

Scripture Reading: Joshua 6:2-25

God accepted Rahab the prostitute as His child

The Lord God gave the city of Jericho into the hands of Joshua. God had commanded the Israelites to get into the land of Jericho and destroy all who lived in there. The idol worship and sins of adultery had defiled that land. Therefore the anger of God burned against that city. But He saved Rahab, her family and all that belonged to her even though she lived in there and was a prostitute by profession. In the 25th verse it is mentioned that she was saved because of protecting the spies of Israel when they came into the land to spy it. They allowed Rahab and her family to dwell in the camp of Israel.

Question:

God equaled accounts by protecting Rahab and her family for the sake of protecting the Israel spies. What was so special in Rahab for her to have gotten a place in Israel history?

Answer:

Joshua and the people of Israel saw only the deeds of Rahab. But the Lord God saw her faith, her burden for her household to be saved and the earnest desire she had to live a new life forsaking the sin of being a prostitute.

1. When the Canaanites heard of the Israelites, they somehow sought to destroy them and save themselves. But Rahab was different. She wanted to be a part of these people who worship the true living God and thus desperately (with faith) waited for them.

2. When she got an opportunity, she revealed her faith and desire.

3. Not being afraid about what would happen if the kings get to know of her faith, she obeyed what the people of God said to her.

Since God saw the faith in her heart, the confession of her mouth and her obedience in action, Rahab the prostitute was transformed as a holy and dear child of God.

"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved". Romans 10:10

Prayer

Holy God, you hate sin and love sinners. We too will confess our sins and turn away from it. Amen