

## The Blood and the Glory #5

God gave another amazing revelation of the power of the Blood to protect and that was to RAHAB THE HARLOT.

In **(Hebrews 11:31)** it says **that what she did, she did by faith.**

The whole country was filled with fear. The massive multitude of the children of Israel, perhaps 2 to 3 million people, had destroyed the kingdom's that tried to stop them from their move to the Land of Canaan.

The Bible describes their state of mind in **Joshua 5:1** so let's turn there.

The inhabitants of Jericho were terrified. Yet in the midst of a frightened population, ONE WOMAN EXERCISED FAITH so great it gained for her a good report from God and a place in 2 Bible halls of fame: the lineage of Jesus, and the heroes of faith. (Matthew 1:5; Hebrews 11:2, 31)

Everything about Rahab's life was against her exercising such faith.

Everyone was in such fear of the children of Israel.

Her religion was against her which consisted of sex acts and sacrificing children.

This explains why God commanded Israel to totally destroy these people. It was an execution of God's judgment.

And when this time of judgment was about to fall on the inhabitants of Jericho, she was in the most dangerous spot of all. Her house was built on the city walls, which God decreed must fall.

Rahab's faith deserves close consideration. It reveals a way to use the power of the Blood in today's events.

Joshua sent spies into Jericho. And they lodged at Rahab's house. When the King of Jericho heard it, he sent men after them.

Rahab hid the spies and managed to get rid of the king's men.

Let's look at something Rahab said in [Joshua 2:9-11](#).

Rahab heard the same news everyone in the town heard which was the supernatural acts of Israel's God. Fear filled the hearts of the overwhelming majority.

**FAITH FILLED RAHAB'S HEART.** She decided to believe that Jehovah was the true God. Sometimes we will have to stand when everyone around us is terrified !

Because of her faith in the one and only true God and her action of faith by hiding the spies she asked a request.

Look at **Joshua 2:12-13**. (Here we see the Word **TOKEN/SIGN** again).

Rahab asked for the lives of her father, her mother, her brothers, her sisters, and she wanted all their possessions. Their material goods. Their belongings.

But Rahab also asked for something else. She wanted a **TRUE TOKEN**, a sign.

If the spies had not been running for their lives, they might have **SLAIN A LAMB** and place the same token upon Rahab's doorpost, which was upon the Hebrews' doorpost, when judgment was coming to Egypt.

This time, a scarlet cord would have to do for Rahab and her family. This would **REPRESENT THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB** slain before the foundation of the world

Let's read **Joshua 2: 15 -21**.

The scarlet cord – the only thing standing between the destruction of Rahab family.

An action was required by Rahab herself..... **V18 BIND THIS LINE OF SCARLET CORD IN THE WINDOW** not the priest, not the pastor **YOU** do it. **YOUR FAITH** and **YOUR ACTION**, **YOUR APPLICATION**

**BIND IT** – so it cannot be dislodged. Not sticky tape short term solution. **BOUND** until the solution manifests. The blood applied till victory comes

Rahab understood the lives of her family depended on it.... she had NO PLAN B... last thing at night check the cord.... first thing in the morning check the cord...is the blood still there ? On my family .. on my home ...on my finances.... on my health BE VIGILANT.... she would not have been casual about it !

Just as it was in Egypt, the children of Israel were protected from the destroyer when the blood of the Lamb was applied.

Everyone in the house where the blood was applied was protected.

The same is true for Rahab. When Rahab displayed a token of the blood, this time with a scarlet thread, everyone in the house would be protected as long as the scarlet thread was displayed.

You know the story how the children Israel marched around Jericho. For 6 days Jericho's residents watched as the Ark of the presence, priests blowing trumpets of rams horns and the armies of Israel encompassed the city walls without speaking a word ! How do you think Rahab felt ? Plenty of opportunity to doubt !! On the 7<sup>th</sup> day Israel encompassed the city 7 times...at the 7<sup>th</sup> time ....

**Joshua 6: 16 “SHOUT ! For the Lord has given you the city”**

**Joshua 6: 20-25**

The Hebrew word Relatives in this passage means FAMILIES (PLURAL) All were saved.

They may not have even had faith in Jehovah, but because of Rahab's faith and the blood being applied, her family was kept safe.

The Bible also emphasizes, "the saving of their goods." plead the blood of Jesus over your belongings.

This story tells us something else.... Your family can be saved no matter what your background ! Rahab was a harlot.. a prostitute running a brothel on the city wall. God didn't refuse her request because of her "Baggage" **IT WAS BY FAITH IN THE BLOOD.**

***THERE IS NOTHING IN YOUR PAST STRONGER THAN THE BLOOD OF JESUS***

If Rahab's faith, a Canaanite harlot, could protect her family and goods with this token of the scarlet cord, which represented the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. How much more can a New Testament believer's faith in the power of the blood of the risen Lord protect their loved ones and possessions?

If we cannot draw a bloodline around our loved ones and property, then we don't have a better covenant. But we can. (Hebrews 8:6) says, "That we have a better covenant which has been established upon better promises."

The Bible calls the blood upon the doorpost of the Israelites on that first Passover in Egypt "A TOKEN." (Exodus 12:13).

It also calls Rahab's scarlet cord "A TRUE TOKEN." (Joshua 2:12).

Tokens are signs. They are to be displayed.

God gave THE RAINBOW as His “TOKEN” that the world would never again be destroyed by water. (Genesis 9:11-17).

He has displayed that token somewhere on the earth every day since the end of the flood.

We are to continually display the token of the Blood of Jesus and its power over the doorpost and boundaries of our lives. HOW? BY FAITH. And by the words of our mouth because we believe it in our hearts.

Draw that bloodline by faith with your mouth over your life, circumstances, and property. And PLEAD THE BLOOD OF JESUS by faith.

That’s what the old-timers did and it worked. And it will work for you and me.

**DO NOT LET THE ENEMY TELL YOU THAT HE HAS A RIGHT TO ANYTHING THAT YOU HAVE PLACED UNDER THE BLOOD**