consecrated themselves to God. Circumcision, Passover were **SYMBOLS** of **CONSECRATION.**

2.) No matter how overwhelming the "walls" may seem, as Christians, we fight **FROM victory, not **FOR** victory.**

- * For us, the battle has already been fought and won. **EX. 23:27**
The **PROMISE** of victory was given. In Christ, our enemies met **DEFEAT. JOHN 16:33** - Christ overcame the world for us.
- * Two kinds of trumpets: Those made of silver and those crafted out of ram's horns. Silver ones were used to signal the camp when something **IMPORTANT** happened. The ram's horn was used for **CELEBRATION.**
- * The ram's horn was used to **CELEBRATE VICTORY** even before the walls fell. The blast was a victory celebration, not a call to war.
- * We should live not like **VICTIMS**, but **VICTORS.**

Two more important truths:

- 1.) **SILENCE** before the Lord. Several million people were to be silent. Soldiers, children among the multitude. Imagine it! They were left to their own thoughts while listening to the people **MOCKING** and **TAUNTING** them. They had to be thinking "only God can do this, He promised to fight for us and He will".

The Lesson:

We all must stop **TALKING** about what we should do and get **QUIET** before our God to discover the battle plan. **PS. 46:10** - "Be still and know..." **ECCL. 5:1.** We must **TRAIN** ourselves to be **OPEN** and **RECEPTIVE** to God's voice. We must not be **MOVED** by the taunts and negative thoughts that are sure to come our way.

In the battles of life, we must learn to say "**SPEAK LORD**, for your servant is **LISTENING**".

- 2.) Unquestioned and **CONTINUED** obedience. They walked around the walls daily with no sign of change. They seemed to be no closer to victory than when they began.
 - * Like Naaman, the battle wasn't won until they **OBEYED** and **CONTINUED** to obey God.
 - * If Naaman stopped one dip short, nothing would have

happened. The same would've been true with the Israelites.

JOSHUA 6: God's promises require our activity

- 1.) Vs. 6-7 Mindful DISCIPLINE
- 3.) Vs. 14 - Patient REPETITION
- 4.) Vs. 20 - Shouts of REJOICING, exultation
- 5.) Vs. 21 - Complete OBEDIENCE

God didn't say sit tight and watch me work. He gave them a game plan to be fulfilled. They had to march, keep silent, blow the horns, and take the city.

HEB. 11:30 - "By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.