

Whom God Honors

The 20th anniversary celebration of this building!

In Joshua 2, why did God honor Rahab?

- A Canaanite
- A prostitute (two were pointed out to me last week)
- A liar

But later in the New Testament Rahab is recognized as:

- an ancestor of Jesus, by being the Great Grandmother of King David, Matthew 1:5,
- a person of extraordinary faith, Hebrews 11:31,
- an example of good works, her active faith is compared to Abraham, James 2:25,

Despite her shortcomings, God honored Rahab.

Joshua 2:1-21

We can be honored by God.

How?

Two Lessons

**I. GOD HONORS THOSE WHO RECEIVE HIS GRACE**

She had faith in God and got under the scarlet covering

See Joshua 2:11 & 18 & 21

Her family might have argued and suggested she put up

- Green rope
- Gold rope

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Exodus 12:1-7, 12-13

Romans 5:8-9

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Just like the thief on the cross said, "Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom." Luke 23:42 (with the scarlet cord Rahab was also saying, "Joshua (Jesus) Remember me.")

Ever since the garden of Eden when God killed a lamb to give them coverings for their nakedness. All through the OT sacrificial system on the altar with the blood on the Mercy Seat. Until Jesus died on the cross and the veil in the temple was torn. Every generation needs the scarlet covering.

George Whitefield used to say, "God loves to save the least, last, and lowest of the lost."

Rahab is a trophy of God's grace. All who put their faith in the Lord will one day see Rahab in heaven.

Do you know the Lord's grace?  
Are you under the blood of Jesus?

## **II. GOD HONORS THOSE WHO SHARE HIS GRACE**

See Joshua 2:12-13

Rahab was motivated by love and excitement

See Joshua 6:23

Rahab helped the following:

1. the two spies before the destruction of Jericho,
2. her family during the destruction of Jericho,
3. her ancestors who followed her, Matt 1, Rahab must have told stories of God's grace to her family, for her son Boaz married Ruth a Moabitess

4. us today by being an example

Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give"

Andrew went and got his brother Simon Peter

Noah got his family on the ark

Lot tried to get his family out of Sodom

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life,  
And he who wins souls *is* wise.

Daniel 12:3

Those who are wise shall shine  
Like the brightness of the firmament,  
And those who turn many to righteousness  
Like the stars forever and ever.

Who do you know who needs God's grace?

Will you follow Rahab's example and show God's grace to others?

### **CONCLUSION**

God says, "Those who honor Me I will honor" 1 Samuel 2:30

Rahab is honored because she was both a grace-receiver and a grace-giver

We must receive God's grace by being under the scarlet covering

And we must share God's grace by inviting others to join us

Jesus said we are to love God and love others

1. God will receive you, if you will acknowledge your sin and turn to God in faith.  
There is no one too far gone. There is no one too bad. The blood of Jesus is the most powerful detergent in the world!

Jesus received drunkards, tax-collectors, and prostitutes (like Rahab).

“The one who comes to me I will in no wise cast out.”

And God will receive you also.

2. God can use you, as you share His love with others God will empower you. Consider your calling, not many noble, not many mighty. Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.